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More Iranian Jews to be arrested: *Tehran Times*

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TEHRAN — Authorities in Iran are planning to arrest more Iranian Jews in connection with alleged spying for Israel and the United States, the daily newspaper *Tehran Times* reported last weekend.

"In fact, the arrested [13 Jewish] suspects are only executive members... There are others, considered to be the brains of the network, who must be arrested as well," an informed source told the daily.

"Investigations for identifying other suspects are continuing," said the source, speaking from the southern city of Shiraz, where 13 Jews have been arrested and are currently detained.

The first group of Iranian Jews was arrested last March on charges of spying for Israel and the United States. Two Muslims were also arrested in connection with the same charges.

"There are 13 Jews and two Muslims among the suspects, and they have been handed over by the intelligence service to the judiciary," the source said.

The source said that the Jews, along with the two Muslims, are accused of sending information to Israel, sending network members abroad for training and helping Iranians leave the country illegally.

Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi told state-run television in Tehran last week that the arrested Jews have only been charged with espionage so far, and will have a fair trial with lawyers. He added that they are also allowed to meet their family members in prison. He condemned the United States for putting pressure on Iran to release the Jews.

"We will not give in to American pressure regarding the arrested Jews, and we will not allow any interference in our internal affairs. How can the United States tell us what to do with people charged with espionage?" Kharrazi said.

The trial of the 13 was supposed to open last week but was postponed.

Meanwhile, the *New York Times* carried an Agence France Presse report last Sunday saying Iran was preparing its courts to try the 13 Jews.

People convicted of spying in Iran are usually sentenced to death.

Dagestan Jews fearful

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

MOSCOW — After several weeks of bloody clashes with Russian forces, Muslim insurgents in Dagestan have declared they are moving to the next stage in their struggle to impose Islamic rule in the area – the fight against "Zionist" domination.

In a statement posted on the Islamic rebels' Web site, insurgent leader Shamil Basaev announced that his men would purge Dagestan of leaders influenced by Zionists and by Russian President Boris Yeltsin, who is a "faithful servant of Zionist capital," the *Moscow Times* reported.

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BAR MITZVAH CELEBRATIONS AT THE KOTEL

One day last week, there were a series of bar mitzvah celebrations at the Kotel. In this triptych of photos we see three distinct b'nai mitzvah ceremonies: (from left) Sephardi, Ethiopian and Ashkenazi. All the ceremonies attracted happy crowds. [Isranet photos]

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CANADA

Gift From Family

OTTAWA — The local Community Capital Campaign has received a $250,000 gift from Abe and Sol Carlofsky in memory of their parents and sisters. The brothers will endow about 1,200 square feet of space set aside for day care within the new Bess and Moe Greenberg Family Hillel Lodge.

ISRAEL

Committee Criticized

JERUSALEM — Coalition and opposition legislators in Israel are demanding that Prime Minister Ehud Barak alter the makeup of a newly appointed committee on the drafting of yeshiva students into the army. The critics claim the body, which has a majority of observant members, would simply grant army exemptions to the students.

German Sentenced

JERUSALEM — A German convicted in an Israeli court of helping the militant Islamic group Hezbollah was sentenced to 10 years in prison. The mother of Stephan Smyrek, 27, who travelled to Israel for the verdict, burst into tears after hearing the sentence last month, and said her son would appeal.

Funding For Hamas

JERUSALEM — Iranian intelligence transferred some $5 million to Hamas to fund terrorist attacks on Israeli targets, according to England's *Sunday Telegraph*. The money, reportedly paid into the accounts of Hamas officials in Jordan in late July, was the first in a series of monthly payments being made in return for terrorist activities against Israel.

WORLD

27 Jews Die In Quake

ANKARA — Two vacationing Jews from Istanbul and 25 Israeli tourists were killed in last month's devastating earthquake in Turkey, according to the World Jewish Congress.

Revenge Attacks

NEW YORK — An incident in which swastikas were etched on seven German-made cars in Brooklyn late last month is being seen as a retaliatory hate crime for recent anti-Semitic attacks. Police have no suspects in the vandalism.

Paper Lauds Shootings

LOS ANGELES — A Jewish group called on the Egyptian and U.S. governments to condemn an article in an Egyptian newspaper that applauded the recent attack at a Los Angeles Jewish centre in which five Jews were injured. The Simon Wiesenthal Centre issued the call in reaction to an article in the *Ahbar Elyum* newspaper that asked for God's help in supporting white supremacist Buford Furrow's goal to "annihilate the Jewish race in the U.S."

Portugal Accusations

NEW YORK — Portugal took in Nazi gold worth about $1 billion in today's currency, according to the World Jewish Congress. The accusation came as a conflict over Portugal's involvement in Nazi gold escalates in the wake of a report released by the government, saying the country had no reason to compensate victims from the Nazi era.

Universities Among Top 50

NEW YORK — Two Jewish universities rank among the top 50 in the United States, according to a new survey. Brandeis University was ranked 31st and Yeshiva University 44th in *U.S. News and World Report*'s annual report of American universities.

Was Rabbi Favored?

NEW YORK — The U.S. Attorney's Office is investigating whether New York parole officials gave favorable treatment to a rabbi after pressure from a Jewish fundraiser for New York Gov. George Pataki's campaign, according to the *New York Times*. Prosecutors are investigating whether a parole official facilitated the release of Rabbi Shlomo Helbrans on kidnapping charges because of "improper political pressure" from Rabbi Leon Perlmutter.

Aussies Sue School

SYDNEY — An Australian family is suing a Jewish day school, claiming that its policies toward children whose mothers have undergone Reform conversions are discriminatory. The Western Australia Equal Opportunities Tribunal is expected to rule in the next two months on whether the Carmel School discriminated when it decided in 1996 that Gregory Goldberg would be ineligible for financial aid, to lead services or to read from the Torah if he enrolled there.

School Board Reverses Star of David Stance

WASHINGTON — A Jewish high school student has won a standoff with Mississippi school officials over his right to display a Star of David symbol in class.

The Harrison County School Board voted unanimously last week to exempt religious symbols from its policy that prohibits students from wearing anything that could be construed as a gang symbol.

School officials had barred 15-year-old Ryan Green from wearing the Star of David symbol, saying it could jeopardize his safety.

Some gang insignias incorporate six-pointed stars.

The original decision prompted an outcry from religious leaders around the country and a threatened lawsuit from Green's family and the American Civil Liberties Union.

"We realized that it infringed on freedom of religious expression, and that freedom supersedes the safety issues," Randy Williams, the board's president, said in explaining the reversal.

Jewish leaders hailed the move as an important victory for religious freedom, one they hope will send a signal to other school districts around the United States that do not show enough sensitivity to the rights of religious minorities.

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UIA Federations Canada

Finkelstein: 'We're trying to do more with less'

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The creation of UIA Federations Canada last year represents a more holistic approach to the needs of the Jewish community nation-wide, according to the organization's executive director, Maxyne Finkelstein.

In June 1998, the Council of Jewish Federations Canada (the Canadian arm of the Council of Jewish Federations, which dealt with national and local Canadian concerns) and United Israel Appeal Canada (the conduit for UJA funds earmarked for overseas) merged into one organization.

"Effectively, what it meant," said Finkelstein, "was that the two organizations that were interacting with the federations nationally, came together as one.

"I think it was reflective of the growing feeling that we as Canadian Jews don't necessarily separate our interests."

Maxyne Finkelstein

Steve Ain

David Goldstein

The merged organization – which has only one less staff person than the original two together – is more reflective of the way communities actually operate, she explained.

As an example, she mentioned the issue of building leadership in a community. Instead of dealing with Canadian Jewish needs and global Jewish needs as separate agendas, the new agency makes it easier to look at the whole picture, Finkelstein said.

Among its mandates are helping communities raise more money, determining how to increase the amount allocated for overseas Jewry, representing Canadian Jewry through community federations and assisting communities that don't operate within a federated structure.

In the latter case, the umbrella organization is involved in fundraising, as well as facilitating connections to organizations offering the likes of chaplaincy, Jewish education and Israel experience programs.

In the past five years, the situation has "changed tremendously" in Jewish communities, Finkelstein said.

In light of government cutbacks, "there is a growing realization that the needs of the elderly and the poor will be with us for a long time." She also cited a growing understanding of and commitment to providing Jewish education to as many children as possible.

"We're trying to do more with less," said Finkelstein. The organization's budget comes mostly from the proceeds of campaigns of federated communities.

UIA Federations' operating costs represent "about half the percent of what most federations spend," she noted.

A native of Montreal and a longtime Jewish community professional, Finkelstein was executive director of the Jewish Federation of Montreal before moving here July 1.

Next June she will take over the helm of UIA Federations Canada

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From the editor's desk

Distinctly Canadian Jews

As this horrible and historic century draws to its close, we note with special irony that the fastest growing Jewish community outside of Israel, is that of Germany.

The second fastest growing Jewish community outside of Israel, however, is that of Canada.

More Jews now live in Canada, some 350,000, than in Great Britain, a reversal of the Jewish demographics of merely one generation ago. Larger Diaspora communities exist in the United States, the former Soviet Union and France. But, in none of these communities is the number growing.

Most of us know very little about the unique history and characteristics of our own community. In fact, very few of us even regard it as unique; rather, we often see ourselves as a smaller facsimile or replication of the American Jewish community. But the Jewish community of Canada is indeed distinct from its American counterpart.

Now for the first time at any university in the world there is a permanently endowed academic chair that will generate scholarly research and study concerning the Jewish community here.

Last year, the J. Richard Shiff Chair for the Study of Canadian Jewry was established at York University's Centre for Jewish Studies. Its first chairholder is Prof. Irving Abella.

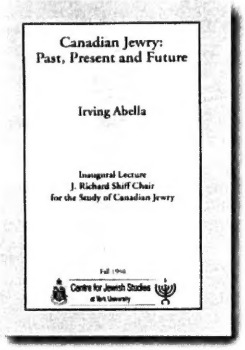
Abella is one of Canada's most distinguished historians. He is also one of the Jewish community's most committed lay leaders and activists. Among his many scholarly writings, the one for which he will likely be most remembered, is *None is Too Many*, the watershed book he co-authored with Harold Troper that chronicled Canada's shameful, racist Nazi-era immigration policy towards the Jews.

I also proudly point out that Abella is a member of *The CJN's* editorial advisory board.

Last week, across my desk, I received a copy of the text of the inaugural lecture that Abella delivered last year as the Shiff chairholder.

It was a broad, informative panorama of the history of the Jews in Canada and a thoughtful conjecture regarding our future.

At the very outset of the lecture, Abella carefully and incisively



establishes that there are differences between the Canadian and American Jewish communities, tying communal differences to the differences between the two countries, contrasting historical, constitutional, societal and geographic contexts.

"The American Jewish experience is a different one, not a better one. It is time to put to rest the canard that Canadian Jews are in a time-lag, that we are a generation behind American Jews. We are not. We have developed differently because of our Canadian context, because of our history, our constitutional structure and our political system, because of the influence of French Canada and because of the enveloping British-Protestant culture outside of Quebec, because of the relatively small size of the Canadian Jewish community and finally because of metropolitanism. Until recently, most of Canada's Jews lived in three urban centres, and today about half live within commuting distance of the Jewish Community Centre in the northern part of Toronto."

According to Abella, the distinct governing and constitutional ethos in Canada has profoundly influenced the development of the Jewish community here. "Not surprisingly," he wrote, "in Canada there has evolved a Jewish community that is more traditional, more unified, closer to the old country, and more culturally homogeneous than in the United States. While American Jews were joyfully entering into the mainstream of the great republic, Canadian Jews could easily maintain their Jewishness in a country that had no coherent self-definition and whose mainstream was for so long closed to Jews."

But even as Abella traced the details of Canadian Jewry's uniqueness and the reasons for that uniqueness, he also confirmed that "the burgeoning assimilation rates in the United States are a growing concern to Canadian Jews" as well. He then boldly posed the essential challenge in the coming years to the community: "[T]o demonstrate that Judaism and Jewishness can succeed and flourish in a free, democratic, pluralistic Diaspora environment."

Abella concluded with a measure of guarded optimism: "The task facing Canadian Jewry is formidable. But, as our history has shown, Canadian Jews are a formidable people." *MBD*

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DEVOTION

Bent over the siddur, this man embodies devotion in prayer. It is an image that seems appropriate this time of year as we approach the High Holidays. [Photo by Miller]

Greater Toronto Area

Worldwide day of tfillot and Tehillim for agunot

Special prayers set for erev Rosh Hashanah

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The first worldwide tfillah and Tehillim day for agunot, organized by L'mann B'Nos Yisrael International, and supported by the chief rabbis of Israel, is planned for erev Rosh Hashanah.

A *Get* Day will follow on Sept. 14, says Mattie Klein, founder of the volunteer-run, New York-based organization. "This is the first time ever that there will be worldwide focus on the problem of agunot."

Jews from all over the world, said a news release from the organization, "are urged to join together in beseeching God for mercy for agunot, their children and their *neshamot*, who are prevented from being born as a direct result of the tragic agunah crisis.

"We are challenged to encourage recalcitrant husbands to do tshuvah and give their agunah wives a *get* before Yom Kippur."

Batei din will be prepared in various locations in Canada, United States and Israel to facilitate the *get* process, and L'mann B'nos Yisrael will cover the cost of the sofer (scribe).

In Israel, said Klein in an interview from New York, women often get together on Fridays and pray at holy sites throughout the country. "I decided to ask the rabbis to make one Friday worldwide tfillah and Tehillim day, and erev Rosh Hashanah was chosen."

She found women in Israel, she said, who helped print and distribute more than 100,000 fliers containing the prayer by Rabbi Mordechai Tendler (printed with this article), and the fliers were placed at various holy sites.

Newspapers have also printed the prayer, which can be said on the *Get* Day as well.

"A lot of agunot pray with tremendous intensity. Their devotion is incredible. We have to hear those prayers. Around the world, we are asking that people stand in solidarity, voluntarily join us in this effort and say tfillah and Tehillim, wherever and whenever they can."

The event is also supported by the Union of Orthodox Congregations of America, the Rabbinical Council of America, National Council of Young Israel, Emunah and AMIT.

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Sephardi community honors Hassan's memory

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Since the death of Morocco's King Hassan II in late July, his son and successor, King Mohammed VI, has assured two American Jewish delegations that that he is going to follow in his father's footsteps.

This was one of the messages Israeli journalist Samuel Segev stressed at an event last week honoring Hassan's memory one month after his death.

An audience of 400 gathered at Petach Tikva-Anshe Castilla Congregation to pay their respects to the late king, who played a key role in Middle East peace efforts.

Also on the program were Abdelkader Lecheeb, ambassador for the Kingdom of Morocco; Simon Keslassy, liaison with the Moroccan Embassy and vice-president of the Rassemblement mondial du Judaïsme marocain (World Gathering of Moroccan Jews); Rabbi Yoseph Osiel, spiritual leader of the congregation; and Carlos Laredo, president of the congregation.

Segev took the opportunity to clarify Hassan II's consistent history as a Middle East moderate.

The late king was known for the role he played in bringing together Israel and Egypt in 1977, immediately preceding then Egyptian president Anwar al-Sadat's famed visit to Israel.

Hassan II was not an opportunist who wanted to play a certain role at that moment in history, emphasized Segev.

In the late 1950s, when Segev first met him, the then crown prince told the journalist there was "no question" that Israelis would be allowed to attend an upcoming conference in Casablanca. He extended a personal invitation to Segev, a sixth-generation Israeli whose ancestors emigrated from Morocco in 1840.

As Segev recalls, Hassan said, "It never crossed my mind that people of goodwill who want to negotiate peace would not be allowed to visit an Arab country."

The late king's concern for all his subjects, including Jews – allowing them freedom of movement and granting them equal rights – goes back to his youth, said Segev.

But Hassan II's greatest passion, according to Segev, was fostering peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

At a 1965 Arab summit, Hassan "proved to be the most clever and the most realistic" of all the Arab heads of state, said Segev. Hassan urged the others to negotiate with Israel instead of waging war.

He also encouraged Americans to invest in Morocco, benefitting his country's economy. His legacy, according to Segev, was a more educated, prosperous and benevolent country.

Rabbi Osiel, who left Morocco as a young child, offered prayers for the soul of the late king and a benediction for the new king.

He also expressed his feeling of personal connection to the monarch and read a message from Rabbi Amram Assayag of the Sephardic Kehila Centre. The latter was unable to attend due to a previous out-of-town commitment.

Rabbi Assayag noted that the king permitted Moroccan Jewry to practice Judaism "without restraint" and recalled meeting the king at a New York reception.

After standing in line to kiss the king's hand, as is the Moroccan custom, Rabbi Assayag was astonished when the king cut him short, in a warm and respectful manner, asking the rabbi instead to pray for him every day.

Very few countries can claim such honorable conduct toward Jews and other minorities, said Petach Tikva president Laredo. Morocco offered safe refuge, he noted, referring to Jews who fled there during the Inquisition.

He praised the late king as a skillful diplomat and shrewd politician who promoted tolerance and peace.

Keslassy, speaking in French, also praised Hassan II for his wisdom and tolerance and expressed allegiance to the new king.

Moroccan Ambassador Lecheeb, in a white djellabah, red fez and yellow pointed slippers, conveyed Mohammed VI's "feelings of affection and esteem" and appreciation for the support shown to him by the Jewish community.

"Being a state deeply rooted in history, Morocco has always taken much pride in its rich and diversified heritage, of which Moroccan Judaism is part and parcel," Lecheeb said.

Among Hassan II's accomplishments detailed by Lecheeb was the "vivid testimony that peaceful coexistence between Jews and Muslims is not only possible, but an actual reality in Morocco."

Some of the 400 attendees at a tribute to the late King Hassan II file past his portrait to sign a condolence book being taken to Rabat by the Moroccan ambassador. The portrait was painted by Prosper Trojman, a member of the Moroccan Jewish community in Toronto. [Frances Kraft photo]

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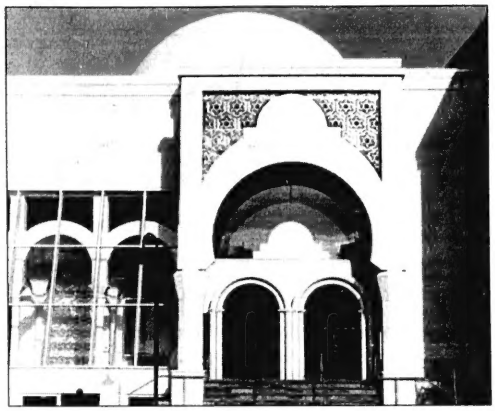

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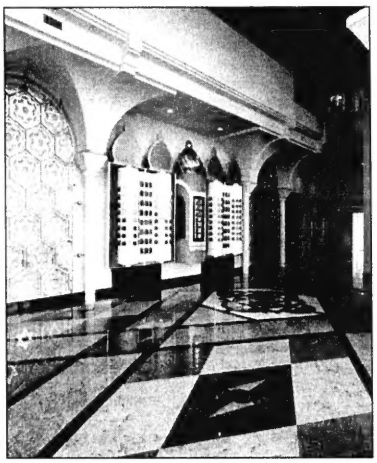

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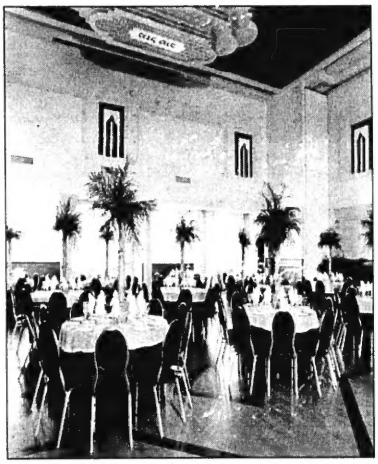

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Wye and wherefore

People interested in the successful resolution of the peace process in the Middle East have repeatedly been told not to expect quick results. The method of negotiations in the Middle East, on all manner of issues, diplomatic or commercial, we have always been told, resembles only marginally, the method of negotiations in the west.

Even as these words were being written on the weekend, we witnessed, up close, the frustrating manifestations of those negotiations.

Barely hours ago, on Sunday afternoon, reports from the area were upbeat that the two sides had all but ironed out their final differences and would sign a memorandum in Egypt this week on Thursday outlining the timetable for implementing the outstanding Wye commitments.

But as of the early morning hours on Monday, there was a reversal of mood. Negotiations hit the proverbial snag. Prime Minister Ehud Barak felt compelled to issue an ultimatum to the Palestinians giving them only "a few hours" to provide "satisfactory answers" on the outstanding issues. Failing those satisfactory answers, Barak said he would carry out the Wye accords "by the letter" which, in his view, does not serve the best interests of either side.

The press reported that two issues remained unresolved: the linkage of the remaining Wye withdrawals to the final status talks, and the number and type of prisoners to be released. If these indeed were the outstanding issues, progress in the talks had not only stalled but had actually regressed. For, heading into the weekend, the media had reported that the linkage issue had been resolved, and that the single issue left to be settled dealt with prisoner release.

Last week, the shape of the emerging Wye implementation agreement was reported in the media. The Israeli daily *Ma'ariv* suggested there were four main points to the agreement:

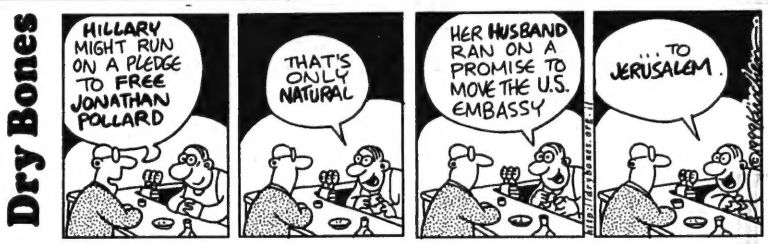
- A framework for a final status agreement was to be in place by Jan. 15;
- The last Wye redeployment was to be completed by Jan. 15;
- Israel would free around 300 Palestinian prisoners; and
- Key economic matters were finalized concerning the development of a Gaza seaport and the opening of two safe passages from Gaza to the West Bank.

Apparently the most contentious issue remained prisoner release. The Palestinians were said to be demanding the release of about 650 "political" prisoners. Israel steadfastly refuses to give up anyone who belongs to Hamas or Islamic Jihad.

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat appears to have decided "to play" to the radical Palestinian crowd, at least for the time being, preferring to curry favor with them, rather than to bridge an impasse with the Israelis.

This is not how to build trust with the still new Israeli government. As we have often written in the past, without that trust, there will be no mutually respectful bilateral relationship. And without such a bilateral relationship, there will be no real peace.

The signing ceremony in Egypt this week may yet take place, but the bazaar negotiations of Yasser Arafat placed it in doubt.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Jewish middle class squeezed by day school fees

Paul Lungen's article, "the Squeeze on the Jewish Middle Class," (*CJN*, Aug. 12) correctly identifies the need to pay private day school tuition as the overwhelming source of the high cost of Jewish living. The importance of Jewish education for maintaining Jewish continuity is a matter of consensus across the entire spectrum of the Jewish community.

The article also correctly identifies the underlying source of the problem, which is a provincial government's school funding policy that explicitly discriminates against non-Catholic religious minorities. Many people do not realize how isolated Ontario is in Canada and the world in maintaining this kind of explicit religious discrimination.

To complete the picture, we need to consider solutions to end the discrimination. Unfortunately, many people assume that the "Adler" Supreme Court case ended the fight. In fact, the majority of the judges stated that extension of public funding to schools of other denominations does not infringe on the Catholic's education rights or any other constitutional provision. Establishing equity for all denominations is a matter of political will, plain and simple.

Jewish Parents for Equity in Education Funding (JPEEF), a newly constituted grass-roots organization of Jewish parents, is taking a leadership position in addressing the issue, working together with other community organizations. Our worst enemies are apathy and pessimism. There has never been a better chance to right this historical injustice. Jewish parents, grandparents, and supporters of day schools must speak up loudly that politically sanctioned religious discrimination will not be tolerated. Volunteers are urgently needed to help with political action, communications, fundraising, liaison with schools and shuls, and special events. Please get involved: call 905-764-3158 or e-mail Leibyw@aol.com

Aviva Weiss
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Gold is not all that glitters at Maccabi games

It was with considerable dismay that we read the article (*CJN*, Aug. 12), summarizing Canada's "failures" at the Pan American Maccabi Games held in Mexico City this past July.

As parents of a junior baseball team member and supporters of Canada's representatives to the Games, we felt extraordinary pride and positive emotion at watching our Canadian athletes at various competitions.

The emphasis to our Jewish athletes at these games was on participation and the coming together of Jews from around the world in this unique experience, not on winning or losing. As one of our parents indicated in toasting the junior baseball team at a dinner in their honor on the eve of the gold medal game, the gold that they would be taking home lay in the friendships made with Jewish athletes from around the world and not in the color of their medal. Your article missed the point of the experience and emphasized the wrong values.

Bonnie and Irwin Butkowsky
Toronto

Disagrees with treatment of Premier Harris

Why the rather vituperative and hostile description of Mike Harris' performance at the recent provincial premiers' conference? (*CJN*, Aug. 19) For a Jewish communal paper that usually exercises restraint in matters of opinion to the point of timidity, your bias with regard to the premier of Ontario is baffling.

For the second time in a row, the Ontario Progressive Conservatives were awarded the mandate to govern, thus satisfying the demands of legitimacy. It is true that they did not receive the majority of the popular vote, but then which recent Ontario government did? Even in the "Jewish" ridings the PCs' message was effective, and as a result, impressive support was in evidence.

Why do you then describe Premier Harris as a "cowboy... with his guns blazing... discharging a hail of income tax bullets... whose bruising offer was... turned down by all other leaders"?

Why do you assume that all your readers would of necessity share your obvious disdain for this government and its leader? You have often written about the Israeli political culture and its inherent incivility. Let's be fair and show respect for our elected leaders even when we didn't vote for them.

Nathan Shuster
Toronto

Shooting of Jewish children stirs disbelief

On Aug. 10 I witnessed a group of children having to be escorted out from another killing zone. Hand in hand they walked, as I watched in disbelief wondering what sort of human being could leisurely gun down little children like paper targets at a shooting gallery.

There is no question that in order to do away with these frequent violent expressions, society must concentrate on destroying anything that provides the opportunity for this evil to flourish. We have to demolish the fertile grounds from which these seeds of hatred are permitted to germinate. For as long as this is not done, then these kinds of situations will continue to be regular events on the nightly news and headlines in the daily newspapers.

Howard Gontovnick
Montreal

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Perspectives

Israel measures up in Human Development Index

By AMNON RUBINSTEIN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

How can a society measure its wealth? The usual index is the gross national product (GNP) per capita. But the fastidious prefer the more sophisticated version of this index: GNP per capita, adjusted to the buying power of the national currency in the country being studied.

This index, however, has its limitations. For one thing, it does not take into account the factors influencing the residents of the country in question.

For example, the GNP can continue to climb because of economic activity that has no social value. To illustrate, if a country builds another 10 prisons and the number of employed prison guards increases by several thousand, its GNP will rise, but its quality of life will not be very impressive.

What does the term "GNP per capita" mean anyway? Small children and adults are very different in terms of their consumer behavior. In Israel, which is a relatively young nation, children make up 34 percent of the total population, as opposed to 26 and 19 percent in the United States and Germany, respectively. Thus, the picture created by the GNP per capita is always much darker than the true situation in the field.

Giving tzedakah is part of Israel street life.

Additionally, the GNP per capita does not measure how wealth is distributed in a particular country. What benefit does the majority of the population derive from the country's wealth if it is concentrated in the hands of a small group of powerful capitalists? The per capita income is part of that nation's statistics, but not part of the revenue of the vast majority of its households.

For these reasons, the United Nations established a new way of measuring human development that could measure development, not just in the economic sphere, but in other areas as well. The first report issued in the context of this special program introduced the world to the Human Development Index (HDI), which takes into account the health and level of schooling of the citizens of a country.

The latest report, the 10th to appear so far, has some fascinating figures that should prove of interest to many Israelis. It should come as no surprise, for instance, that, among the 174 countries surveyed, Israel is in the top 54, that is, those countries with the highest level of human development. To be precise, we are on the 32nd rung of the ladder, ahead of Hong Kong, Cyprus, Greece, Portugal and South Korea and, of course, way ahead of all the countries in eastern Europe, South America and the Arab world.

Amnon Rubinstein

Our rating is higher on the HDI ladder than it is on the GNP per capita one for a number of interesting reasons, all of which are flattering to our national psyche.

First of all, Israelis have one of the longest life expectancies in the world, 75.7 years for men and 79.7 for women; in this category, we are ahead of affluent America and right behind Canada, Norway and Japan, the three heavyweight champions in longevity.

Second, in the area of infant mortality, Israel has achieved incredible success: For every 1,000 live births in Israel, there are only six mortalities among children aged five and under, as opposed to eight for the United States, seven for Canada – the most developed nation according to the HDI yardstick – and seven in England, which has an extensive health services network. In the area of infant mortality in general, without any age limitation, Israel occupies a very high place in the standings – ahead of the United States, in fact.

The number of mothers who die in the delivery room in Israel is seven per thousand, as opposed to 15 in France and 12 in the United States. Quite a feat for a pluralistic country like ours, where most of the population, Jew and Arab alike, were born to parents who grew up under conditions of poverty and illiteracy.

In light of these reasons, Israel, which places 62nd in the GNP per capita index (adjusted to reflect buying power), occupies the 32nd spot in the HDI standings, an achievement that all Israelis can be proud of. There are many areas in which Israel has a unique status. The skyrocketing growth of our population outstrips the population growth rate of any of the world's affluent nations, which registered an average of 2.4 percent between 1975 and 1997. Only a few countries, such as Saudi Arabia, Oman, Jordan and Paraguay, had higher rates.

What do these figures tell us? First, Israel's attainments are truly remarkable, especially if we take into account the enormous defence budget we are saddled with: over eight percent of our GNP. Second, GNP output cannot accurately express these attainments.

Nonetheless, because of the way Israelis think and act and because Israel is in competition with the world's richest states, we cannot allow ourselves to be content with the number 32 spot in the HDI rankings. We must reach for a much higher rung through accelerated economic growth, primarily through an increase in our labor force, but also through continued upgradings of our health and education systems, which are the real factors determining the level of a society's well-being.

Amnon Rubinstein, a member of the Meretz party, is a former minister of justice and of education in the government of Israel.

Hebrew Book Week is a much-anticipated annual event in Israel's cultural life. [Israel photos]

Opinions

The Svend Robinson controversy

Svend Robinson, MP, wants the words "supremacy of God" removed from the Canadian Constitution. He believes their presence represents a disregard of a large minority. He has in mind those who do not believe in God, but want to be citizens on the same level as everyone else. Even though with "God" included, the Constitution does not exclude non-believers, Robinson thinks the clause is discriminatory.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

Readers will remember that NDP leader, Alexa McDonough, punished Robinson for putting his proposal forward, and relegated him to the backbenches. Although they have since made up, the controversy deserves a comment.

It is in the nature of the issue that a quick yes or no is not appropriate. Let it be clear that we are dealing with Canadian constitutional questions, while in a Jewish context the answer would likely be different.

Removing something from a document and undoing what has been done previously is not the same as introducing it in the first place. When Pierre Elliott Trudeau introduced the Constitution with its special inclusion that our nation stands "under the supremacy of God," no one asked what he meant, and people took it to be a means of giving the document additional authority. It was much like "In God we trust" on every American coin.

The Canadian controversy is the reverse of the discussion over a potential Israeli Constitution. Members of the Orthodox parties are firmly set against such a state document because they believe that by its very presence, it will restrict the supreme authority of Torah and Halachah, and disregard – if not deny – the supremacy of God. The opponents of a constitution want Torah to reign supreme, and therefore nothing should be introduced that would limit this supremacy.

But the Robinson proposal is different. The inclusion of the word God in the Constitution's preamble does not constitute an obligation to believe, nor does anyone's denial of God constitute an infraction of the Constitution. Canadian humanist organizations are as legal as the most religious institutions.

The Canadian preamble that Robinson would like to remove is, in essence, a symbolic statement that our Constitution recognizes certain values and freedoms as incontestable, as spelled out in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. It is such basic and immovable privileges that the document wants to ensure, by creating a framework that protects all who live in Canada.

Robinson, whose ideas I have on occasion found to be disagreeable, had a right to promote a revision. Even though we live, constitutionally speaking, under the supremacy of God, Robinson is free to disagree. McDonough's decision to demote him was a purely political move, because she feared that the NDP would be identified with Robinson's non-theistic opinions. She would have been wise to say nothing, for his proposal had as much likelihood of succeeding as a motion to abolish the Constitution itself. The "supremacy of God" is here to stay. Robinson had the right to say what he did and we have a right to disagree. It is as simple as that.

The gender factor

The appointment of two women to Ehud Barak's cabinet did little to assuage the anger of Israeli feminists. They continued to fume over his broken promise to have significant female representation in the government, but had little public impact in their protest. Ultimately, the Israeli public is accustomed to a male-dominated government, and public support was virtually non-existent for the feminist position.

Shira Herzog in Toronto

The reaction may also have been influenced by the response to the chief advocate for the feminist cause. Yael Dayan, one of the most senior Labor parliamentarians, led the charge, and argued for her own inclusion in the cabinet. She was overlooked twice by Barak – first, in the formal stages of forming a government, and second, when he enlarged the government to include four additional ministers.

Dayan, who is direct, outspoken and unpredictable, personalized the issue immediately. In fact, Barak's decision to leave her out was a shrewd political calculation. In his cabinet appointments, he refrained as much as possible from choosing individuals who were likely to challenge him.

He knew that Dayan, for one, would easily vote against him when she disagreed. Her appointment would also have been interpreted as support for her strident positions on the peace issue, and against the religious parties. At this point in the life of his government, Barak has no desire to alienate his religious coalition partners unnecessarily.

The two women who were appointed to the cabinet come from different backgrounds and political routes. Both of them represent a younger generation of women in politics, and neither of them is closely identified with the "women's agenda."

Dalia Itzik, minister of environment, has been a central figure in Jerusalem politics for years. She served as a Labor representative on the municipal council, and got onto the Labor national ticket as a regional representative. She was close to Shimon Peres for many years, and her declaration of support for Barak in the Labor leadership race was crucial in giving him a needed political base in Jerusalem.

She has served as chair of the Knesset education committee, and while Benjamin Netanyahu was in power, headed the Labor party's response team. Itzik is articulate and forceful in her media appearances, and as a result, is a popular guest on Israel's innumerable talk shows. She has not emerged as a thoughtful or creative politician, but rather is considered a competent parliamentary fighter.

Yuli Tamir, minister of absorption, was Barak's personal appointment to the cabinet. Tamir, the only minister who does not hold a Knesset seat, hails from Jerusalem's left-wing "aristocracy" and academe.

She was a founder of Peace Now, and her appointment marks a final step in the mainstreaming of that movement. Indeed, like her colleague, MK Dedi Zuker, her political pronouncements over the last few years have moved closer to the current centre of the Israeli political map.

Until recently, Tamir was married to one of Barak's close comrades from his days as commander of the IDF elite commando unit. An accomplished academic in the field of political theory, and chair of the Association of Civil Rights, she became involved in party politics after the Rabin assassination. While she chose education as her policy area of interest, her telegenic qualities made her, too, a popular media guest.

Tamir gained a realistic seat in the internal party primaries, but was pushed down the list to make room for assured seats for regional and sectoral representatives. Her appointment to the cabinet was Barak's gesture of compensation for that loss.

Barak has never declared himself a feminist, and in his usual manner, dismissed the criticism from women's organizations as irrelevant and trivial compared to the tasks at hand for his cabinet.

Tamir and Itzik are unlikely to become vocal spokespersons for women's issues, and the non-partisan women's caucus in the Knesset will continue to be the focal point of debate on such matters.

This time around, the Knesset has the largest number of women in its history. Of the 15, one is the first Arab woman MK ever elected. As the women in the Knesset are younger, and as political parties have declined in influence, women MKs have found it easier to come together on issues such as family violence, sexual assault and social policies affecting women and children.

Israel still lags behind North America in the normative response to domestic violence and crime, and an active lobby on these matters is a necessary precondition for continued change. However, the recent episode around women's representation in the cabinet simply proved that in order to succeed, women will require other, powerful political allies on their side.

Stock-taking on the High Holidays

The period of the High Holy Days is one where Jews step back and review the events of the previous year. While individuals should each review their private lives, we can all ponder the communal ledger. Although a year is a short time in the life of the Jewish people, we can at times see new trends emerging.

Morton Weinfeld in Montreal

On the negative side, anti-Semitism has alarmed Jews in North America, even if the aggregate statistics on anti-Semitic acts and hate crimes – like violent crimes in general – have not increased. The woundings at the Jewish Community Centre in Los Angeles, the fires set in synagogues in Sacramento, and the attacks on Orthodox Jews earlier in Chicago, have had sobering effects.

Jews should realize that there are probably dozens of armed and nutty anti-Semites spread through the United States who could also commit similar violent actions. In Canada there has recently been a cemetery desecration in Winnipeg and an assault on two elderly Jews in Toronto.

These dangerous misfits are associated with racist groups such as the Aryan Nations or other neo-Nazi or fringe pseudo-Christian hate groups. These thugs, and their groups, pose no threat to the fundamental position of Jews. They are the most marginal of the marginal. But such acts sow panic and insecurity. Vigilance is always required, even when times are good.

But these acts also have other effects. The various events in California have led to an outpouring of sympathy from Christian churches and the general public. For Jews, it is likely that these events may have strengthened their Jewish identity, even among the less affiliated. But we do not know for sure.

On the clearly positive side, the ongoing concern for Jewish continuity – the threat of assimilation – is now merged with talk of a Jewish "renaissance." A new birthright program is being established (Charles Bronfman has played a key role) which will send thousands of teens for an educational trip to Israel, at little or no cost.

The evidence seems clear that these trips can have an overwhelmingly positive impact on the participants. But the effect is not uniform or easy to predict.

I recently evaluated one such program in the United States. The students all raved about the trip, its high quality, the stimulation, the bonds that were formed among the participants. (These were students of non-Orthodox and non-day schools backgrounds.) But when asked to specify the nature of the impact on their thinking about Israel, most stressed how the trip brought home to them the "problems" facing Israel, particularly the tensions between the Orthodox and the non-Orthodox.

This was crystallized in one Shabbat service they attended. The women were forced to stand behind a mechitzah, at the back of the synagogue, while the men sang, danced and celebrated in the main area in the front.

The religious tensions in Israel are a real fact of life, likely to put off some of the teens and young adults visiting from North America. But assuming these new programs will be targeting the non-day school and non-Orthodox population, the attachments to Israel which they produce may be more complex or tenuous than some planners realize.

There are other indications of Jewish cultural strength. Surely the growth of the Ashkenaz festival in Toronto and the Klez camp in Montreal indicate a resilience which was not there 10 or 20 years ago. There are reports of the proliferation of various formal and informal options for adult Jewish studies.

Celebrities like the comedian Roseanne Barr or the writers Christopher Hitchens and Tom Stoppard are rediscovering their Jewish roots in public – though some aspects of this Jewish chic are distasteful.

What this means is that while assimilation and mixed marriage remain serious challenges, they are not the total picture. And as explosive acts of anti-Semitism garner headlines, we must never lose sight of how anti-Semitism here differs from anti-Semitism in the Old Country. There the state and state agencies were the instruments of oppression, supported eagerly by the mass of population. Not here.

To all readers, a wish for a shanah tovah u'metukah for this coming year 5760, for Jews as individuals and for the community as a whole.

The Kirshner File

Hitler still remains much of an enigma

Adolf Hitler has been probed and prodded by a litany of "explainers" – historians, political scientists, sociologists and psychoanalysts – and, yet paradoxically, he remains an enigma.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

As one of his eminent biographers, Allan Bullock, has remarked, "The more I learn about Hitler, the harder I find (him) to explain."

Fifty-four years after he blew his brains out in a besieged Berlin bunker, Hitler still defies explanation in a key number of areas: What is the origin of his anti-Semitism? Was he, in fact, of partial Jewish descent himself? When did he decide to exterminate European Jewry? What was his precise role in the Holocaust?

Ron Rosenbaum, the author of *Explaining Hitler* (HarperCollins), suggests that these conundrums may never be solved. Too many crucial witnesses have died without having given testimony, too many key documents have been destroyed, too many memories have faded, and too many gaps in the "evidentiary record" will never be filled, he writes in this fascinating, nuanced book.

When Rosenbaum, a 52-year-old American journalist, began investigating the matter more than a decade ago, he was surprised, if not shocked, at how little agreement there was among academics concerning Hitler. "I had assumed," he said in an interview, "that these basic questions had been resolved."

In his quest for truths, Rosenbaum travelled to Germany, Austria, Britain and Israel. He sought the erudition and wisdom of historians, philosophers and theologians such as Yehuda Bauer, Hugh Trevor-Roper, Emil Fackenheim, George Steiner and Daniel Goldhagen.

In *Mein Kampf*, his turgid political testament, Hitler traces his antagonism to Jews to a brief encounter with an Orthodox Jew in Vienna – "an apparition in a black caftan and black earlocks." Rosenbaum, however, dismisses this claim.

He also gives short shrift to a theory propagated by Hans Frank, the governor-general of occupied Poland. Hitler, it goes, was enraged by the pathological fear that his family's bloodline had been "poisoned" by an Austrian Jew named Frankenberger, who had impregnated his paternal grandmother, Maria Schicklgruber.

"It's a seductive but unfounded and unproven theory," said Rosenbaum, noting that researchers have found absolutely no trace of Frankenberger. He believes that Frank invented this myth so as to blame the Holocaust on Jews.

Rosenbaum, too, rejects the hypothesis that the roots of Hitler's anti-Semitism are entangled in the supposed malpractice of a Jewish doctor, Eduard Bloch, who attended to his dying mother when he was 18. "It's one more story where the blame is shifted to Jews," he said.

Rosenbaum maintains that Henry Ford, the automobile manufacturer, played a much more decisive role in nurturing Hitler's anti-Semitism than is generally known. "He cribbed Ford's theory of an international Jewish conspiracy and of the place of Jews in history. Hitler learned from Ford."

As to when Hitler decided on the destruction of Jews as his political goal, Rosenbaum is impressed by the late Lucy Dawidowicz's book, *The War Against the Jews*, which he describes as a "dazzling performance." The idea, she believes, arose in his consciousness in 1918, after World War I, and took shape in 1924, the year *Mein Kampf* was published.

Like Dawidowicz, Rosenbaum subscribes to the view that Hitler, rather than responding to circumstances, had always intended to murder the Jews of Europe. "This was his overriding mission," said Rosenbaum.

He fully embraces Milton Himmelfarb's "No Hitler No Holocaust" dictum. Rosenbaum, therefore, is an "intentionalist" rather than a "functionalist" (someone who thinks that Hitler was driven to the Holocaust by events.)

"The Holocaust was Hitler's highest priority," said Rosenbaum, whose book has been translated into several languages, including German and Hebrew. "I do believe that the decision to murder Jews on a systematic basis was Hitler's."

Ron Rosenbaum

So absorbed was he by his self-appointed task that, in 1944, when German armies were being trounced on the eastern front and the spectre of defeat loomed large, he ordered military trains to be rerouted to death camps in Poland.

Asked if Hitler was normal, Rosenbaum replied, "It's threatening and frightening to think of him as one of us," he observed. "But the baby picture of Hitler on the cover of my book suggests that he was indeed normal." Rosenbaum finds it instructive that foreign publishers eliminated that photograph from the dust-jacket.

At the end of the day, Rosenbaum cannot rationally explain Hitler's murderous attitude toward Jews. "I wish I had the answer for that," he said. "I'm not satisfied with the conventional explanations. It's a continuing mystery, and that's why I wrote the book. I'm not the one who'll come up with the ultimate answer. I simply wanted to clarify the debate."

In this respect, Rosenbaum has succeeded.

Magisterial biography

Ian Kershaw's biography of Adolf Hitler, *Hitler* (Allen Lane/The Penguin Press), the first of two projected books, is one of the finest of the genre. Kershaw, a British academic, has digested the material and presented it in a magisterial style.

Naturally, he explores the antecedents of Hitler's virulent anti-Semitism. Vienna, he speculates, was crucial to his development as a raving racist. Vienna's anti-Jewish gutter press left an indelible impression, as did the legacy of its former mayor, Karl Lueger, who popularized hatred against Jews.

Hitler appears to have voiced no notable anti-Semitic views as a soldier, and indeed, a Jewish officer, Hugo Gutmann, nominated him for the Iron Cross, First Class. But while hospitalized for a severe injury, he came to the conclusion that Marxism and Jews were Germany's worst enemies. Kershaw is uncertain why Hitler turned into a manic anti-Semite.

Hitler's first recorded written statement about Jews can be traced to 1919, when he was caught up in the trauma of absorbing Germany's surrender in World War I. The basic element of his race-based anti-Semitism was plainly evident in a letter to a friend. Hitler espoused a Manichaean view of history as a racial struggle, in which the highest racial entity, the Aryan, was being undermined and destroyed by the lowest, the parasitic Jew.

"The racial question," he noted, "gives the key not only to world history but to all human culture." The mission of the German people was to eradicate Bolshevism, and with it "our mortal enemy: the Jew." By 1924, Kershaw observes, Marxism and Jews were synonymous in Hitler's mind.

Quite persuasively, Kershaw posits the theory that, without World War I, Hitler would not have been possible. "Without the experience of war, the humiliation of defeat, and the upheaval of revolution the failed artist and social dropout would not have discovered what to do with his life..."

In a chilling aside, Kershaw ruminates that Hitler's seduction of Germany showed how a modern, advanced, cultured society can so rapidly sink into barbarity and rapaciousness, culminating in genocide.

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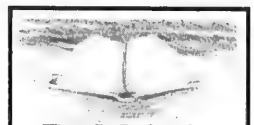

Rabbinic Reflections

Improving our lives

By RABBI JOSEPH KELMAN

There is a very interesting statement found in the Talmud that declares "a person who sleeps seven nights without dreaming is considered a sinner."

This is a profound message which is applicable to the whole year, but especially during the High Holy Days.

This statement calls upon every Jew, at least once a week, to direct their thoughts and actions towards making a better world for themselves, their family, and society at large.

While we may be happy with our lifestyle, there is always room for improvement in our lives. As we approach the High Holy Days we realize the importance of this.

We come to the synagogue to pray and express our hopes for those goals that will enrich our own lives and contribute to the community. We may also pray that many of our dreams become exciting realities in the coming year and years ahead.

More than ever, the synagogue today serves as an inspiring bridge to greater commitment to Jewish life and values in and out of the home.

Our dreams or aspirations should include strengthening our commitments to those values that have ensured survival of Jewish life in the past and are necessary to maintain in the 21st century as well.

In addition to participating in the various activities of the synagogue, make Jewish education and study of the Torah an ongoing pattern for yourself and your family.

Parents and grandparents should be role models so that Jewish education and Torah study does not stop at bar/bat mitzvah but is a lifelong pursuit.

If children see their parents and grandparents continually involved and attending adult education programs then they will take their own Hebrew school studies much more seriously.

The synagogue today, which represents the Holy Temple, is called a miniature sanctuary — Bait Mikdosh M'at. Likewise, the home is called by that name.

On Yom Kippur the High Priest would enter the Holiest of Holies and pray for himself, his family and all of Israel.

Thus, our dreams and prayers should begin with ourselves and our families. At the same time, we must be more involved in Jewish community life here and continue to support our beloved State of Israel.

Let us hope that our prayers and dreams for peace and harmony in our own life, our families and all of Israel will find fulfilment in the coming year.

My family join me in wishing you a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year.

Rabbi Joseph Kelman is rabbi emeritus of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue in Toronto.

Finding music on the Net

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

Last week, we looked at some great places to read about Klezmer on line.

This week, how to sample some of the world's best music right at your computer.

The finest online assortment of Klezmer music that I have come across is at the Ashkenaz site **[http://www.ashkenaz.org/sounds.html**. There are lengthy excerpts from Ashkenaz '97 including the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band, the Israeli quartet Esta, Holland's Salomon Klezmorim, Boston's Naftule's Dream and much more.

In addition, there is a selection from lectures on klezmer music and Yiddish culture with topics such as Gypsies, Greeks and Klezmer Music and Adventures in Yiddish, "a lighthearted, absolutely accurate look at the weirdest language around."

(If this whets your appetite for more and you're in the Toronto area, you can visit Ashkenaz '99 on right now at Harbourfront **[http://www.ashkenaz.org/]**.)

One of most famous klezmer CDs is Itzhak Perlman's *Live in the Fiddler's House*, which he recorded with some of the best groups around like Brave Old World, the Klezmatics and the Klezmer Conservatory Band. You can listen to Perlman play four of his songs at the Fiddler's House Web site **[http://www.tara.com/kzype20d.htm]**. And you can hear 20 minutes of the lively fiddling of Steve Greenman on line **[http://www.klezmershack.com/demos/980822.greenfidl.ram]**. Steve has played with several bands in Cleveland and New York.

The Israeli-Jewish-Yiddish-Hebrew-Folk-Cultural Music Midi Free Library **[http://members.aol.com/israelmidi/index.html#FOLK]** doesn't specialize in klezmer, but you can find a few Yiddish tunes there like *Freilich* and *Im Zer Kotzim Koev*. Also, listen to excerpts from the Brookline, Mass., radio show, *The Yiddish Voice* **[http://www.yv.org]**.

If you prefer to watch some klezmer masters in the comfort of your home then rent the video *A Tickle in the Heart* (1996) **[http://us.imdb.com/Title?0117907]**. The documentary profiles the veteran klezmer performers Julie, Willie and Max Epstein. Just when the 80-something brothers tried to retire in Florida, klezmer music enjoyed a resurgence and the Epstein brothers were stars again. The Montreal *Gazette* called *Tickle* "one part musical history, one part *Seinfeld*, and totally enthralling."

Less known is another documentary, *The Last Klezmer: Leopold Kozlowski* (1995) **[http://us.imdb.com/TUris?COM+0113610]**. It follows the gifted Jewish musician on a journey through the Yiddish musical traditions of eastern Europe. Kozlowski is a Holocaust survivor who still lives in Poland. The San Francisco *Chronicle* called the film as "soulful and elegiac as it is sweetly humorous."

A Jumpin' Time in the Garden of Eden (1988) **[http://www.jclla.org/videoh.htm]** also looks at the early greats of Klezmer music, but then focuses on its resurgence with such bands as the Klezmer Conservatory Band and Kapelye.

Zemerl is a relatively new site that not only has a great selection of songs but also includes lyrics so that you can sing along **[http://www.princeton.edu/zemerl/]**. You can read up (and listen to) Mekhuteneste Mayne, which tells the story "half-joking and half-begging of a mother who is giving away a bride who wants her daughter to be treated well in the in-laws' home."

And if you know the lyrics to *A Yuhr Noch Mein Chasene* or *Lomir Shpiln a Liebe*, the folks at Zemerl want to hear from you.

Klezmer music is never boring and neither are the names of Klezmer groups. I leave you with some of my favorite names: there's Yiddishe Cup **[http://www.well.com/user/ari/klez/bands/ycup/klez/ycup.klez.html]**, the Jews Brothers **[http://www.jewsbrothers.com/]**, the Klez Dispensers **[http://www.princeton.edu/~klez/]** and, of course, Tennessee Schmaltz **[http://techno-info.com/tennesseeschmaltz/]**.

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Moses' last lesson

By RACHAEL TURKIENICZ

As the Torah readings approach the last part of the book of Deuteronomy, we become aware that Moses is nearing his last hours.

One of the great challenges in Judaism is to understand the Divine decree that Moses will not enter the land of Israel. After enduring so much, Moses will not be allowed to set foot in the land.

Alone with God on an unknown mountaintop Moses will slip away from humanity. The Torah portrays these last moments somberly but the midrash portrays a universe that rages against this particular death.

According to midrashic passages, each angel has its own response to the approaching death of Moses. Gabriel and Michael plead with God not to have them witness the death of this great man.

Sammael, the wicked angel, anxiously awaits the moment he can take Moses' soul but when he attempts to do so, he is unable to perform this task. After two attempts, Moses finally chases Sammael away using his staff and the power of his learning.

Metatron, an angel close to God, is seen comforting God on the impending loss of Moses.

As the moment of death approaches, God commands Moses' soul to depart from his body and the soul cries out that she does not want to leave.

Moses had already turned to the heaven and the earth, the seas and all of nature to help him plead his case but they all admit their inability to effect any change.

In the end, of course, the decree has been sealed. Moses dies attended by God and the universe is diminished by the loss of this person.

As the High Holy Days are upon us and we approach Yom Kippur Moses teaches us his last lesson. Once again he is our leader and once again this most humble of men has shown us with his actions what the Jewish response should be.

On Yom Kippur our fates our sealed and although we are partners in our destinies, we are not the masters of our ultimate fates.

Perhaps the 'holy' response would be to hand our fates over to God and silently accept whatever decree is ordained.

However, we deprive our bodies during Yom Kippur and thereby emulate angels so we may beg and plead as did Gabriel and Michael.

We acknowledge our spirituality so that our souls themselves will not want to leave us.

Moses has shown us that we do not go silently into that great night but we build our best case to present before God and finally ask for chesed – one more year, although we know we may not deserve it.

As all Jews stand and sing out Avinu Malkainu together we create the thunder of prayer as we declare we will not go with a whimper.

It is one time we all stand together with no disagreements and acknowledge that God's first gift to us is still the most precious: the breath of life.

We learn all this from Moses' last moments and just as the universe was diminished with his passing, so is it diminished with the loss of any person.

May all our thunderous prayers be answered with an equally resounding pronouncement from Heaven: Chayim – Life.

Gemar Tov to everyone.

An Ojibway in shul

Guest Voices

By AVRUM ROSENSWEIG

A couple of Shabbatot ago, I stood before the congregation at Beth David Synagogue together with Ken Syrette, a native Canadian. It was a historical morning.

Sometime in June, Rabbi Philip Scheim, the rabbi at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, invited me to his shul on a Shabbat morning to be a guest speaker.

I quickly agreed to do so, however with one request. I asked the rabbi if I could have an Ojibway man join me as a co-speaker, my partner in Ve'ahavta's Mobile Jewish Response to the Homeless Program.

His name is Ken Syrette, I told the rabbi, and he is a professional from Na Me Res (Native Men's Residence).

The rabbi agreed. He seemed as excited as I was that Ken, or Wind as he is known amongst his people, would speak to his congregation.

The Shabbat I was to speak arrived and I entered Beth David during the reading of the Torah.

I was seated by an usher and waited patiently for Ken to arrive. I was anxious and curious about how the congregation would respond to this tall, stocky man when he entered the sanctuary in his native garb and long flowing ponytail.

Ken arrived as the reading was almost complete. He looked around at the crowd and the stained glass windows. The synagogue environment was so different from his native home in the north.

Ken joined me and we were led up to the front row of the synagogue and seated close to the cantor. I felt both incredibly proud and truly conspicuous on that day.

There were three aufrufs that morning, and the grooms and brides were blessed by the rabbi. The cantor then entered into a stirring rendition of the prayer to close the ark.

The rabbi ascended the pulpit and introduced me to the congregation. I took the podium and asked Ken to join me. For me, the drama was about to begin.

We had made it. In a synagogue, not far from Bathurst Street, on a Shabbat morning, there we stood. An Ojibway and a Jew.

Many years before this, I had thought how great it would be to bring together a Canadian Jew and a native Canadian on a Shabbat morning. It seemed natural. It seemed right. We were landsmen. We share a country. We each understand the pain of exclusion.

I was exploding with excitement. This was the fulfilment of a dream. That is how I felt.

For the next 20 minutes, the brides, the grooms, the rabbi, the chazzan and the 200 congregants listened to Ken and me speak.

I challenged them to roll up their sleeves and dirty their hands for tikkun olam – repairing the world.

I spoke about the need to stop memorializing the Holocaust, and instead live up to our commitment of eternal vigilance of others' agonies and torments.

Ken is an artist. He has a daughter. The congregation was silent and respectful as Ken spoke stoically and brilliantly about his personal trek to overcome his alcoholism, to do something great, to help the homeless.

He spoke about the three Jewish homeless at Na Me Res. Jewish homeless. In a native shelter.

At the end, after Ken's unassuming and unexpected thank you, he and I took our seats once again in the front row.

Some of the shul's more effusive members approached us with big smiles and wished us yasher koach, well done.

My leg was excitedly shaking back and forth – as is my way.

Ken sat quietly and listened to the chazzan as he began a cantorial version of the Mourner's Prayer. I looked at Rabbi Scheim as the congregation set about reading the silent prayer. I felt the whole thing was magnificent.

Later, following the Kiddush and Ken's introduction to marinated herring, we walked out of the shul into a sunny and beautiful day.

One of Beth David's congregants approached me and asked me if she could get involved with Ve'ahavta. I said "sure" and handed her my card. The world seemed somewhat more together.

I realized that a couple of hundred Jews in Toronto, and an Ojibway man had just made a little bit of history. Well done to all of us!

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Seymour Epstein takes the reins as BJE's director

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Epi's back.

Seymour Epstein, guru of many of Toronto's Jewish youth in the heady days of spiritual searching in the 1960s, has recently taken up the reins as director of the Board of Jewish Education (BJE) and vice-president for Jewish Education and vice-president of UJA Federation.

The Toronto-born Epstein, 53, has earned degrees from the Jewish Theological Seminary, Columbia and Brandeis universities, and the University of Toronto, where he got his doctorate in education.

In Canada, he worked at United Synagogue Day School where he helped found an experimental high school, he directed the Jewish Teacher Training Program at McGill University, and he was also very involved in Camp Ramah.

In 1981, he moved to Casablanca, Morocco, to become educational consultant for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). Based in Israel, he continued working for JDC in western Europe and the former Soviet Union.

Wanting to spend less time travelling, and more time with his family – his wife Cheryl and their children Yoni, 16, and Sarit 14 – he was pleased when the BJE position became available, he said.

He wanted to be a part of a community with the strong commitment to Jewish education that Toronto has, he said. "In terms of organization, it is the most positively oriented community, and has been for a long time."

Saying he has tremendous respect for classroom teachers, he said that one of his main goals is to "find a format where the best teachers can shine."

Teachers, he said, can help in such aspects of education as curriculum, teaching techniques, the life of the school, and problem and special children.

While the details have not been worked out, Epstein said that he wants to create a "teacher incentive program," where teachers, perhaps for a stipend, will have the opportunity to be creative and innovative. For instance, they might work on bolstering tzedakah or the importance of ecology, he suggested.

Seymour Epstein

People must recognize the importance of the supplementary school, he said. "Look at the total picture. Many Jews are less committed, and have opted for supplementary schools. A large group are peripheral [to the rest of the Jewish community] and get no education at all, but might be tempted to attend a supplementary school."

These programs, Epstein said, must be made more effective and efficient. "Don't complain that they only run for two hours. What counts is what you do for those two hours."

There must be more "sensitivity and sensibility" about special education, Epstein said, noting that a report on the subject commissioned by the BJE is expected out in about six months.

Epstein said he sees a gap between "the services offered and the services required," for both learning disabled and gifted children.

"The philosophical issue here," he said, "is the general obligation of the school to teach the child as he or she is. Every child has strengths and weaknesses, and needs specific help. Special education is getting very special help to one child."

There must be more planning and organization, as well as more of an effort to encourage the government to fund needed services, Epstein said.

CHAT building wheelchair accessible

The job of the BJE, he said, is to facilitate and encourage all the agencies involved with special needs, such as Jewish Vocational Services and special and regular schools.

"People don't notice the little things," he mused. For instance, the renovated CHAT building will be wheelchair accessible. "It's a small but important thing that encourages the attitude that every child is entitled to a Jewish education."

Education is not just what goes on in a classroom, Epstein said. Informal experiences like attending camp are major factors in forming a Jewish identity. As well, he said, adult education for different stages in life – from the young family to the elderly – should be encouraged.

Epstein said he feels "comfortable" among Jews of all denominations. "Even though I have a highly developed personal spiritual life, it hasn't stopped me from having a deep respect for other Jews – especially those comfortable in their own ideology, be it Conservative, Orthodox or Reform."

He said, "self righteousness and complacency are our worst enemies. We must encourage respect between all of us."

Epstein sees himself as "more of a team leader than a solo act. We have to respect [other people's] patterns of work and ideology."

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CJN Internet goes daily with new section

TORONTO — *The Canadian Jewish News* has gone daily – *The CJN Internet* that is.

When The CJN Internet was launched in February 1998 it was decided that it would mirror the major sections of the weekly print edition and it would only be updated on a weekly basis, with the exception of a ticker tape-like headline that would change daily.

At that time, *CJN* general manager Gary Laforet said that it would remain "a work in progress."

And so it has.

Since its launch, a food section and letters to the editor section have been added, while parenting has been merged with the health section.

However, until a week ago, the Internet edition remained a weekly.

On Aug. 24, an international section which will be updated on a daily basis was added.

"News by its very nature is current events," said *CJN* Internet editor Jeff Rosen. "The Israeli election and the recent shootings in Los Angeles have shown us the importance of keeping our site up to date with the latest news events.

"Our international section will allow us to do so, offering news updates and breaking international news.

"It will also feature analyses, backgrounders and opinion pieces by leading journalists, educators and scholars," Rosen added.

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BEIT HALOCHEM GOLF TOURNEY

Beit Halochem Canada (Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel) recently held its Dominion Hosiery Golf Tournament at the Kleinburg Golf & Country Club. From left are Ruth Kamiel, Itz Fine, Roseanne Fine and Dave Fine.

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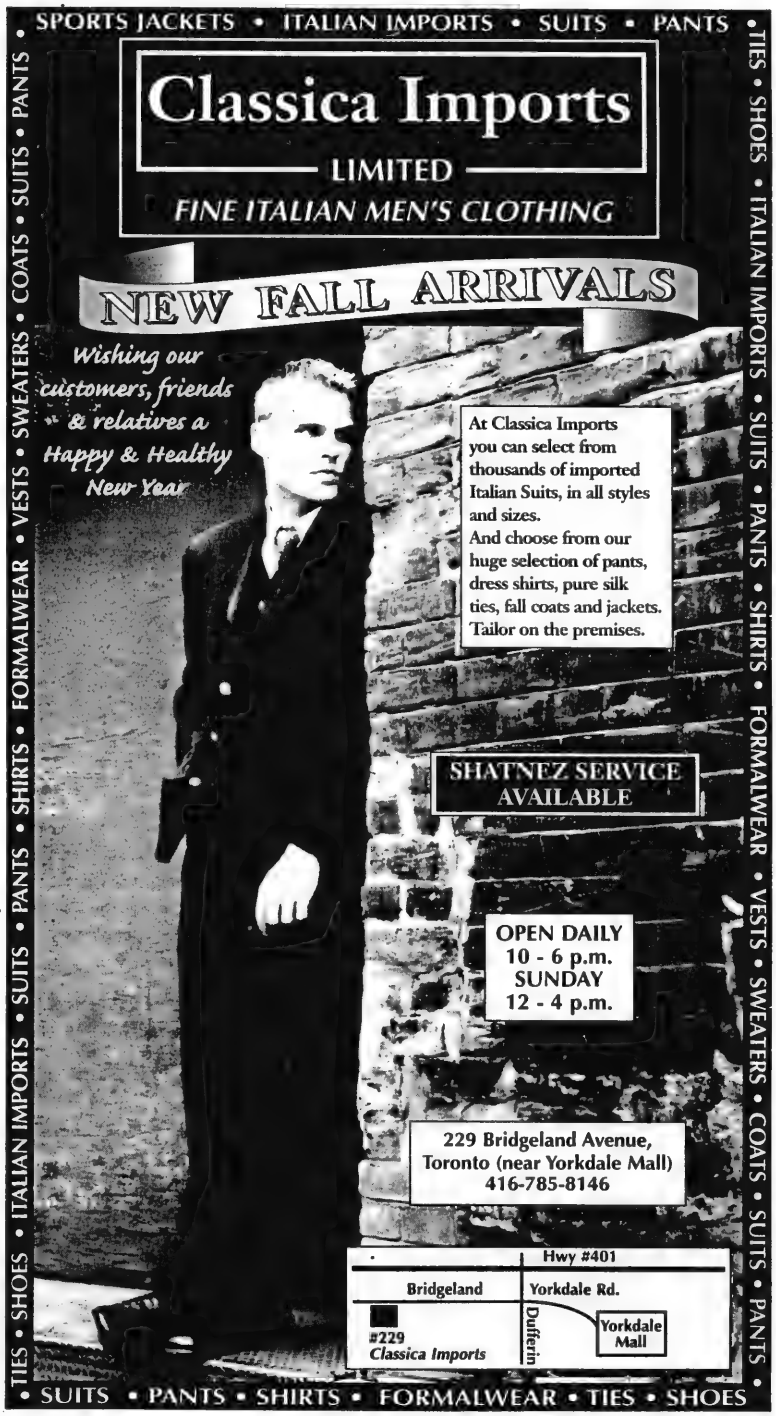
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Campaign 2000 Underway

UJA Federation Launch Sold Out

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Using sights, sounds and a roomful of enthusiasm, UJA Federation excited the senses for a sold-out crowd of over 1,200 guests at Monday's kickoff of Campaign 2000. But in the end it was the evening's emotional impact that will be most remembered. From the first video image, to the final musical presentation from Israeli singer, Marina Faingold, the event returned again and again to the theme of how UJA Federation funding changes Jewish lives around the world.

"Changing lives is what UJA Federation and this campaign are all about," declared David Engel, who, with Mel Wolfond, is co-chairing the campaign. "We're rescuing Jews facing growing anti-Semitism in the former Soviet Union, providing shelter and safety for abused women and children right here in Toronto and helping members of our community connect more closely with Jewish life," said Wolfond.

This theme was first introduced during the showing of *Wings of a Butterfly*, a campaign video by Emmy award-winning filmmaker, Simcha Jacobovici, which illustrated how individuals can transform individual lives and the world as well.

One of the guest speakers, Sigal Hobbey, an Ethiopian immigrant now living in Israel, provided a practical example of the video's primary message. Her aliyah was funded by the UJA Federation-supported Jewish Agency, which is "bringing home" over 3,000 Quara Jews from one of Ethiopia's most remote regions. The emotional pull took an intellectual turn with the appearance of CNN White House correspondent, Wolf Blitzer.

The Launch was chaired by Ronald Appleby and Fran Sonshine.

Campaign 2000 is year two of UJA Federation's drive to raise $50 million annually by 2001. Last year's record total of $40.5 million was four million more than the year before and campaign officials are counting on the same pace of growth for this year and next.

"We have our work cut out for us," said Women's Campaign Chair, Carole Sterling, "but I know the community will answer the call and make this the most successful UJA Federation campaign ever."

Campaign 2000 Launch headliners.

A "Dream" for the Future

By Elaine Fogel

UJA Federation has left a marked impact on the life of 19-year-old Tamar Pichkhadve. With worldwide UJA Federation funds, she and others from the former Soviet Union (FSU) have immigrated to Israel as part of a Jewish Agency program called CHALOM, which translates as "dream" in Hebrew.

When Tamar was 10, civil war erupted in Tbilise, the capital of Georgia, where she was born. There was limited electricity, and in some places, no water or bread. "Everything was falling apart," she remembers. Schools and universities were closed. Children lay dying in hospitals. Life was extremely difficult.

Photo courtesy of Douglas Guthrie

Although the Georgian Jewish community had enjoyed relative religious freedom for over 2,500 years, a rarity in the FSU, anti-Semitism erupted during this period. Bandits broke into their house while her brother and grandmother were alone. "The robbers knew we were Jewish, so they wanted gold and money," Tamar recalls. When her brother and grandmother explained that they had none, the thieves threatened to kill them, disbelieving that Jews could be without wealth.

"They put an iron to my grandmother's head while she screamed for help," Tamar recounts. They returned to kidnap her brother, smashing him on the head with a gun. A week later, the family decided to send Tamar's brother to Israel for his safety.

Tamar remained in Tbilise until she was 17, finishing school with honours. One day, she received a phone call about the CHALOM program from a Jewish Agency emissary and made aliyah in 1997. She now works as a receptionist in a Dead Sea hotel .

The CHALOM program accepts 2,000 students from the former Soviet Union each year. At a cost of $7,000 (U.S.) annually per person, and so many young people applying, the program cannot meet financial demands. CHALOM is one of many Jewish Agency projects, funded by the worldwide UJA Federation network, on behalf of young people in the FSU.

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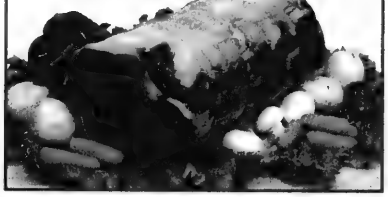

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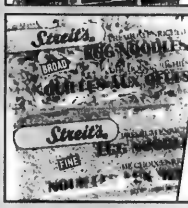

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Shul's music director honored after 50 years

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

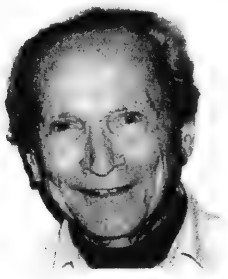
TORONTO — Gordon Kushner loves music. That fact, and his health, he said recently, account for his longevity as Beth Tzedec Congregation's director of music and choir conductor.

Not to mention that he had "no ambition," he joked in a recent interview.

At 83, he still enjoys his work – and still teaches the occasional student. His 50-year association with the congregation dates back to Goel Tzedec, which merged with Beth Hamidrash Hagadol in 1952 to form Beth Tzedec.

Kushner's work at the synagogue, however, represents only one aspect of his music career.

On Sept. 25, the first day of Sukkot, he will be honored at Beth Tzedec during services. As part of the tribute, several of Kushner's original compositions and musical arrangements will be performed.



Gordon Kushner

He will also be presented with a bound collection of his synagogue compositions.

"I don't call myself a composer," Kushner told *The CJN*. His liturgical music is "quite traditional," he said. "I try to tailor part of it so congregants can chime in if they want to."

Kushner's familiarity with traditional liturgy dates back to his early childhood in Winnipeg, where his father Nachman was a Hebrew teacher and cantor at the "Mishnayes" congregation, which no longer exists.

Gordon's mother, Sossie, used to sew dresses for his piano teacher to pay for his lessons.

Both parents discouraged him from becoming a "klezmer," someone who plays in a club.

He studied accountancy for a while, but gave it up when he was unable to find an apprenticeship. "In those days, there was one Jewish chartered accountant in Winnipeg," he recalled.

He never stopped playing piano, and his avocation eventually led him to the CBC, where he first performed on live radio (then the Canadian Radio Broadcasting Corporation) in 1936.

After serving in the Royal Canadian Navy during World War II, Kushner moved to Toronto to study at the Royal Conservatory of Music.

His first year here, in 1946, he met his wife, Thelma, after a Jewish music concert. He proposed on their second date.

Now the parents of two and grandparents of three, they celebrated their 52nd anniversary in June.

"We have differences of opinion – and most of the time, she's right," Kushner chuckled. "She's a very sparky lady."

At the CBC, Kushner worked as a radio and television announcer, soloist, conductor, arranger, composer and orchestral pianist as well as a producer of several musical shows.

He taught theory, composition and piano at the University of Toronto's faculty of music from the early 1960s until 1972 and was with the Royal Conservatory of Music from 1972 until 1991 (ultimately as principal), having been asked back twice after retiring.

He was also involved in early childhood music education through the Kodaly system.

In the 1950s, he accompanied singer Evelyn Pasen (now Dorfman) for a fill-in show she did following *General Electric Playhouse* on CBC television.

She knew she "could always rely" on Kushner despite the uncertainty of not knowing from one week to the next how much time would be allotted for her show.

Now a member of the Beth Tzedec choir, Dorfman says of Kushner, "He's a fine musician and a nice person."

"I can hardly believe he's a man in his 80s," said Faye Kellerstein, also a choir member. "He's just so with it. He hears every little nuance and every little flaw...but he's also a mentsch. He doesn't lose his temper easily. It's fun to work with him."

Like his father, Kushner has enjoyed getting to know his students. "How do you get the students interested? That's the important thing," he said.

Nachman Kushner had "great musical instincts," said Gordon. "His tastes were serious classical music."

Kushner himself enjoys most types of music, he said.

Just the day before, he had bought a Cleo Laine CD of pop tunes, on impulse, while shopping for cheese at a local food store.

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Israeli Scout Friendship Caravan delights kids

By NICOLE SALAMA
Student Intern

TORONTO — The themes of international friendship and brotherhood exploded at the Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC) last month, when the Israeli Scout Friendship Caravan came to town.

The Israeli scouts put on their 121st performance for roughly 400 children at the BJC's Centre Camp. The five boys and five girls gave an enthusiastic show filled with singing, dancing and Israeli education.

The 16- and 17-year-olds performed songs in English and in Hebrew. The style of music varied from *Fiddler on the Roof* to modern tunes. The performers engaged the crowd and encouraged the children to dance with them on stage.

Earlier in the week, the Caravan performed at Shalom Village, a home for the elderly in Hamilton, and at Mel Lastman Square in Toronto.

This year is the Caravan's 25th anniversary, and the teenagers have been travelling across North America since June. As well, the Caravan is heading to Brazil for a week after leaving Canada.

Two members of the Caravan, Omer Gil and Orit Stern took a few minutes out of their hectic schedules to speak with *The CJN*.

Both 17, Gil and Stern said they feel this is "a once in a lifetime experience" and that their time in each city is "too short."

Becoming part of the Caravan involves three stages of tests and four months of rehearsals and preparation, they said.

It's a lot of work but it's worth it to "see we affect people," said Gil.

Robert Engel, the national chair of the Jewish Advisory Committee on Scouting and Guiding in Canada said scouting in Canada differs from the experience in Israel. Both focus on "international brotherhood" but "singing and dancing is a part of scouting in Israel," while in Canada, they are not emphasized as much.

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Members of the Israeli Scout Friendship Caravan entertain a receptive audience at the Bathurst Jewish Centre. [Robert Engel photo]

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- *Augment subsidies for the poor and enlarge job placement programs for Jews receiving government assistance*
- *Enhance palliative care for the dying and counseling for their families*
- *Offer an opportunity for more teenagers to participate in the March of the Living*
- *Increase support programs for Holocaust survivors*
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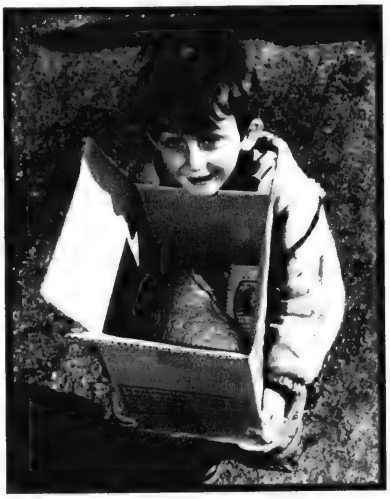
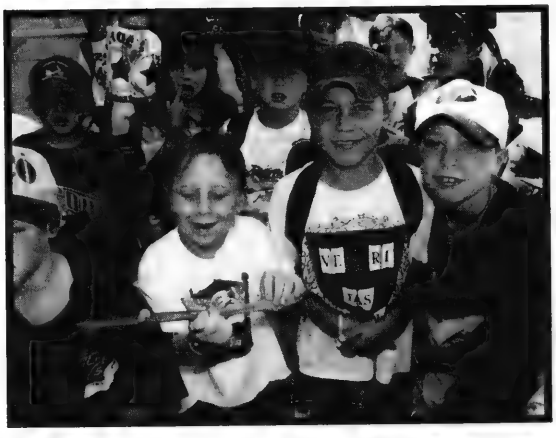


Campaign 2000

Heading for Fifty

Last year, UJA Federation launched a bold initiative to raise $50 million annually by 2001 to assist the vulnerable, strengthen Jewish identity, and rescue Jews in danger. Thanks to your remarkable generosity we're off to an outstanding start. We raised $40.5 million - over four million more than the year before. Now, buoyed by your support, we've expanded existing programs and initiated new ones, as we Head for Fifty. Here's just a small sampling of what we've accomplished together through last year's additional donations:

- *We increased our allocation to Jewish Family & Child Service by over $550,000 to assist, among others, the Jewish poor; abused women and children witnessing violence.*
- *We allocated substantial funding for life-saving hunger relief on behalf of desperately poor, elderly Jews in the former Soviet Union.*
- *We helped make it possible for an expected 60,000 Jews this year to find freedom in Israel from anti-Semitism and economic instability in the former Soviet Union.*
- *We extended additional support to Zareinu , which provides high quality Jewish education to challenged children.*
- *We initiated family education programs for children and their parents to learn together about the beauty of Judaism.*
- *We wrote a new chapter in Jewish history by helping to bring Jews home to Israel from Ethiopia's remote Quara region.*



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Compensation for Palestinian refugees explored by experts

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

Some of the world's leading experts gathered in Ottawa recently to explore one of the world's thorniest problems: compensation for Palestinian refugees.

The two-day informal gathering, which was closed to the media, was the third in a series of conferences and dialogues in the so-called "Ottawa Process," which has been examining a comprehensive solution to the problem for nearly two years.

The process is an outgrowth of the Refugee Working Group, which Canada has chaired since 1992.

According to the workshop's final report, which is posted on the Internet, 26 participants and several guest speakers and observers mulled over academic studies on the subject, which has proved among the most sensitive issues in Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. That's because it has traditionally involved stratospheric amounts of money, and raised the spectre of the Palestinians' so-called right of return to their former homes.

Conference participants discussed who should get compensation, how it should be paid, and who should administer the process.

Israel was represented by Shlomo Gazit and Mark Heller, both of Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies. Gazit, a former head of Israeli military intelligence, is the author of a 1995 study that caused a stir, because it argued that the solution to the refugee problem was the establishment of an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and a kind of "Law of Return" for diaspora Palestinians.

Israel has always categorically ruled out the right of Palestinians to return to their pre-1948 or pre-1967 homes because the resultant influx of millions of Arabs would seriously upset the population balance – perhaps threaten the Jewish majority – and thus spell the end of the Zionist dream.

But since bilateral and multilateral peace talks began in 1991, Israel has become more receptive to the notion of compensation for Palestinians who lay claim to pre-state property or who have suffered as a result of being uprooted.

There was general agreement at the conference that states bear responsibility for their actions, and that refugees (both Palestinians and Jews) have a right to restitution or compensation.

However, the workshop heard that international law is not well developed in the area of compensation for Palestinians, who have been officially stateless and were not nationals of any country at the time their losses took place.

Over the decades, there has been wide disagreement on how many Palestinian refugees there are in the world. The United Nations puts the number at 3.5 million (including those displaced by the 1967 Six Day War). Israel estimates the total amount is around two million, while Palestinians have said the number is closer to five million.

Following the 1948 War of Independence, some 700,000 Palestinians became refugees.

However, there was broad agreement in Ottawa that while the payment of compensation recognizes that property seizures took place, it does not mean an admission of responsibility. That principle, delegates heard, might help to make compensation more politically palatable in Israel.

"If Israelis are assured that the final status agreement will resolve the refugee issue, and if there is both a defined amount due and a defined end to the process, they are more likely to support it.

"On the other hand, any fear of a continuing and open-ended process of refugee claims would make Israel much less willing to accept or contribute," the report says.

Today, Israel is offering collective compensation for refugees – an unspecified lump sum to be paid into a general fund for their rehabilitation.

But the Ottawa conference underlined just how far apart the two sides are when it comes to the crux: how much money is involved. Various and wide-ranging estimates were put forward.

For example, in 1951, the UN estimated Arab property losses in the 1948 war at 120 million Palestinian pounds.

Those figures spiralled upward in the ensuing years and today, Palestinian researchers translate material losses into the range of $235 billion (U.S.), adjusted for inflation, interest and currency fluctuations.

That amount, they stress, would be increased (some say doubled) if psychological damages were factored in

Previous proposals from Arab experts suggested $20,000 per refugee.

Israel's Gazit suggested that $7-$10 billion in total is feasible.

The international community has thus far pledged around $7 billion over 10 years to support the peace process through aid to the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and has actually delivered about $500 million a year.

While some participants held out the hope that "substantially" more funds would be secured from international donors to finance the refugee component of final status talks, "most of those with experience in the foreign aid sector warned that this was unlikely to be the case."

No specific references were made to the 450,000 Jews who fled Arab countries in 1948. Many lost all their property, for which Israel demands reciprocal compensation.

The workshop was held under the aegis of the Palestinian Refugee ResearchNet, which is maintained by the Inter-University Consortium for Arab Studies in Montreal, and the International Development Research Centre, a federal government department that assists developing countries.

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Jewish Defence League to open Montreal office

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Montreal-born Jewish Defence League (JDL) national chair, Irv Rubin, said he will open an office of the militant group here this fall to defend Jews from, what he sees as, the threat to their security posed by the nationalism of sovereigntists.

The chapter will be launched in "mid- to late September, or the first of October, at the latest," he said in a telephone interview from Los Angeles, which is where the JDL is headquartered. He said he will be in Montreal for the launch.

Jewish community officials, however, were skeptical. Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) Quebec chair, Dorothy Zalcman Howard, charged that Rubin is "capitalizing on recent events at the Jewish Community Centre in LA to promote his organization and objectives." CJC said it is strongly opposed to the JDL's "vigilantism."

Rubin said he has several candidates for the position of director, and is trying to make up his mind which to select.

"I have to choose the right person. They have to be articulate, they have to be knowledgeable about Jewish history, especially in that town, and they have to be dedicated. This is a 24-hour-a-day job, or at least it is in the United States," Rubin said.

Rubin has been talking about a Montreal chapter since the 1995 referendum. That effort intensified in 1996 when Le Soleil columnist, Michel Vastel, created a controversy over remarks he made that referred to Jews killing Christ.

In the midst of the debate over whether the name of the Lionel Groulx metro station should be changed in light of the nationalist leader's anti-Semitic views, Vastel said, in effect, on a radio talk show that he was fed up with Quebecers being asked to renounce Groulx and that the Jews, after all, were not being asked to apologize for killing Christ.

Rubin said they failed at that time. The fact that the JDL was then "rebuffed by CJC and the establishment" did not help.

Rubin, 54, said he first experienced anti-Semitism in Montreal, before the family moved to LA in 1961.

He recalled signs on hotels warning "No dogs or Jews allowed," and that "French-Canadian schoolchildren taunted him because he was Jewish."

Rubin believes "Jew hatred" is still a problem here. "If my fears about separation finally come true, and I believe they will, even Sephardi Jews will not feel so comfortable among the French," he said.

He described a JDL presence in Montreal as an "insurance program" to safeguard the Jewish community.

Rubin said he realizes there are a "lot of naysayers" who insist anti-Semitism is not an issue in Quebec, but he said that is not what he is hearing from his own sources.

Asked who they were, he mentioned Dan Nimrod, who publishes a newsletter on Jewish affairs, from an arguably right-wing perspective.

Besides combating anti-Semitism, Rubin said the JDL has a role to play among Jews themselves, fighting assimilation and "self-hatred."

For many years, the JDL's Canadian office was located in Toronto and run by Meir Halevi. Rubin, a former U.S. air force sergeant, has headed the JDL since its founder, the late Meir Kahane, went to Israel, where he founded the extreme right-wing party, Kach.

New counsellor at embassy

By DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — Amir Maimon arrived in Canada at the end of July to assume the position of counsellor at the Israeli Embassy.

He takes the place of Chen Ivri, who returned to Israel at the conclusion of his posting.

With only three days together, Maimon and Ivri began their round of introductions, travelling to Toronto and Montreal to meet representatives of national Jewish organizations, including the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC), Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) and B'nai Brith Canada.

Maimon is now paying courtesy calls to his colleagues in the diplomatic communities, members of Parliament and representatives of various government agencies.

"Personal contacts are, I believe, one of the most important aspects of my profession and it takes time to establish good relations with people," he says.

Prior to joining the Foreign Ministry, Maimon had a distinguished career in the Israeli Army, where he achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel by the age of 28.

Maimon's foreign service career began with a posting to Ethiopia as second secretary at the embassy in Addis Ababa.

"Three months after our arrival in 1991, we were celebrating Purim with the Ethiopians at the embassy compound, when we received information that the rebels in the north had resumed the war and managed to capture the city of Gondor," says Maimon.

"I was the co-ordinator between the various organizations that were involved and the authorities in Ethiopia. My role was to make sure the plan to evacuate the Jews was accomplished."

His assignment as co-ordinator of what was known as Operation Solomon led to an award for his efforts in evacuating the Ethiopian Jews to Israel.

Maimon has also served in London and Ankara and spent two years as director of the Diplomatic Cadet Course in Israel.

Upon their arrival in Ottawa, Maimon and his family immediately began to settle in.

"The first day I arrived [in Ottawa], I joined the JCC," says Maimon.

He and his wife, Tal, and their sons Ofek, 4, and Naveh, 3, plan to get involved as quickly as possible in their new community, he says.

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Asper donates $2 million to U of M

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Izzy Asper, the Winnipeg Jewish community's pre-eminent philanthropist, celebrated his 67th birthday recently with a $2 million gift to the University of Manitoba, his alma mater.

The donation, the largest in the history of the university, is in the form of an endowment that will go toward the establishment of the new Asper Chair in International Business and Trade Law.

The endowed chair, the first in the university's history, is to be filled by Dr. Bryan Schwartz, one of Canada's best known experts on constitutional and international law.

"The endowment gives us not only the resources to expand the number of courses we can offer, but will also include, over time, funding for publications, distinguished visitors, conferences and support for research by students and professors," says Harvey Secter, the new dean of law at the university.

"The new chair also helps to bring together the faculties of law and management, the two faculties which match what goes on in the real world of commerce and legal issues," Secter says.

This gift by Asper, the founder and chair of international media giant Canwest Global Communications Corp., is not his first to the university.

Two years ago, Asper – he graduated with a law degree in 1957 – gave the university $1 million to establish the Asper Centre for Entrepreneurship within the faculty of management.

In the past couple of years, Asper, through the Asper Foundation, contributed $1 million toward construction of the Asper Jewish Community Campus which opened in September, 1997; and $500,000 to build a band-shell at Assiniboine Park, Winnipeg's biggest park.

The foundation also provides $90,000 annually for Grade 8 students at the Grey Academy, which is located at the Asper campus, to visit the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington.

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Winnipeg Torah reader retires

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Ernest Kern may well set a record as a Torah reader. The 88-year-old Holocaust survivor recently retired after 45 years as the Torah reader at the Kanee Centre of the Sharon Home, Winnipeg's Jewish nursing home.

Originally from the former Czechoslovakia, Kern studied at the yeshiva in Pressburg in the mid-1930s. He settled in Winnipeg in 1953 after stops in Palestine, Rome and Vienna.

He found work as a sewing-machine operator with the J.H. Hecht Company. Mr. Hecht, a past president of the Sharon Home, learned about Kern's ability to read Torah and recruited him for the home.

Kern hadn't missed a Shabbat service in all the years that he was the Torah reader at the synagogue in the home.

A spokesperson for the home says that the administration wanted to give him a retirement party of some kind, but Kern, a humble man, didn't want anyone to make a fuss over him.

Scene in Ottawa

By G.K. SIMCOE

There is a saying among pollsters: "All is according to the question." Even if swayed by polls, most of us understand that the questions used in polls are designed to lead respondents towards particular conclusions.

This ought not come as a surprise given that most polls are not commissioned by impartial monitors of social, economic and political trends. Rather, the data is typically used and paid for by groups with a vested interest in a poll's conclusions.

If true in general, then this certainly applies to polls commissioned by political parties.

This brings us back to the recent Liberal caucus meeting in Halifax where the Liberal pollster Michael Marzolini provided the empirical data to support the course predetermined by the prime minister.

Seeing the numbers, the rank and file of the caucus suddenly fell into line.

The general media did not pursue this incongruity. Instead, the story of the Halifax gathering focused on Marzolini's discovery of an apparent surge in national support for the Progressive Conservative party and its *alt-neu* leader, Joe Clark.

Taken together with news reports of Preston Manning's underwhelming campaign-style visit to New Brunswick, it made for a seemingly credible insight.

It's a shame that no one considered the source of the revelation. If someone had, the first question that would come to mind is: "Why would the Liberals trumpet renewed support for their old nemesis, the Tories?"

Could it be that in an attempt to sabotage any chance of success in the "unite the right" effort, the Liberals offered Clark an illusion of progress in his struggle to revive the GOP of the North?

The Liberals are faced with an eventual resumption of Parliament. In the absence of any real agenda, what better way to further divide the opposition than to give a hopeless party new false hope? If so, it is difficult to conjure up a more cynical political ploy.

But even if we suspend any moral judgement regarding such a ploy, we are still confronted with a profoundly sad conclusion. Only a government wholly bankrupt of meaningful ideas would feel obliged to devise such tactics. Treading water may keep one's head above water, but it certainly doesn't get one very far, unless you count on the drift.

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New post breaks 'glass ceiling'

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from Steve Ain, who is currently dividing his time between Toronto and New York.

Ain continues to serve as executive vice-president of UIA Federations Canada two days a week. The balance of his work week is spent as interim chief operating officer of the New York-based United Jewish Communities, a recent merger of three national American organizations: United Jewish Appeal, the Council of Jewish Federations and United Israel Appeal of America.

Finkelstein's appointment in Toronto represents the breaking of a much-discussed glass ceiling in the organized Jewish community.

"I hadn't really thought of it that way, but yes," she said in an interview. "There are not a lot of females in senior positions in Jewish community organizations in North America. It's nice that UIA Federations is the first. Federations particularly are very conscious of the fact that there hasn't been a large representation of women in senior positions, particularly as the lead professional. It's a continuous issue."

Although more women are entering the field, there are no women among the chief professionals of the 20 largest Jewish federations in North America, she noted.

Among Finkelstein's roles during this transition year, she is involved in helping strengthen community links to Israel. A key component in that effort is the Partnership 2000 project, established in the early 1990s to facilitate people-to-people relationships between Israelis and Canadians.

Every community has different needs, and the Canadian Jewish community has needs on a national basis, noted David Goldstein, president of UIA Federations Canada. Among the organization's beneficiaries is Canadian Jewish Congress, he noted.

A lot of people mistakenly believe UIA sends money to Israel that Israel doesn't need, Goldstein said. In fact, 80 percent of UJA federation money allocated for overseas, goes to the former Soviet Union, he explained. The next 10 percent is used to help resettle new olim.

UIA Federations Canada is the "overall organization that provides the leadership, the funding and the direction for the Jews of Canada," said Goldstein. "If I can get people starting to sing off the same page, at the end of my term I feel I'll be a success."

Next week: a discussion with Steve Ain about his work at United Jewish Communities.

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(זכרונות) — פון אַלעק סילווער

וועג מען זאָל קענען פרעגן די לעבן־געבליבענע שארית־הפליטה יידן, וואָס זיי זענען קענען טאָג, וועג די מלחמה האָט אויסגעבראָכן — דעם ז־טן סעפטעמבער, 1939 — וואָלט מען באַקומען סוזיזנטער פֿאַרשידענע ענטפערס. יעדער איינער וואָלט גע־דענקט עפּעס אַנדערש וועגן יענעם גורל־דיקן טאָג, וואָס האָט אַרײַנגעוואָרפן די וועלט אין אַ שוידערלעכער קאַטאַסטראָפע אָן אין געווען דער אָנהויב פון שרעקלעכסטן יידישן חורבן.

יעדער יד פון פולן — אָן איך רעד דאָ וועגן דער פוילישער שארית־הפליטה, ווייל דאָס איז מיין געבורטסלאַנד — זעט דעם דאָזיקן טאָג אין אַן אַנדער ליכט. אויב דער זכרון דיצט אים אַדער איר נאָך גוט, קענען זיי זיך טיילן מיט איינדרוקן אָן זכרונות, וואָס זיינען נאָך זיכער אײַנגעקרײצט אין זייערע געדאַנקען. זיי וועלן פרי־בירן צו דערמאָנען זיך וואו זיי זיינען געווען אין יענעם טאָג; ווי האָט אויסגעזען דער טאָג; זייער רעאַקציע וועג זיי האָבן דערהערט די נייעס אָן אָדער וויטער. פֿאַרשטעדלעך, אַז עס האָט אַנדערש געווידקט אויף די עלטערע מענטשן, ווי אויף דער יונגט. אַנדערש איז אויך געווען דער אויסקוק פון גרויס־שטאָטישע אָן די קליין־שטאָטישע, פון די פרומע אָן די וועלטלעכע, פון עלטערן אָן פון קינדער, פון אָפּטימיסטן אָן פעסימיסטן.

כאָטש עס זיינען שוין אַריבער זעכציק יאָר, געדענק איך נאָך גוט דעם טאָג. איך בין נאָך געווען אַ יונגטלעכער — ערשט צוויי יאָר נאָך בר־מצווה. נישט לאַנג צוריק געהאַט געעדזיקט די פוילי־שע עלעמענטאַר שולע אָן זיך אַנגאַזויבן לערנען דעם דרוקערײַ־פֿאַך. איך בין נאָך דעמאָלט נישט געווען צופֿיל באַהאַנדזט אין דער וועלט־פֿאַליטיק. דאָס ביסל נייעס, וואָס מיר האָבן באַקומען פון דער פרעסע האָט נישט געמאַכט קיין רושם אויף אונדז, יונגטלעכע, ספּעציעל פון אַ קליין שטעטל.

מיר האָבן נישט געהאַט קיין ראַדיאָ, ווייל מיר האָבן נישט געהאַט קיין עלעקטריע. אין שטעטל זיינען געווען עטלעכע ראַדיאָס אויף באַטעריעס. אָזאַ ראַדיאָ האָט פֿאַרמאָגט די פּיעטראָוויטשעס קריסטלעכע אכסניא, נישט וויט פון אונדזער הויז. עטלעכע טעג פֿאַרן אויסברוך פון דער מלחמה האָט די אײַנעוינטיערין אַרויסגעשטעלט די ראַדיאָ אין פענצטער, עס הויך אויפגעדרייט און דורכגייערט פלעגן זיך אָפּשטעלן אין זיך צוהערן צו די נייעס, וואָס די פוילישע רעגירונג האָט איבערגעגעבן גאַנץ אָפּט. איך בין אויך געשטאַנען אין זיך צוגעהערט אין מיט יעדן שטיקל נייעס בין איך אַהיימגעלאָפן צו מיינע טאַטע־מאַמע.

פֿאַר אַ לענגערער צייט האָט די פרעסע געבראַכט נייעס וועגן די געשעענישן בײַ אונדזערע איידאָפּיאישע שכנים. היטלער, ימח שמו, האָט אַנגעהויבן צו פֿאַרכאַפּן שטחים אין לענדער נאָך אין 1936, וועג ער האָט אײַנגעשלאָסן צו דײַטשלאַנד דעם רײַך־גע־ביט. אין אָנהויב 1938 האָט ער אָנעקסידט עסטרײַך, דאָס סודעטן־לאַנד בײַם סוף פון 1938 אָקופּירט טשעכאָסלאָוואָקיע. עס איז אים נישט שווער אָנגעקומען, ווייל ער האָט ממש נישט געהאַט קיין שטערונג פון וועלכער עס איז „גרויסמאַכט".

די אייראָפּאישע וועלט האָט נאָך אַלץ געהאַפּט, אַז אַ מלחמה קען אויסגעמיידן ווערן. היטלער האָט געגעבן אַזאַ צוחאַב. אַבער וועג עס איז אים געלונגען אונטערצושרײַבן אַן אָפּמאַך מיט סטאַ־לינען, האָט דאָס געפּאַסט פֿאַר אים די טיר צו אַן אָנפֿאַל אויף פוילן, כלומרשט אונטער דעם אויסרײַד צו פֿאַרנעמען די פריישטאָט דאַנציג (גדאָנסק), אויף וועלכער היטלער האָט געוואָרפן אַן אויג.

אַן אַזוי איז עס דערגאַנגען צום טאָג פון ז־טן סעפּטעמבער, 1939. שוין נאָך פרי האָט די ראַדיאָ געבראַכט די נייעס, אַז די דײַטשע אַרמיין האָבן אַרײַנמאַרשירט קיין פוילן. איך בין אַהיימגע־לאָפן איבערצוגעבן די נייעס צו מיינע עלטערן. באַלד איז די שט־מונג אין שטוב גענוג אַ תשעה־באָב־דיקע. עס איז געווען פריי־טיק, וועג אין יידישע שטיבער איז מען פֿאַרנומען מיט צוגרײַטן אויף שבת. יענעם טאָג אַבער האָט מען שוין נישט אָנגעזען די פריי־ד, וואָס עס האָט געווײַטלעך געהערשט אין אַ פּריי־טיק.

די מאַמע ע"ה האָט נאָך געבאַקן חלות, געקאָכט פיש און אפֿילו צוגעגרײַט אַ משאַלטס. גלייכצײַטיק האָט זי געבראַכן די העפּט אָן, מיט אַ זיפֿץ, געוואָרפן טרויערדיק בליקן צו מיין טאַטן ע"ה, וועלכער איז נעמעס אַרײַנגעטאַן אין די יידישע צײַטונגען, וואָס זיינען ערשט אָנגעקומען. ער האָט שוין יענעם טאָג נישט גע־עפּנט די קרטשניע.

וואָס עס איז געשען וויטער, איז שוין געשיכטע. דער טאָג פון ז־טן סעפּטעמבער, 1939, וועט אַבער אויף אײַביק פֿאַרבלײַבן אין מיין זכרון.

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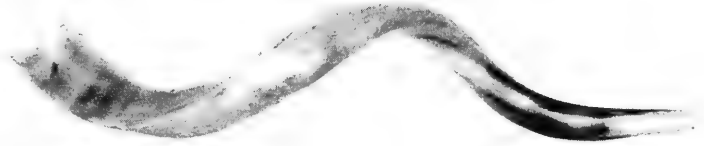

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Saturday, Sept. 4

AT ADATH ISRAEL

Prof. Charles Isbell, professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, Louisiana State University, speaks from the pulpit at Shacharit service, 9 a.m., on Mastering the Torah in Seven Easy Steps, and delivers the Annual Sidney & Tillie Colt Memorial Lecture entitled: Jerusalem Post, Dateline 975 BCE: King to Lead Selichot Services, at 9:30 p.m. Question period 10:30 p.m. Selichot services with **Rabbi Steven Saltzman, Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum**, professional choir, dedication of memorial plaques.

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AT SHAAREI TEFILLAH

Selichot services at midnight, preceded at 10:30 p.m. by melaveh malka and special address by **Rabbi Moshe Stern** at 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 5

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

My Jewish Discovery Place Children's Museum at Bathurst Jewish Centre presents The Rosh Hashanah Event! Crafts, games, yummy fruits, stories, songs, 1-4 p.m. Free with $2 museum admission or donate art supplies for the Zareinu Educational Centre for Children with Special Needs and get in free. 636-1880, ext. 456.

TORAH DEDICATION

Chabad @ Flamingo, the Ernest Manson Lubavitch Centre, Torah Dedication by **Betty** and **David Fluss** in memory of **Sol** and **Freda Fluss** and **George Braun,** 1:30 p.m. Rosedale Heights Plaza (Bathurst and Atkinson), Thornhill. Torah crowning donated by **David** and **Sandy Crone,** live music, entertainment and treats. 905-763-1331.

JEWISH STORYTELLING

Jewish storytelling at Beit Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave., 7:30 p.m., hosted by **Alec Gelcer.** All welcome to listen or tell. $4 donation. Presented by Jewish Storytelling Arts. 699-8914.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Hidden Lives by **Margaret Forster** discussed by the Feminist Book Discussion Group of Older Women's Network, North York chapter, 2 p.m., North York Community Centre, 505 Lawrence Ave. W. **Ruth Goldsmith** 782-6414.

Monday, Sept. 6

OHR SOMAYACH

For all searching Jews and those who want to reach them: Join Ohr Somayach's International Symposium addressing questions and problems challenging our faith today with Ohr Somayach scholars including **Rabbis Breitowitz, Becher** and **Gottlieb,** 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Leah Posluns Theatre. Lunch available. $25 in advance, $36 at door. For reservations, 905-886-5730.

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Wednesday, Sept. 8

SELICHOT PROGRAM

Kehilat Ahavat Chesed Selichot program at 788 Marlee Ave., 8 p.m., led by **Aubrey Glazer**. In a classical, mystical event incorporating song and study, prepare for the day of At-one-ment.

And What Else Is New

WOMEN AND THE LAW

Chief Justice R. Roy McMurtry speaks on Women and the Law at the Toronto Hadassah-WIZO fall general meeting and Bazaar launch, Monday, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m., Baycrest Terrace, 55 Ameer Ave. Couvert $10. Reply by Sept. 7, 630-8373.

TSHUVAH DRASHAH

Rabbi Moshe Stern will deliver the Shabbat Tshuvah Drashah on Shabbat afternoon, Sept. 18, 5:30 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue. Topic: Is Repentance Possible?

ORAYNU OBSERVANCES

Oraynu Community for Secular Humanistic Judaism High Holy Day celebrations. Tickets/information 385-3910:

Rosh Hashanah, Saturday, Sept. 11, 2 p.m., North York Memorial Hall, 5140 Yonge St. Special children's program, babysitting available. Pre-registration required.

Kol Nidre and Yizkor Remembrance, Sunday, Sept. 19, 8 p.m. North York Memorial Hall. Ages 10-adult.

Yom Kippur discussion, Monday, Sept. 20, 1:30 p.m., Central Library Auditorium. **Louis Greenspan**, former professor of Religious Studies, McMaster University, speaks on Family Dynamics: Joseph and His Brothers. Babysitting available. Please pre-register.

DRAMA CLASSES

Leah Posluns Theatre School is enrolling children, teens and adults for drama classes which start in October. Three 9-week sessions per year, starting October, January and March. All courses cost $150 plus annual $25 non-athletic membership at the Bathurst Jewish Centre. Pre-register. 636-1880, ext. 464 for information or 231 to register.

WELCOME THE NEW YEAR

Nowhere to go for the second day of Rosh Hashanah? Welcome the New Year with a one hour celebration of shofar, songs and cake, Sunday, Sept. 12, 11 a.m. to noon, Huron St. Public School, 541 Huron St. No tickets. First come, first served. Sponsored by Kolel: The Adult Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, Downtown Reform Minyan, and Canadian Council for Reform Judaism. 905-709-1894.

TALMUD-GEMARAH CLASS

The weekly Talmud-Gemarah class meets Wednesdays at 9:10 a.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Group starts Tractate Rosh Hashanah. Newcomers welcome. Class, led by **Aaron Nussbaum** is conducted in English. 633-8097.

TORAH HIGH SCHOOL

Afternoon Hebrew school for high school age students offered at three locations: north-NCSY Centre; south-Shaarei Shomayim; east-Kehillat Shaarei Torah. Registration takes place at all three locations Tuesday, Sept. 7, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Fee is $50 for the full year. **Guila** 905-761-6279, ext. 25.

THE KIEVER SYNAGOGUE

The Kiever Synagogue, an historical landmark situated at 25 Bellevue Ave. (Kensington Market area) offers High Holy Day services through Simchat Torah. Tickets/information, **David Pinkus** 593-9956. Children's programs also available.

APPLES AND HONEY

Holiday events at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Reservations required. 789-5502.

Apples and Honey, a community celebration of Rosh Hashanah, Saturday, Sept. 11, 10:30 a.m. followed by pot-luck lunch.

Community secular observance of Yom Kippur Sunday, Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m.

Ceremonies include music with **Dave Wall** of Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band.

OHR SOMAYACH

Ohr Somayach High Holy Day services include alternative classes, discussion groups, outstanding youth programs and free beginner's services (with reservations), 613 Clark Ave., Thornhill. **Judy** 905-886-5730.

HEBREW CLASSES

Beth Israel Hebrew Academy classes for children and bar/bat mitzvah preparations. Register now. 905-770-1082.

HAMILTON DAY SCHOOL

Kehila Jewish Community Day School in Hamilton opens its doors Sept. 7. This new Jewish day school in the Hamilton area welcomes students from all streams of Judaism and is committed to providing a high quality education in a stimulating Jewish environment. **Hamutal Deckel** 905-529-7725.

WEST TORONTO SERVICES

West Toronto Jewish Community Association High Holy Day services, Saturday, Sept. 11, 9 a.m., family service 10:30 a.m., held in conjunction with Knesset Israel Synagogue, 54 Maria St. This warm, friendly group also offers a neighborhood Hebrew school with tax-deductible fees and other community events. **Francine** 588-9436.

BOOK AND FILM SERIES

Adath Israel Sisterhood book and film review series (4 books, 2 films), led by **Heather Kassel.** All lectures are at 8 p.m. starting Tuesday, Oct. 5. Sisterhood members $45, non-members $80. **Marcia Pinchevsky** 782-6693 or **Fay Estrin** 636-7353.

WINCHEVSKY SCHOOL

Morris Winchevsky School's 1999-2000 season opens Sept. 11, 10:30 a.m. with a secular celebration of Rosh Hashanah. Classes, kindergarten to Grade 7, are held every Sunday morning beginning Sept. 19, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Program emphasizes Jewish history, traditions and culture and Yiddish and Hebrew languages. 789-5502.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service groups. For registration/information **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800, ext. 215.

Parenting the ADHD Child, a series for parents of children who have been diagnosed with ADHD. Learn what ADHD is, coping strategies, medication and other treatment modalities, how to maintain an effective treatment plan, and how to become a successful advocate for your child. Begins Oct. 13.

Bereavement Group begins Sept. 22; Pals-Interactive Social Skills Program. Groups for children 6-14 years who have difficulty making friends begins Oct. 13 and Oct. 18; The Single Parent Challenge begins Sept. 21; Adult Children Losing a Parent begins Oct. 21.

SELF-TRANSFORMATION

While in Toronto to lead High Holy Day services at Kehilat Ahavat Chesed, Jewish Theological Seminary rabbinical student **Aubrey Glazer** will run a series of self-transformation or tshuvah workshops focusing on Jewish meditation and practical Kabbalah using breathing exercises and chanting from the Book of Psalms, 9:30 p.m. to midnight Sept. 13-16. At the Yoga Studio in downtown Toronto. Pre-register. 923-9366.

FOR SENIORS

LZA Seniors Club is taking registration for its Miami trip, limited number of rooms available for 3, 4 and 6 weeks at Thunderbird Hotel. For information/registration, **Libby** 782-2059 or **Shelagh** 250-1234. Ladies folkdancing classes Thursdays 1:30 p.m. and Cultural Discussion Group Tuesdays 10 a.m. at Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Centre is open for socializing Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Senior Mixed Bowling League, 10-pin, every second Saturday night, is looking for a few members. **Walter Herrmann** 633-6175 evenings.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Sunday dances Sept. 5, Oct. 17 and 31; trip to Leelanau Sands Casino, Michigan, Oct. 4-7. $469 Canadian. 395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Sept. 2, bingo; Sept. 9, **David Shalom** talks about his personal experiences (in Hebrew); Sept. 16, video; Sept. 23, Hebrew lecture by **Joseph Penk** on the political situation in the Middle East; Sept. 30, Sukkot, no program; Oct. 7, lecture in English by **Shura Vorona** on UFOs; Oct. 10, Simchat Torah dance with the Teddy Band, for tickets call **Malka Colla** chair of the social committee 630-5771 or **Jerry Bengall**, president, 905-707-7334.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club: Opening meeting Oct. 4, travelogue with **Stanley Witkin**; *West Side Story* at Stratford Oct. 12; trip to Israel in the fall is being planned. **Lena** 785-5773. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Young at Heart Seniors trip to Florida at the glatt kosher Saxony Hotel, 1 ,2 or 3 months, efficiency, with or without meals, entertainment. **Helen** 635-6343.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 225-2112.

Introduction to the Schools of Psychology Part II with educator/historian **Sidney Soban**. Tuesdays, 10 -11:30 a.m. Sept. 7-Oct. 2 (6 lectures) **Bookie** ext. 116.

Low Vision Support Group meets Tuesday, Sept. 7, 1:15-2:15 p m. Dr. W G. McIntosh, a volunteer in the Tactile Department of CNIB, presents Let Your Fingers Do the Walking.

Israeli Club Etrog: Do you speak Hebrew? Join club members every Tuesday at 7 p.m. for movies, lectures, dances, sing-alongs, bingo, picnics. Sept. 7, special evening for the holiday. **Anna** ext. 110.

High Holy Day tickets on sale at ticket sales desk, Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Movie, *Speed* , Sunday, Sept. 5, 2:30 p.m.

WAGMAN CENTRE

Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. 785-2500.

Annual meeting Thursday, Sept. 2, 3-4:30 p.m. Agenda includes installation of the council's new executive committee, approval of the new constitution, guest speaker. For information, **Mara Swartz**, ext. 2275.

The Entertainers of the Wagman Centre had a successful summer entertaining in many venus with *Are You Having Any Fun*, a review of songs and dances from Broadway. Programs are in the planning for next year. If you love to sing and dance, come and join in! Call **Judith Ross** 491-8913.

Wellness lecture, Skin Care And Changes As We Age, with **Dr. Michael G. Davis**, Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1:30-2:30 p.m. For information, **Judy Chu** ext. 2340.

Reform Congregation of Baycrest Centre - tickets available for High Holy Day services at the Wagman Centre. **Eva** 780-9900.

Lunch & Learn - no program in September due to all the holidays. Next program is Tuesday, Oct. 26.

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Coast to Coast

Witelson named recipient of McMaster U chair

By WENDY SCHNEIDER GOLDBLATT
Special to The CJN

HAMILTON — McMaster University recently announced that Sandra Witelson would be the recipient of the Albert Einstein/Irving Zucker endowed chair in neuroscience.

This event followed closely after the publication of her research paper on Einstein's brain.

Two months after her research results appeared in the medical journal, *The Lancet*, she and her team are still exhausted from dealing with a barrage of interview requests, speaking invitations and correspondence.

The research paper is dedicated to her late husband, who encouraged her to proceed with the project.

Media event

The chair at McMaster was made possible by a $1-million donation by Hamilton philanthropist Irving Zucker, and matching funds by the university.

At a reception held last June at the university president's residence, Zucker credited both Witelson and federal MP Sheila Copps, for persuading him that the university's department of neuroscience would be a worthy recipient of his generosity.

"All my life," he joked, "women have been telling me how and where to spend my money."

The McMaster University president said that the endowed chair is hugely significant, ensuring that "the decade of the brain will continue for decades at McMaster." He called it "the biggest media event in the university's history."

Witelson was born and raised in Montreal, receiving undergraduate and graduate degrees at McGill University.

The Witelsons moved to Hamilton in 1969. Sandra began her career as an assistant professor at McMaster and her husband opened a practice in ophthalmology.

While research has always been Witelson's great love, she also enjoys teaching, finding that it's a good balance.

"With the contact one has with students you not only prepare the next generation, but you learn so much. When you teach you're imparting information, and when you're doing research you're trying to discover and add to existing knowledge. And that's an extremely exciting occupation."

The Zucker donation takes on even more significance given that Witelson says that much of her time is spent filling out grant applications

Witelson's contact with Hamilton's Jewish community had been fairly limited until the death of her husband in 1997, when she was overwhelmed by an outpouring of warmth and support.

She has since spent many hours with Rabbi Morton Green and Rabbi Bernard Baskin talking about Jewish tradition and discussing the differences between Judaism as a belief system, and science.

"One doesn't try to prove or disprove a belief system even though it can be modified with the interpretation of the Torah and Talmud.

"But science," she said, "is something that is constantly changing in the sense that one has a hypothesis of how things work and then one tries to do experiments or studies to challenge that hypothesis. So it's not really what one believes but what the evidence supports."

Witelson says that while she's sufficiently awed by the "how" of religion, she is impressed with the wisdom of Jewish tradition.

"I'm in awe of the great psychological skills and perceptions that the early rabbinical scholars must have had about human behavior."

Winnipeg Jew running in election

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Michael Lazar, a prominent younger member of Winnipeg's Jewish community, is the only Jewish candidate running for any of the three major political parties in the current provincial campaign. The Manitoba election was called for Sept. 21.

Lazar is running for the Liberals in the north Winnipeg riding of Kildonan where the majority of the north Winnipeg Jewish community resides.

Within the Jewish community, Lazar has been a member of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council since 1989. He has been on the national executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

He has also served five years as chair of the midwest division of the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights (1992-97) and recently he completed a two-year stint as vice-chair of the national body. In 1998, he was recognized by the community with the Harry Silverberg Leadership Development Award.

Although this is his first run at office, the Winnipeg lawyer has been an active member of the Liberal party since the mid 1970s. He was nominated for the riding in April.

"There is no question I am starting out as the underdog," he says.

"This is a strong NDP area although it does have a Liberal history as well. The current Member of Parliament for the area, Dr. Rey Pagtakhan, is a Liberal and a Liberal was elected in the 1988 provincial election."

The provincial Liberal party, however, is in poor shape. Except for 1998, the party has run a distant third in Manitoba elections for the last 30 years.

In the last election, the Liberals won just three seats and the party has been plagued by internal strife much of the time since that election.

Lazar recognizes that what he needs to win is a strong Liberal campaign and a crossover of disgruntled Tory votes. He says that he has met with a positive response in the early stages of the campaign.

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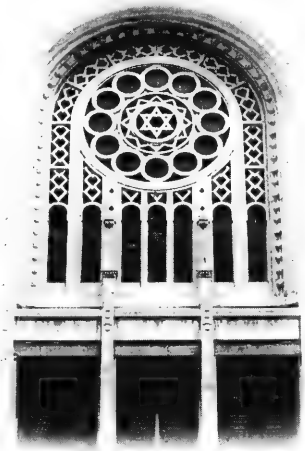

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Rosh Hashanah

Celebrating Rosh Hashanah - Sephardi style!

By RAHEL MUSLEAH
Special to the CJN

Tachel shanah u-birchotehah! Let the new year begin with all its blessings.

With this hearty declaration, the Rosh Hashanah feast begins in my home. But, like many families of Sephardi and Mizrachi origin, we don't actually eat the meal until we have recited many blessings in the context of a special Rosh Hashanah seder.

The seder consists of symbolic foods that represent our wishes for the new year. It is called a seder *yehi ratzon* (may it be God's will), because we ask God to guide us and provide us with bounty, strength and peace in the year ahead. Many of the foods are blessed with puns on their Hebrew names that turn into hopes that our enemies will be destroyed.

The talmudic origins of the seder date back to a discussion by Rabbi Abaye about omens that carry significance (Horayot 12a). He suggested that at the beginning of each new year, people should make a habit of eating the following foods that grow in profusion and are therefore symbolic of prosperity: pumpkin, a bean-like vegetable called rubia, leeks, beets and dates. Jewish communities throughout the world have adapted this practice, creating seders of their own.

This version of the seder was conducted in Calcutta, where my family is from. Though it delays the main meal by a few extra minutes, your Rosh Hashanah celebration will be enriched, infused with the blessings of life none of us should take for granted.

Arrange seven bowls on a platter and fill them with the following fruits and vegetables: dates, pomegranates, apples in honey, string beans, pumpkin, spinach and scallions. The original custom calls for a fish head to represent fertility, as well as a sheep's head: a tangible symbol of our wish to be heads, not tails – leaders, not stragglers. The sheep's head (the brains were removed and cooked) also served as a reminder of the ram that saved Isaac's life; we recite the story of the binding of Isaac on the second day of Rosh Hashanah. In my family, however, we have discontinued using these last two items: the fish because its Hebrew name, *dag*, sounds like the Hebrew word for worry, *d'agah*; the sheep's head, for obvious reasons.

Dates: Temarim

Advance preparation: Stuff pitted dates with walnuts.

At the seder: Pass around the bowl of dates and before eating, recite together: May it be Your will, God, that all enmity will end. May we date this new year with peace and happiness. (The word for "end," *yitamu*, sounds like *tamar*, the Hebrew word for date.)

Baruch Atah HaShem, Elokeinu Melech ha-olam, borei p'ri ha'etz. Blessed are You, Lord, Ruler of the universe, Who has created the fruit of the tree.

Pomegranate: Rimon

Advance preparation: Peel and remove all seeds from the pomegranate. Place the seeds in a bowl. If pomegranates are difficult to find, you may substitute figs, which also have numerous seeds. Try counting the number of seeds – if you have the patience.

At the seder: Pass around the bowl of pomegranate seeds, and before eating, recite: May we be as full of mitzvot as the pomegranate is full of seeds.

If you haven't counted the number of seeds, guess the average number a pomegranate has. Hint: It has something to do with the number of mitzvot in the Torah.

Apples in honey: Tapuach b'dvash

Here's where Ashkenazi and Sephardi tradition meet.

Advance preparation: Slice apples, and dip in honey, or create a traditional apple preserve by cooking apple quarters until they are soft in a small amount of water sweetened with sugar and spiced with whole cloves and rosewater.

At the seder: Pass around the apple, and before eating, recite: May it be Your will, God, to renew for us a year as good and sweet as honey.

String Beans: Rubia or Lubia

In India, where my family is from, we used a long bean with many seeds in the pod, called lubia, which is so similar to the original rubia that it may be the same vegetable. (The Soncino Talmud translates rubia as fenugreek, a tiny, bitter seed.) This bean is available in Indian and Chinese grocery shops. Otherwise, substitute string beans.

Advance preparation: Boil beans and place in bowl.

At the seder: Pass around beans and before eating, recite: May it be Your will, God, to increase our merits. (The word for "increase," *irbu*, resembles the word rubia.)

Baruch Atah HaShem, Elokeinu Melech ha'olam, borei p'ri ha-adamah. Blessed are You, Lord, Who has created the fruit of the earth.

By this point in the seder, the sweet foods have been replaced with vegetables. For children who are not vegetable lovers, it's good to know that the smallest bite is enough to fulfil the requirements of reciting the blessing. As I did when I was a child (all right, I still do it), you might encourage your children to reserve a piece of apple, pomegranate or date to sweeten their palate after munching on beans, spinach and scallions.

Pumpkin or Gourd: K'ra

Advance preparation: Boil pumpkin or gourd. If you use pumpkin, you can mash it and sweeten to taste with brown sugar or honey, cinnamon and ground cloves. Or open a can of pumpkin pie filling!

At the seder: Pass around pumpkin and before eating, recite: As we eat this gourd, may it be Your will, God, to guard us. Tear away all evil decrees against us as our merits are called before You. (K'ra resembles the words for "tear" and "called.")

Spinach or Beetroot Leaves: Selek

Advance preparation: boil spinach or beetroot leaves.

At the seder: Pass around spinach or beetroot leaves, and before eating, recite: May it be Your will, God, to banish all the enemies who might beat us. (Selek resembles the word for "banish," *yistalku*.)

Leeks or Scallions: Karti

Advance preparation: Slice leeks or scallions. Cook leeks in a little

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By NORENE GILLETZ
Special to The CJN

Cinnamon Hearts is an excellent and informative newsletter for diabetics and their families. The following are some cake and dessert recipes using honey, which appeared in the 1998 autumn issue. I have not yet had a chance to test all of the recipes personally, but they are from a reliable source and I'm sure you'll have great success! They have been reprinted with permission.

The dietary exchanges are American, but can easily be used by Canadians.

It is important to note that sugars are only one source of food energy. Just like other ingredients in food, sugars, in moderation, can still be part of a healthy diet. People with diabetes need to monitor their carbohydrate intake. Speak to your dietitian or physician for guidance.

Please note: If you have diabetes that is not tightly controlled, DO NOT eat sugary foods until your blood glucose readings are in the normal range and maintained.

For further information, contact Cinnamon Hearts DLE, PO Box 578340, Modesto, Calif., 95357-8340. Subscriptions:$21.80 US per year. Sample issue:$5 US.

The following recipes use easily available ingredients and can be enjoyed by both diabetics and non-diabetics alike. Have a sweet year!

HONEY CAKE (LEKACH)

Source: National Honey Board

½ cup strong coffee
1 cup honey
1 tbsp. brandy (optional)
2 eggs
2 tbsp. vegetable oil
½ cup brown sugar
2 cups all-purpose flour
1½ tsp. baking powder
1½ tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. ground cinnamon
¼ tsp. ground ginger
⅛ tsp. ground nutmeg
⅛ tsp. ground cloves

Enjoy sugars in moderation

Preheat oven to 300. Coat a 9-inch square pan with vegetable spray.

Combine coffee, honey and brandy; mix well and set aside.

Beat eggs in large mixing bowl; add oil and brown sugar.

Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and spices in medium bowl; mix well.

Add flour mixture to egg mixture alternately with honey mixture. Blend well. Pour batter into prepared pan.

Bake 55 to 60 minutes or until cake springs back when lightly touched. Makes 12 Servings.

Per serving: 237 cal.; 4 g fat; 48 g carb.; 40 mg chol.; 288 mg sodium.

Exchanges: 2 starch; 1 fat.

HONEY PUMPKIN MOUSSE

Source: National Honey Board
A new, not-so-traditional honey dessert.

4 eggs, separated
¼ cup honey
1 can (16 oz) solid pack pumpkin
2 tsp. all-purpose flour
1½ tsp. ground cinnamon
½ tsp. ground ginger
¼ tsp. ground nutmeg
¼ tsp. salt

In the top of a double boiler, combine egg whites and honey. Cook over simmering water, stirring constantly, until mixture reaches 160. Transfer mixture to a medium bowl. Using electric mixer on high speed, beat egg whites until cool and glossy peaks form; set aside.

In a medium saucepan, combine egg yolks, pumpkin, flour, spices and salt. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture boils; remove from heat.

Gently stir ¼ of the beaten egg whites into pumpkin mixture; gradually fold remaining egg whites into lightened mixture. Spoon mousse into dessert glasses; cover and chill. Makes 6 servings.

Per serving: 217 cal.; 4 g fat; 42 g carb.; 6 g protein; 2 g fiber; 160 mg chol.; 149 mg sodium.

Exchanges: ½ starch; 1 protein; ½ fat.

PLUM HONEY TEA BREAD

Source: National Honey Board

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. ground nutmeg
¾ cup buttermilk
½ cup honey
2 tbsp. vegetable oil
1 egg, beaten
3 plums, pitted and chopped
½ cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 325. Coat a 9x5x3-inch loaf pan with vegetable spray.

Combine dry ingredients in a large bowl; mix well. Combine remaining ingredients except plums and walnuts in a small bowl; mix until blended. Stir buttermilk mixture into flour mixture until just moistened. Fold in plums and nuts.

Pour into prepared pan and bake at 325 for 50 to 55 minutes, or until wooden pick inserted near centre comes out clean. During baking, cover top with foil after 25 minutes to prevent overbrowning. Makes 8 servings.

Per serving: 191 cal.; 6 g fat; 31 g carb.; 2 g fiber; 5 g protein; 20 mg chol.; 141 mg sodium.

Exchanges: 1 starch; 1 fat.

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Food Ideas for Rosh Hashanah

Couples work side by side in the kitchen

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
CJN Staff

In the earlier decades of this century, the men generally went to work and the women stayed home.

The division of labor tended to be clear – the men brought home the brisket, so to speak, and the women cooked it.

In this day and age of dual family incomes, the division of labor in the home is not as clear cut. Some couples divide household chores evenly. Many do not.

For some couples, meal preparation and clean-up are shared tasks. Usually one spouse cooks and the other does the clean-up and some take turns doing both.

There are other couples who actually cook together, divvying up the steps of the recipe – for example, one cuts and chops, while the other mixes.

Cooking together may be a good recipe for marital harmony, or another way to spice up a marriage.

The CJN interviewed Sarah and Mark Turkienicz, a couple who seem to have perfected their tag-team approach to cooking with their marinated salads.

They shared their recipes and thoughts on co-operative cooking.

Married for 18 years, Sarah and Mark, the parents of three boys, began sharing some cooking responsibilities about seven or eight years ago when Mark got interested in cooking, Sarah said.

"He would make small things like salad dressing and cooked salads. He's an expert in barbecuing steaks. I can't say he will cook an entire meal – beginning to end – but if he enjoys making a particular dish he does it. He's our salad chef."

For the last four or five years, the couple have been cooking several traditional Sephardi salads. The following recipes are for roasted pepper and marinated eggplant salads.

Sarah, who was born in Israel, said she ate these salads when she was growing up and learned to make them from her mother.

"They are definitely Sephardi dishes…Both salads have the same kind of character – one is made with eggplant and one is with peppers.

"These are the kinds of salads that you eat before a festive meal… Little plates with all kinds of appetizers like eggplant salad, hummus and techinah are served with pita and other breads and eaten until the meal actually comes.

"Mark always loved all these salads, and when he first got interested in making them, he started by doing the barbecuing."

While he is is now able to make the entire salad, the couple divides the labor, she said. "Mark usually barbecues. He also peels and cuts the peppers into strips. I normally do the dressing."

ROASTED PEPPER SALAD

We always barbecue the peppers, Sarah said. "The rich flavor that you get from the peppers comes from the roasting."

And while she uses a combination of sweet green and hot red peppers — the different colors make it easy for people to identify the hot peppers – she says it's not necessary to use any hot peppers.

6 to 8 cubanell peppers, which are thinner and longer than the more common bell peppers
4 small thin red hot peppers

Dressing
½ cup olive oil
4 cloves of garlic (optional) peeled and chopped
½ cup of lemon juice or the juice from one lemon
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. cumin

Grill or roast the peppers leaving them whole, with the stems and seeds intact. Do not peel, poke or

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Mark and Sarah Turkienicz prepare Sephardi salads. [Barbara Silverstein photo]

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cut them. Roast the peppers slowly on all side until there are black patches and the skin starts bubbling.

Put the peppers inside a covered pot – metal or glass – for 10 minutes. The condensation from keeping the roasted peppers covered will help loosen the skin and make it easier to peel them.

Take the peppers out one by one. Remove the skin with fingers. "It peels off easier than a banana," Sarah said.

Remove the stem and seeds from inside. Lightly rinse the peppers and then cut them cut into thin strips (1/4 -inch wide) on a cutting board. All the peppers – sweet and hot – are treated the same way. Put them in a bowl.

Combine the ingredients for the dressing – cumin, garlic, salt, lemon and oil – and add them to the bowl of peppers. Gently mix with a fork and refrigerate in a covered bowl. Use as needed.

This is enough for approximately three 250-ml jars. It will keep for a good two weeks.

MARINATED EGGPLANT SALAD

2 large eggplants, washed with stem and leaves removed.
4 to 5 cloves of garlic, chopped or minced
2 green onions, finely chopped, including the entire stem
2 sprigs of parsley, chopped fine
1/4 tsp black pepper
1/4 cup olive oil
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar

Slice eggplant horizontally into 1/4-inch thick slices. Lay the slices flat, cover them with salt on both sides and let them sit for about half an hour. The eggplant starts to sweat and little beads of water come out, and it may turn a little brown. (The salt removes the bitterness.) Rinse the slices under running water and pat dry with paper towels.

Barbecue eggplant slices. Brush them with olive oil to keep them moist, so that they don't stick to the grill. Keep brushing them with oil as they are cooking. When they are ready, the slices should have brown grill lines or stripes.

In a small bowl combine garlic, onions and parsley.

Take a platter that has a cover, preferably a shallow pyrex dish. Place a layer of eggplant slices in the dish. Sprinkle on the herb mixture. Prepare another layer and sprinkle on the herb mixture. Alternate the eggplant and herb layers until everything is finished.

In a separate bowl, combine the pepper, oil and vinegar together until they are mixed completely. Gently pour this mixture over the layers of eggplant. Cover and refrigerate. The salad tastes better a day later, after it has marinated.

Transfer to a serving dish. Serve the slices on the bottom first because they have been marinated longest.

Sarah said while Mark is barbecuing the eggplant, she chops the herbs for the dressing. "He grills. I usually cut and salt [the eggplant]. I mince the garlic, onions and parsley; he makes the dressing and pours it."

Having grown up in a home with both European and Sephardi cooking traditions, Mark said his interest in cooking started when Sarah began taking a cooking course in Thornhill a number of years ago.

"She was trying different dishes. What intrigued me the most were the sauces and their variations."

Mark explained how he began cooking the marinated cooked salads with Sarah. "I was overly critical one time. I said why don't you try more salt or more pepper? After that, it became a joint effort and a joint project."

He likes to barbecue. "A few years ago, instead of offering coffee and tea to visitor, I would say, 'How about a steak?' More than once I got taken up on the offer. That was eight or nine years ago. Now people are watching their cholesterol."

He notes that barbecuing the vegetables takes 30 minutes of constant attention.

While their three boys, Eric, 14, Ryan, 11, and David, 8, have not yet acquired a taste for these marinated salads, the couple gets many requests for jars of the salads, Mark said. "When we do the eggplant, there's a lineup for the jars from my immediate family... We prepare the jars with their names on them."

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Food Ideas for Rosh Hashanah

Chicken soup just like Golda used to make

By SOL MARSHALL
Special to The CJN

Some time ago, a friend asked me if I could supply the recipe for Golda Meir's famous chicken soup. There were many stories about how she welcomed world dignitaries during the time she was one of Israel's top government leaders.

Following the usual round of polite exchanges at the first meeting, she would suggest that they come to her home for dinner. The *heimishe* meals were credited with setting a climate that led to friendly and co-operative relations with many countries.

After looking through my collection of Jewish and general cookbooks, I had to confess that I had no record of this recipe. Then I called a half dozen other people, all of whom had recalled hearing about it, but could not help me with specifics.

A paragraph about this in my cookbook column, *The Menu Maven*, resulted in a postcard from a reader who wrote that George Putnam had the recipe and in years past, he had mailed copies to listeners. I wrote to Putnam at Los Angeles radio station KIEV, requesting a copy.

Then came a letter from another reader, enclosing a photocopy of the recipe, typed on a letterhead of the Israeli consul general in Los Angeles. The lead paragraph told the story.

"Dear George: Prime Minister Golda Meir asked me to transmit to you her favorite chicken soup recipe as promised during her visit to Los Angeles." It was signed by Y. Carmel.

What I like about these recipes is the style of the instructions, just like a Jewish mother. Only one specific quantity is mentioned – two beaten eggs.

GOLDA MEIR'S CHICKEN SOUP

Cook the chicken with parsley, celery, cut-up carrots, peeled onions, salt, pepper, a pinch of paprika, until the chicken is tender, usually less than two hours.

Meir generally served soup with knaidlach, prepared as follows:

Knaidlach:

Soak matzot in cold water until soft, then squeeze dry. Crush with a fork and add to it fried onions and a little oil, some parsley, salt, pepper and two beaten eggs. Add enough matzah meal for binding. Make into small balls and set aside for one hour. Drop the matzah balls into the boiling soup and cook for about half an hour.

Sephardi style

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broth if desired.

At the seder: Pass around leeks or scallions and before eating, recite: May it be Your will, God, to cut off all our enemies. (Karti resembles *yikartu*, the word for "cut off.")

Add the following English version of the blessing, if you like. It's from the *New Year Siddur* by David De Sola Pool, published by the Union of Sephardic Congregations: "Like as we eat this leek may our luck never lack in the year to come." De Sola Pool's other translations of the blessings are equally as "punny."

You can also create your own translations of the blessings, or think up new ones based on the symbolic foods. And if you still want to end the seder by wishing for heads, not tails, consider the vegetarian version: a head of lettuce!

In any case, may the year ahead be full of blessings! *Tachel shanah u-virchotehah.*

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Kugel courtesy of *CJN* staff

Given the task of searching out exotic kugel recipes, *The CJN* staff rose to the occasion and submitted some unusual, some not so unusual kugels that could give a slightly different touch to your meals this holiday season. Although not tested, each recipe has the reputation for turning out well.

EXOTIC PARSLEY KUGEL

1 bunch parsley
1 bunch coriander
1 bunch green onions
2-3 stalks celery
2 tbsp. vegetable oil
4 eggs
4 tbsp. bread crumbs
1 tbsp. instant chicken soup mix
a dash of white pepper
black pepper, cumin
all-spice and cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350. In food processor, dice all ingredients. In a large bowl mix in eggs, oil, bread crumbs, chicken soup powder and spices. Grease a 10-inch square baking pan. Bake for about 30-45 minutes or until firm and puffy. Serve with lemon wedges.

CRUSTY TOPPED NOODLE KUGEL

1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
½ cup margarine, softened
1 cup sugar
8 eggs, well beaten
4½ cups milk
2 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. lemon juice
dash salt
8 oz. egg noodles
½ cup graham cracker crumbs
1 tsp. cinnamon

Beat together cream cheese and margarine. Add sugar, mix well. Blend in eggs. Stir in next four ingredients. Cook noodles as directed, drain. Combine with cheese mixture. Pour into 13x9x2-inch baking dish. Mix graham cracker and cinnamon; sprinkle on top of noodles.

Bake at 350 for 1¼ hours or until browned and crusty on top. Allow to cool for 30 minutes. Cut into squares. Serves 10-12.

Note: This kugel tastes wonderful served with sour cream and strawberries.

CRANBERRY PEACH OATMEAL KUGEL

1 can whole cranberry sauce
1 16-oz. can of sliced peaches, without the juice. Peaches in light juice have 60 percent less calories.
2 cups uncooked oatmeal
¾ cups flour
½ cup vegetable oil
1 tsp. cinnamon
½ cup brown sugar (can be reduced to taste)

Mix dry ingredients plus oil. Grease 8-inch square pan. Spread half of dry ingredients in pan. In separate bowl, drain peaches and mix with cranberry sauce. Pour that mixture into the pan. Add remaining dry mixture. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for one hour. Serve hot. Serves 6-8.

JERUSALEM KUGEL

2 tsp. salt, or to taste
1 lb. capellini (very thin noodles)
½ cup vegetable oil
¾ cup sugar
4 eggs
1½ to 2 tsp. freshly ground pepper

Bring 3 quarts water to boil. Add 1 tsp. salt and noodles. Cook and drain.

Preheat oven to 350. In a medium saucepan, heat the oil and ½ cup of the sugar. Stir constantly until the sugar turns very dark, almost black (about 10 minutes).

Add this hot caramel to the pasta and mix well. Cool slightly.

Beat the eggs in another bowl. Add remaining salt, pepper, cinnamon and remaining sugar. Pour into the pasta mixture and toss well.

Transfer to a greased tube pan and bake, uncovered, for 1 hour, or until golden on top.

Remove from the oven, turn upside down on a serving plate, unmold and serve. Serves 6-8.

Puddings

CHOCOLATE CHIP NOODLE PUDDING

Topping:
½ cup all purpose flour
½ cup quick or old-fashioned rolled oats (do not use instant oatmeal!)
½ cup firmly packed light brown sugar
1½ tsp. cinnamon
5 tbsp. unsalted butter, melted
Pudding:
1 cup golden raisins
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips (6 oz. package)
1 8-oz. package wide egg noodles
2 large eggs
grated rind of 1 large – deep-colored – orange (no white pith)
¼ cup plus 2 tbsp. granulated sugar
1½ cups whole milk or part skim ricotta
1 cup sour cream
2 tbsp. dark rum

For topping:

In small bowl, combine flour, oats, brown sugar and cinnamon. Stir thoroughly, breaking up any lumps of brown sugar with back of spoon. All at once, add melted butter. Stir until well-mixed. Set aside at room temperature until needed.

For pudding:

Adjust rack to centre of oven: preheat oven to 350. Butter a 2½-quart shallow non-metal baking dish. Set aside. In 3-quart pot, bring about 2½ quarts lightly salted water to a rapid boil.

Combine raisins and chocolate chips in small bowl and set aside.

Add noodles to rapidly boiling salted water. Stir well; bring back to boil and boil just until tender (it takes about 8 minutes). Meanwhile, in large bowl, combine eggs, sugar, and orange rind. With large spoon, beat until well-mixed. Add ricotta and sour cream. Mix in rum. Add mixture to drained noodles and raisin mixture.

Pour into prepared pan. Cover with topping. Bake for one hour.

PINEAPPLE NOODLE KUGEL

1 16-oz. package medium noodles
2 tbsp. sugar
juice of ½ lemon
2 eggs separated
2 cups unsweetened applesauce
½ cup butter or margarine melted
½ cup raisins, dried cranberries, or dried cherries
1 8 oz. can unsweetened pineapple chunks or crushed pineapple

Cook noodles as package directs. After cooking noodles, mix in all ingredients except pineapple and egg whites. Beat egg white until stiff and fold in. Bake in greased 13x9-inch glass baking pan at 350 for 1 hour. Pour pineapple chunks over top of casserole with half of juice from can and return to oven for 10 minutes. Serves 12.

APRICOT NOODLE PUDDING

1 package (8 oz.) medium noodles
4 eggs
1 lb. jar unsweetened apple sauce
¼ cup cut up dried apricots
¾ cup sugar
¼ cup melted butter or pareve margarine

Preheat oven to 350. Melt butter in 8x10-inch glass baking pan while warming the pan. Cook noodles as directed on package for baking. Beat eggs well. Combine all ingredients and bake for approximately 1 hour or until done. Serves 6-8.

FAYGEL'S CHEDDAR CHEESE KUGEL

12 oz. package noodles, cooked
¼ lb. melted margarine
1 scant cup sugar
3 eggs separated
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
½ pint sour cream

Beat egg whites until stiff. Add ½ of whites to sugar, butter, sour cream, cheese and noodles. Put into large pyrex dish. Spread whites on top. Bake 350 for 1 hour.

Serve with sour cream and frozen strawberries. Serves 12.

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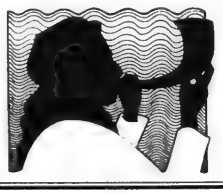

Food Ideas for Rosh Hashanah

Homemade baked delights a holiday tradition

By NORENE GILLETZ
Special to The CJN

I have always loved to bake. Actually, what I liked best was licking the bowl clean! When I was a little girl, I would stand on a chair beside my mother and watch her mix up the most delicious batters for cakes, cookies and yeast doughs. Her recipes were plain and simple, but they were the best!

Once her cake went into the oven, my mother would send me outside to play until it was finished baking "so the cake won't fall." She knew that I wouldn't dare wander very far away, for fear of missing out on the magical moment when the ingredients would be transformed from a panful of sticky batter to an irresistible delight.

My Baba once bought a small, dense chunk of honey cake at the local bakery. When she complained about how expensive it was, my mother declared: "No wonder it costs so much. It's heavy like a stone! My cakes are much lighter - and taste much better!"

With today's busy schedules, we often don't have time to indulge in baking. But when the holidays come around, it's traditional to serve homemade baked delights. If you're very busy, why not ask one of your guests to bake one of their specialties?

Here are some delicious recipes that my friends have shared with me. I've also included a brand new recipe I've developed for a luscious honey cake that combines apples with honey – two traditional ingredients for a sweet and healthy New Year. Enjoy!

NORENE'S HONEY APPLE CAKE

This is a delicious low fat cake to help you celebrate a sweet Jewish New Year.

3 eggs plus 2 egg whites (or 4 eggs)
1 cup sugar
⅓ cup canola oil
1 cup liquid honey
3 cups plus 3 tbsp. flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
2 tsp. cinnamon
¼ tsp. ground ginger
¼ cup cold tea
¼ cup brandy
1 cup firmly packed apples, peeled, cored and grated (about 2)

Preheat oven to 325. Spray a 10-inch bundt or tube pan with non-stick spray. In the food processor, beat eggs, egg whites, sugar and oil until light. Add honey; mix well. Combine dry ingredients and spices. Add to batter alternately with tea and brandy. Mix just until blended.

Mix in apples with quick on/off turns. Pour batter into pan.

Bake at 325 for 1 hour and 10 minutes, or until cake tests done (a wooden skewer inserted into the centre should come out dry). Otherwise, bake cake a few minutes longer, covering the top with foil to prevent overbrowning. Remove cake from oven and let cool for 20 minutes.

Carefully loosen cake from pan with a flexible spatula; invert onto a serving plate. Yields 20 servings, and freezes well.

ETHEL'S EASY CARROT CAKE

Source: *Everyday Cooking for the Jewish Home* by Ethel Hofman.

Carrots are symbolic of a sweet, fulfilling year, which is why they are popular on Rosh Hashanah. Here they are used in an unlikely processed form – baby food – to produce a rich-tasting, moist cake with none of the work of peeling and grating that is usually involved.

3 cups flour
2 cups granulated sugar
2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
2 tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. salt
1½ cups vegetable oil
2 (6-ounce) jars junior baby food carrots
4 eggs, beaten
2 tsp. vanilla extract
½ cup crystallized ginger, chopped
3 tbsp. powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350. Coat a 13x9x2-inch baking pan with non-stick vegetable spray.

In a large bowl, mix flour, granulated sugar, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt. Make a well in centre and add oil, carrots, eggs and vanilla. Beat with a wooden spoon to mix well. Fold in chopped ginger.

Pour into prepared pan. Bake in preheated oven for 1 hour, or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Let cool completely, then cut into squares. Before serving, dust with powdered sugar. Makes 20 to 24 servings.

LISA'S BISCOTTI-STYLE CHOCOLATE CHIP MANDELBREAD

Truly delicious! It's hard to control myself when Lisa Brass serves these.

1 cup oil
1 cup sugar
3 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
2 cups flour mixed with 1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 cup chocolate chips
1 cup slivered almonds
approximately ½-¾ cup cinnamon-sugar

Combine oil and sugar; mix well. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Mix in flour and baking soda mixture. Mix in chocolate chips and almonds. Use a large spoon to spread mixture into three logs on a greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes. Remove from oven and let cool for 5 minutes. Cut on the diagonal into ¾-inch strips. Sprinkle the side facing up with lots of cinnamon and sugar. Bake 30 minutes longer at 275. Turn mandelbread over and sprinkle with additional cinnamon and sugar. Bake 30 minutes more.

PHYLLIS' BREAD MACHINE CHALLAH

This delicious recipe comes from my friend Phyllis Hecker, who is a mashgiach in Albany, N.Y.

It was given to her by her friend Dr. Russ Fradkin, "the baking optometrist!" Wait until you see the results. It's a winner!

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¼ cup water
6 tbsp. oil
2 eggs
3¼ cups all-purpose bread flour
1½ tsp. salt
4 tbsp. sugar
2 tsp. yeast

Add ingredients to your bread machine in the order given. This recipe should be processed on the dough cycle. (If dough seems a little dry, add an extra tablespoon or two of water at the beginning of the mixing cycle.)

When dough is doubled in bulk, remove it from bread machine. Punch down the dough. Divide it into three equal pieces and braid the challah on a greased cookie sheet. Cover and let rise until doubled, about one hour. For a shiny challah, beat 1 egg with 2 tbsp. of water and brush challah before baking.

In a preheated 350 degree oven, bake challah for 30-40 minutes. Cover loosely with foil if it gets too dark.

Note: The lazy baker will get excellent bread using the above recipe in a bread machine on the bread cycle.

Variation:

Add 3 tbsp. dried dill and ¼ cup dehydrated onions along with the rest of the ingredients and prepare as directed above.

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Food Ideas for Rosh Hashanah

Healthy food can be tasty as well

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

When was the last time you promised yourself to eat properly? Last week? Ten minutes ago?

The problem, of course, no matter how good your intentions are, your brain drools over comfort foods replete with fats, starches and sugars.

And when someone near you digs into steaming french fries – well.

There is hope in two dynamite cookbooks that offer good food in both the health and tastebud sense.

Both have *Healthy Cooking* as a major part of their titles: *Healthy Cooking For People Who Don't Have Time to Cook*, by Jeanne Jones (Rodale Press, 1999, originally published 1997), and *The French Culinary Institute's Salute to Healthy Cooking from America's Foremost French Chefs (FCI)* (Rodale Press, 1998).

Jones' book is excellent. Not only are the recipes quick to prepare (some are ready in only 15 minutes, others may have to marinate or roast, but take only 30 minutes of actual preparation time), but they are consistently tasty and appealing.

Chicken is stewed with fennel, salmon on angel hair pasta is perked up with ginger sauce, and pear slices are made delectable with honey pepper sauce.

The photographs make the food look irresistible.

A good feature of this book is the number of hints to make the cooking go even faster, such as substituting couscous for rice; and suggestions for leftovers, such as turning chili into soup by simply adding vegetable or chicken stock.

You wouldn't expect to find "healthy" and "French cooking" in the same sentence, let alone in the same cookbook, but the French Culinary Institute has managed it. Would you really suffer if you were offered essence of sauteed red peppers, or roasted eggplant with marinated goat cheese?

Many of the recipes are impossible for the kosher kitchen, but just as many are acceptable or adaptable. And yes, there is kosher goat cheese.

The book is arranged by season, which is an interesting touch, and, again, the photographs are superb.

FENNEL A LA GREQUE
(from FCI)

2 large bulbs fennel
2 tsp. olive oil
1 small onion, thinly sliced
¼ cup dry white wine
juice of 1 lemon
½ tsp. coriander seeds
1 bay leaf
1 large sprig fresh thyme
pinch paprika
salt
2 lemons, cut crosswise into ¼-inch slices
½ cup fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves

Remove any hard or discolored outer layers from the fennel bulbs. Trim and discard the root ends and the feathery tops. Cut the bulbs in half lengthwise, then cut each half into 8 wedges, leaving the core intact to keep the fennel from falling apart when cooked.

Warm the oil in a large nonstick saute pan over medium heat. Add onions and saute for 10 minutes or until soft but not browned. Stir in the wine, lemon juice, coriander seeds, bay leaf, thyme, paprika and fennel. Season with salt. Cover and simmer for 15 minutes, or until the fennel is tender when pierced with a knife. Allow to cool to room temperature. Remove and discard the bay leaf and thyme sprig.

Place equal portions of the fennel in the centre of each of 4 salad plates. Surround with a circle of alternating lemon slices and parsley leaves. Serves 4.

ROASTED APPLES WRAPPED IN PHYLLO, BOURDELOT-STYLE

4 large cooking apples (eg. Court lands)
2 tbsp. granulated sugar
2 tbsp. kosher apple brandy
8 squares (6-inch) phyllo dough
water
2 tbsp. packed light brown sugar
1 large egg, lightly beaten

Preheat oven to 375. Carefully core the apples, making sure that you do not cut through the bottom. Place 1½ tsp. of the sugar in each apple. Pour 1½ tsp. of the brandy into each apple.

Place 4 of the phyllo squares in a row on a work surface. Keep the remainder covered with a damp paper towel. Using a pastry brush, lightly coat each square with water. Dust each square with brown sugar. Top each square with another piece of phyllo. Brush with water and dust with brown sugar.

Place an apple in the centre of each layered phyllo square. Bring the sides up, folding and tucking as necessary, to completely cover the apple. Tuck any excess dough down into the core area of the apple. Using a pastry brush, lightly coat each apple with the egg.

Place on a nonstick baking sheet. Bake for 20 minutes, or until the apples are tender when pierced with a knife, and the phyllo is crisp and golden brown.

ZESTY ORANGE AND ONION RICE
(from Jones)

2 tsp. extra-virgin olive oil
2 garlic cloves, pressed or minced
1 medium onion, chopped
2 cups orange juice
1 tsp. dried oregano, crushed
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. freshly ground black pepper
¼ tsp. ground cinnamon
⅛ tsp. crushed red-pepper flakes (or to taste)
1 ½ cups uncooked quick-cooking brown rice

Combine oil and garlic in a medium saucepan and cook over medium heat for about 1 minute, or until the garlic sizzles. Add onions and continue to cook, stirring frequently, for 3 minutes, or until the onions are translucent.

Add orange juice, oregano, salt, pepper, cinnamon and red-pepper flakes. Bring to a boil over high heat. Stir in the rice. Cover, reduce the heat to low and cook for 10 minutes, or until the liquid is absorbed. Fluff with a fork. Makes 4 cups.

FILLET OF SOLE IN GINGERED LEMON SAUCE

¼ cup fresh lemon juice
1½ tsp. cornstarch
1 tsp. grated fresh ginger
1 tsp. grated lemon rind, yellow part only
¼ tsp. ground cinnamon
¼ tsp. salt
4 small sole fillets (about 4 oz. each)
1 lemon, peeled and thinly sliced, optional

Preheat oven to 350. Combine lemon juice and cornstarch in a small saucepan and stir until the cornstarch is dissolved. Stir in the ginger, lemon rind, cinnamon and salt. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until slightly thickened.

Place the sole in an 11 x 7-inch baking dish. Pour the sauce evenly over the top. Cover tightly and bake for about 10 to 12 minutes, or until the fish turns opaque and is easily flaked with a fork. Transfer the fish to serving plates, top with the sauce and garnish with lemon slices, if using. Serves 4.

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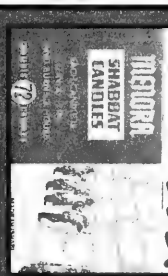

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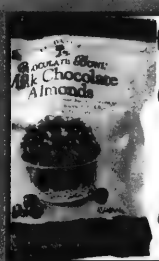

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Food Ideas for Rosh Hashanah

Diabetic recipes for the High Holidays

By NORENE GILLETZ
Special to The CJN

I recently discovered a wonderful newsletter called *Cinnamon Hearts*, which is geared to people with diabetes. Marilyn Helton, the editor, firmly believes that diabetics don't need to cook from special cookbooks. With knowledge and a little common sense, they can enjoy the same foods as the rest of the family.

Although it is not a kosher newsletter, *Cinnamon Hearts* is jam packed with recipes and cooking tips which will be of interest to *CJN* readers. You'll also find cookbook reviews, healthy lifestyle articles, advice on weight loss and nutrition, plus tips for feeding young children with diabetes.

Below you will find recipes from Patti Lynch, a featured chef in the November-December 1998 issue, and Kathy Kochan, a regular contributor to the newsletter.

When Patti Lynch's husband was diagnosed with diabetes, she tried to find suitable cookbooks.

However, she found that the recipes were "bland, boring, difficult and all the desserts tasted like cardboard." Using her creative talents, she created recipes that were "as good as they could get." She worked with the American Diabetes Association and wrote three cookbooks: *Sweet Inspirations*, *Gourmet Inspirations* and *Kids Stuffin's*.

Patti discovered that nonfat yogurt is a good substitute for most of the fat in any dessert recipe, except for pie or cookie crusts. She reminds us to "eat color, especially all of those healthy items which are the most colorful and textural foods you can find."

For further information on Patti Lynch's books, write to Sweet Inspirations, 1420 NW Gilman Blvd. #2258 Issaquah, Washington, 98027.

Kathy Kochan, cookbook author and columnist, was diagnosed with diabetes at age five and has lived with it for more than 40 years. She prefers to use a minimum of sugar in most of her recipes, but occasionally uses artificial sweeteners in her desserts.

Kathy says, "We just must be aware of the total amount of carbohydrates consumed in relation to the amount of insulin we are taking."

Her recipe for Yummy Chocolate Cupcakes can be enjoyed without guilt by diabetics and non-diabetics alike. They make a terrific treat for kids.

For further information on Kathy Kochan's *The Diabetic Goodie Book*, call 1-800-322-5679.

Editor Marilyn Helton recommends that diabetics keep their carbohydrate intake as close to or less than 30 grams per serving as possible. She gave me permission to reprint these recipes from back issues of her newsletter. For further information, contact Cinnamon Hearts DLE, PO Box 578340, Modesto, Calif., 95357-8340. Subscriptions: $21.80 US per year. Sample issue: $5 US.

Please note: The dietary exchanges are American but can easily be used by Canadians.

So whether you're cooking for a diabetic or not, these recipes are sure to bring pleasure to your holiday table. Enjoy in good health!

PATTI'S STUFFED MUSHROOMS

Source: *Gourmet Inspirations Cookbook* by Patti Lynch.

These mushrooms will make an excellent choice for a dairy breaking of the fast for Yom Kippur.

They're simply delicious!

1 pound large, firm mushrooms, cleaned
1 tsp. oil
1 tbsp. dry minced onion
6 ounces fat-free cream cheese, softened
3 tbsp. freshly grated parmesan cheese

Remove stems from mushrooms; set aside. Saute mushroom caps in 1 tsp. oil for 3 minutes. Remove caps and set on a tray. Mushrooms have a lot of water, so you may have to dry them slightly with a paper towel.

Chop mushroom stems and saute them in remaining oil and juice from mushrooms.

Add minced onion and cook until mixture is soft and golden. Remove from heat.

Stir in cream cheese and Parmesan. Fill each mushroom with a small spoonful of mixture. Place mushrooms on a heavy baking sheet and broil until filling is hot and bubbling.

Cool slightly before serving. Makes 18.

Per serving (3 mushrooms): 70 cal., 2 g fat, 5 g carb., 7 g protein, 7 mg chol., 230 mg sodium. Dietary exchanges: 1 lean meat; 1 free food.

POTATO KUGEL

Source: *Gourmet Inspirations* by Patti Lynch

You can make individual kugels in muffin tins.

3 tbsp. finely chopped onion
½ tsp. oil
2¼ cup grated potato
2 egg yolks
4 egg whites
⅓ cup matzah meal
3 tbsp. oil
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper

In large skillet, saute onion in ½ tsp. oil until transparent. In strainer or colander, rinse grated potato thoroughly under cold water. In a large bowl, combine potatoes, onion, egg yolks, matzah meal, oil and spices.

In separate bowl, beat egg whites until stiff, then fold into potato mixture.

Spray a 9x13-inch glass baking dish with nonstick coating. Pour

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Cooking tips for those with diabetes

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mixture into dish and bake for 45 to 55 minutes at 350. If using muffin tins, spray with nonstick coating, and fill 18 tins with potato mixture.

Bake at same temperature for 30-40 minutes. Makes 18 servings.

Per serving: 58 cal., 3 g fat, 6 g carb., 2 g protein, 23 mg chol., 87 mg sodium.

Exchanges: ½ starch, 1 fat.

CHALLAH

Source: *Gourmet Inspirations* by Patti Lynch

A new twist on a recipe that has been a favorite for years. The orange flavor adds a spark!

1 cup warm water
3 packets dry yeast
1 cup orange juice
1 tbsp. butter or margarine, melted
1 tbsp. oil
⅔ cup fruit sweetener (use ⅔ cup frozen apple juice concentrate plus ⅓ cup granulated fructose available at most health food stores)
½ tsp. salt
2 tsp. freshly grated orange rind
1 egg plus 2 egg whites
7 cups unbleached flour
2 tbsp. fresh orange rind or sesame seeds for topping

In a small bowl, combine warm water and yeast. Blend together and set aside.

In a large bowl, combine next six ingredients, mixing until well combined. Add yeast mixture and blend well.

Beat in egg and egg whites. Add flour, ½ at a time, mixing well after each addition. Place dough on a floured board and knead for about 3 to 5 minutes, adding flour if necessary to keep dough from being sticky. Continue kneading until no longer sticky.

Wash and dry mixing bowl and coat with ½ tsp. oil. Place dough into bowl, cover with towel, and let rise one hour. Punch down and let rise one additional hour.

Divide dough in half. Divide each portion into thirds and roll into three strips and braid together. Place on a greased heavy baking sheet. Repeat with second half of dough. Sprinkle top of each loaf with orange rind or sesame seeds. Cover and let rise until double. Preheat oven to 350. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, or until golden brown. Makes 2 challahs. Each loaf yields 16 slices.

Per slice: 128 cal., 1 g fat, 25 g carb., 4 g protein, 7 mg chol., 43 mg sodium.

Dietary exchanges: ¾ starch.

TSIMMIS

Source: *Gourmet Inspirations* by Patti Lynch

A spicy holiday treat that is filled with healthy ingredients.

2 yams, peeled, sliced very thin (2 cups)
4 carrots, peeled and thinly sliced
2 apples, cored, peeled and finely chopped
½ cup chopped prunes

¼ cup currants
⅓ cup toasted chopped almonds
½ tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. ground cloves
¼ tsp. nutmeg
¼ tsp. salt
⅓ cup orange juice
2 tbsp. toasted chopped almonds

Steam yam and carrot slices for 5 minutes.

In a large bowl, combine all ingredients except juice and 2 tbsp. almonds. Pour mixture into a lightly oiled 2 to 3 quart glass baking or souffle dish. Pour orange juice over mixture and top with remaining almonds.

Bake 30 to 40 minutes at 350. Makes 8 servings.

Per (¼ cup) serving: 170 cal., 4 g fat, 33 g carb., 3 g protein, 0 mg chol., 84 mg sodium.

Dietary exchanges: 2 fruit; 1 fat.

YUMMY CHOCOLATE CUPCAKES

Source: *The Diabetic Goodie Book* by Kathy Kochan.

¼ cup whole-wheat flour
¼ cup all-purpose flour
½ cup sugar
½ cup cocoa powder
1 tsp. baking soda
¼ tsp. salt
¼ cup orange juice
3 tbsp. light olive or canola oil
1 tbsp. white vinegar
1 tsp. vanilla
½ cup water
½ cup mini-chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 375. Spray muffin pan with cooking spray or line with paper liners.

In a large bowl, combine flours, sugar, cocoa, baking soda and salt. Make a well in center and add orange juice, oil, vinegar, vanilla and water. Stir just to moisten. Add chips and mix gently to combine.

Spoon into prepared pan and bake about 15 minutes or until pick inserted in center comes out clean.

Immediately remove cupcakes from pan and cook completely on rack. Makes 12 regular-size cupcakes.

Per cupcake: 155 cal., 5 g fat, 26 g carb., 0 mg chol., 141 mg sodium, 2 g protein, 3 g fiber.

Exchanges: 1½ starch, 1 fat. (2 carb. choices).

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By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

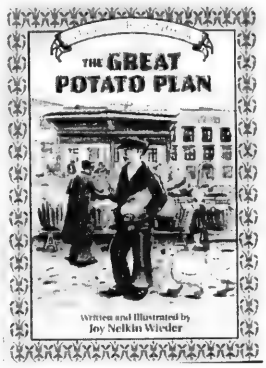
How would you feel if your father had moved to another country far away, it was wartime, and you were responsible for your mother and younger brothers and sisters?

Would you be scared? Would you know what to do?

That's the situation of 13-year-old Simcha in the book *The Great Potato Plan*, by Joy Nelkin Wieder (Hachai Publishers, 1999). His father and older sister were already in America, and the family members still in Poland were waiting to join them.

At the beginning of the book, the father had finally been able to send the family tickets to come to America, and Simcha and his five brothers and sisters were helping their mother pack up the household.

Two days before they were to leave, Germany and Poland, and soon the rest of the world, were at war, and all passenger travel was banned.



The family was left with very little money. They were always cold and hungry. Also, they were always afraid of the Cossacks, a military group who enjoyed beating up Jews and used to kidnap young men and boys to serve in the Russian army.

Simcha had an idea. He really loved his mother's cooking – especially her potato and onion kugel. When he earned a little bit of money, he bought potatoes and persuaded his mother and sisters to bake kugel, which he took to the market and sold by the piece. He did very well. After all, he felt, "Who could resist a hot piece of potato kugel on a freezing cold day?"

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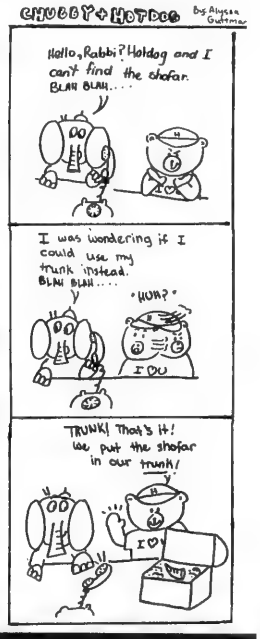
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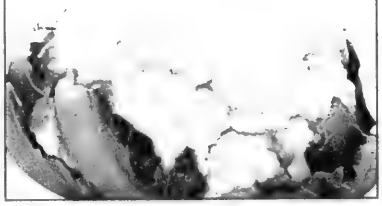

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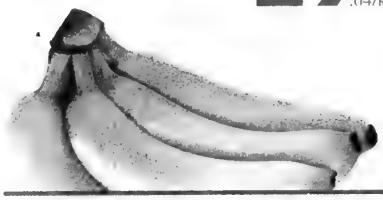

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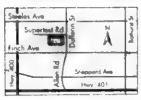

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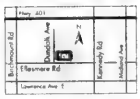

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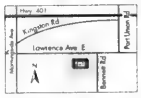

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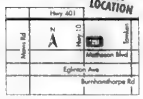

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Alois Brunner played key logistic role

Eichmann aide may face trial in France

By DOUGLAS DAVIS
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LONDON – French prosecutors are expected this week to indict Alois Brunner, who played a key logistical role in the Holocaust, on charges of crimes against humanity.

Brunner, 87, was private secretary to Adolf Eichmann, chief engineer of the Holocaust, who was tried and executed in Israel in 1961.

Brunner, whose trial is expected to begin next year, is considered to have been responsible for deporting some 130,000 European Jews to their deaths in Nazi concentration camps during World War II.

The French government is exerting intense pressure on the Syrian government to extradite Brunner from his safe haven in suburban Damascus, where he lives under the pseudonym Georg Fisher.

Brunner is said to be easily identifiable because he lost an eye and several fingers in letter bombs allegedly sent to him in Syria by Israel's intelligence services.

Previous attempts to persuade Syria to release Brunner failed. Germany applied for his extradition in 1987, and in 1991 the European parliament voted to condemn Syria for continuing to harbor the alleged war criminal.

French sources say that even if Syrian President Hafez Assad rejects the personal appeal of French President Jacques Chirac for Brunner's extradition, the trial will go ahead in his absence.

The central charges against Brunner will focus on two specific incidents:

- The deportation of 250 French Jewish children to Auschwitz on July 31, 1944.
- An incident on Aug. 17, 1944, when 51 hostages, including French aircraft manufacturer Serge Dassault, were forced to accompany Brunner on the last deportation train from Paris to Germany. After cutting their way out of a cattle wagon, 27 escaped. Some of the others were gassed or died in medical experiments.

The decision by the state prosecutor comes 13 years after Nazi-hunting French lawyer Serge Klarsfeld launched a private prosecution against Brunner, who was responsible for the deportation and death of Klarsfeld's father.

Brunner was born in Austria in 1912 and joined the Austrian Nazi Party in 1931 at the age of 19. His anti-Semitism was considered to be so extreme that he was swiftly tapped to be Eichmann's private secretary.

As head of the Nazis' Jewish Affairs Office in pre-war Vienna, he organized persecution that forced thousands of Jews to flee to other European countries and the United States.

When World War II started, he sent 47,000 Austrian Jews to concentration camps.

After organizing mass round-ups in Berlin, he transferred to Greece, where he was responsible for deporting all 43,000 Jews in Salonika within just two months.

In June 1943, he was sent to France to take over the Drancy transit camp near Paris from its French administrators.

During 14 months in France, Brunner sent an estimated 25,000 men, women and children to their deaths.

The Brunner trial is being seen as the climax to France's belated, painful attempt to come to terms with its role in the Holocaust.

Brunner's prosecution will follow the trials of Klaus Barbie, Paul Touvier and Maurice Papon, all convicted in French courts of crimes against humanity.

Dagestan's Jews fear Islamic rebels

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Dagestan, located on the Caspian Sea in the Caucasus region, is a part of Russia. The region borders the breakaway republic of Chechnya, whose drive for independence led to the 20-month war with Russia in 1994-96.

Although Chechen officials say they are not involved in the latest crisis, the Dagestani rebels are led by Chechen warlords whose influence is based on military experience gained during the war with Moscow.

According to news reports, Chechen warlords and leaders, including President Aslan Maskhadov, have repeatedly alleged that the region is the victim of an international conspiracy in which "Zionists" and Israel play a crucial role.

Rebels allege 'Zionist' and Israeli conspiracy

Earlier this month, the rebels in Dagestan declared a jihad, or holy war, on Russia and seized several isolated mountain villages in Dagestan.

Russian commanders this week said that their military operations had been successful and that Chechen warlords had withdrawn their fighters from the last villages they had occupied. But officials in Moscow said dozens of rebels were still trapped in the villages, and Russian troops would destroy the insurgency this week.

Because most of Dagestan's 5,000 Jews live in a different part of the republic, they have not been affected directly by the fighting.

Yet members of the Jewish community have expressed fear for their safety and there has been a rise in Jewish emigration.

According to Alla Levy, the Moscow-based director of the Jewish Agency for Israel's Russian office, emigration to Israel from Dagestan has increased this year.

During the first half of this year, between 60 and 70 Jews left for Israel each month. Levy said the figures will increase dramatically as a result of the current crisis.

"We are not panicking, but the situation is very serious," a Jewish leader, who did not want his name to be published, said in a phone interview from the Dagestani capital of Makhachkala.

He said the rise of Islamic fundamentalism has not affected Jewish life yet, but fears it may ultimately threaten Jewish existence in the area.

"Today all this talk about jihad has nothing to do with us, but who can tell what will happen tomorrow?"

The rebels' Web site says that non-Muslims would be allowed to live in a Dagestan ruled by Islamic law. However, Christians and Jews would have to pay a special tax.

Almost 95 percent of Dagestan's 2 million people are Muslims.

Most Russian-speaking Slavs have left the republic in recent years.

Dagestan's is one of the oldest Jewish communities in the former Soviet Union, tracing its history back at least 12 centuries.

But recent years have seen a wave of aliyah because of economic hardships and a steep rise in crime. Almost 90 percent of Dagestan's Jewish population has left since the fall of the Soviet Union.

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Israel to fight Diaspora anti-Semitism

By VIVA PRESS
CJN Israel Bureau

TEL AVIV — Israel is prepared to combat Anti-Semitism in the Diaspora, an Israeli cabinet member said recently.

During a global video-conference call on combatting anti-Semitism, Michael Melchior, minister in the Prime Minister's Office said, "We can assist in the fight against anti-Semitism. We have expertise in Israel."

Melchior, who is responsible for Diaspora affairs, was speaking to Rabbi Matt Friedman of Congregation Beth Shalom, one of three Sacramento synagogues torched in June.

Melchior and MK Naomi Blumenthal, chair of the Knesset Immigration, Absorption and Diaspora Affairs committee, discussed fighting anti-Semitism during the video-conference call with representatives of the Jewish communities in Rio de Janeiro, Miami, and Sacramento.

"Just like anti-Semites have no borders, I believe we in the fight against anti-Semitism should have no borders," Melchior told Friedman.

Minister in the prime minister's office Michael Malchior, who is responsible for Diaspora affairs, held a video conference with representatives of Jewish communities on combatting anti-Semitism.

"There's no answer to it, but we know it's a major threat," Melchior said. "We have to get to it with education and legislation."

He and Blumenthal, together with a group of the Israeli press, spoke with the Jewish communities in other areas, including Montreal, in a video conference set up by Talk Visual, an international video-calling company. This discussion inaugurated Talk Visual's Tel Aviv office.

After the arson attacks on the three Sacramento synagogues in June, Talk Visual's chairman Michael Zwebner wanted to find a way to help the Jewish community. Zwebner said, "Our new video-calling Talk Visual location...in Sacramento, provides people with a way to perpetuate love and care, and we are appalled at the racial and religious violence in our newly adopted community."

His company offered a $10,000 cash reward for information leading to the arrests and conviction of the perpetrators of the arson attacks.

When police arrested Matthew and Taylor Williams on another charge, they found a hit list which included Zwebner's name for offering a reward for their arrest.

"The purpose of our company is to link people," Gene Rosov, CEO and president of Talk Visual said, explaining that the company decided to organize this video conference to help reduce the Sacramento Jewish community's "sense of isolation."

Twelve cities around the world were invited to take part in the video conference.

Asked which countries face the most anti-Semitism today, Melchior said it's an "illusion to think we're talking about a certain country. [Anti-Semitism] is a common threat against any kind of society. Democracy and anti-Semitism don't go together."

After sharing how his community felt as a result of the attacks, Melchior told Friedman. "I hope [your] Jewish community will stand strong and not let haters decide our agenda. We feel as one community with you."

Blumenthal added that it is vital to "pressure the U.S. to teach kids about anti-Semitism and what came out of it."

As for why Video Talk set up this conference call at no charge to the Jewish communities taking part, Rosov said, "We feel responsible to the Jewish community for a variety of reasons ...Racism is an important purpose."

Melchior agreed. "While anti-Semitism begins with Jews, it doesn't end with Jews. It always continues to other groups," he said. "There's no answer to it, but we know it's a major threat."

Blumenthal said she was excited to take part in the conference and noted that she had participated in similar conferences with the Australian Jewish community about the Maccabiah bridge disaster.

"They feel better seeing our faces," she said, as a reason why video-conferencing is better than a telephone conference call.

"We want to show them that we're human and that it was a tragedy. They can see our sympathetic faces."

Rosov said Talk Visual has plans to open a Jerusalem location in the next two months. He said there are already two outlets in Canada – one in Toronto and one in Montreal – and a third, in Vancouver, will open soon.

Whereas the average video-conference call at other outlets costs upwards of $900 (US), Talk Visual uses a networking system that keeps costs affordable, approximately $100 an hour.

"Our mission is to link people around the world," Rosov said.

The Week in Israel

Aug. 23

• A new border crossing between Israel and Jordan, funded by Japan, was inaugurated. Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy said the Hussein Bridge would strengthen ties between the two countries, while his Jordanian counterpart stressed the need for Israel and the Palestinians to move forward in their negotiations.

Aug. 24

• Agreements between Israel and the PA on safe-passage routes between the West Bank and Gaza Strip and on a seaport in Gaza depend upon the two sides resolving other disputes, according to sources in Israel's Prime Minister's Office.

• A mall that is touted as the largest shopping centre in the Middle East opened in Haifa. The Grand Canyon has 170 stores and parking for 3,000 cars.

Aug. 25

• Foreign Minister David Levy is dispatching envoys to Arab countries to present Israel's position in peace talks. The ministry officials are traveling to Morocco, Mauritania, Tunisia and the Gulf Arab states.

• Attorney General Elyakim Rubinstein defended a plea bargain reached in the case of American teenager Samuel Sheinbein, who fled to Israel after a 1997 murder in suburban Maryland. The plea bargain, in which Sheinbein will receive a 24-year prison sentence, is extremely harsh by Israeli standards.

Aug. 26

• The Palestinian Authority (PA) invited rival groups, including militant Islamic groups, to participate in unity talks in the West Bank in the upcoming week. PA Chairman Yasser Arafat is trying to build a unity front in advance of possible final-status talks with Israel.

Aug. 27

• Israel prevented a Palestinian attempt to get a foreign vessel to visit Gaza. The Palestinians were trying to establish Gaza's status as an international harbor.

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Serious flashpoints exist on the road to peace

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Mideast Analysis

So near and yet so far. Last week, Israel and the Palestinian Authority appeared to be moving inexorably toward implementing the Wye memorandum, which Benjamin Netanyahu froze 10 months ago after only the first phase.

By this week, a deal was in jeopardy, threatened by differences over the release of Palestinian prisoners and the timing of final status negotiations.

Before the latest crisis erupted, the talks had been on a roller-coaster course. Yasser Arafat had accused Israel of breach of trust, while Ehud Barak had charged the Palestinian Authority with inflexibility. But then, suddenly, the two sides edged close to a breakthrough.

This is the way the situation looked in the middle of last week. A timetable for Israel's next two withdrawals was at hand. The first pullout was expected to take place in October, and the second in January. On Oct. 1, the first of two safe passage routes from the Gaza Strip to the West Bank were to be opened and construction of a seaport in Gaza was to commence. These provisions of the Olso accord were long overdue.

In another confidence-building measure, Israel had reopened Hebron's main thoroughfare, shut in the wake of Baruch Goldstein's murderous rampage in 1994. The massacre claimed the lives of 29 Palestinians and touched off a series of deadly suicide bombings which almost derailed the Oslo peace process.

As a result of these developments, the mood around the negotiating table lightened considerably. The Palestinians' chief negotiator, Saeb Erekat, said that Israel was serious about peace. His Israeli counterpart, Gilad Sher, declared, "I believe we have built a relationship of mutual respect and trust."

It didn't seem so just a few weeks earlier, when Barak was talking about renegotiating Wye and the Palestinians were resisting his suggestion and archly implying that he was virtually indistinguishable from Netanyahu.

If Wye is finally implemented, Israel will evacuate a further 11 percent of the West Bank, and the Palestinians will crack down on terrorism and incitement, seize illegal weapons and trim the size of their security forces. Permanent status talks will focus on the most contentious issues – final borders, a Palestinian state, settlements, Jerusalem, Arab refugees and water.

If Wye becomes a fait accompli, the Palestinians will be in full or partial control of a disconnected patchwork of territory consisting of 40 percent of the West Bank and practically its entire Arab population. They are demanding much more – about 90 percent of the West Bank in contiguous form, the eastern part of Jerusalem, which Israel annexed in 1967, and an end to all unilateral actions.

Barak, a staunch centrist whose policies and pronouncements fall to the left of Netanyahu but to the right of his late mentor, Yitzhak Rabin, seems intent on fulfilling Israel's Wye obligations to the letter. But the Palestinians are disappointed with him.

In line with his belief that Jerusalem is non-negotiable, Barak has not halted construction at Har Choma. In 1997, when Netanyahu announced that this massive housing estate in eastern Jerusalem would be built, the Palestinians pulled out of the peace talks.

Barak has also allowed building to continue at a smaller apartment complex in Ras al-Amud, which is also in east Jerusalem.

Barak's policy on settlements in the territories is remarkably similar to Netanyahu's.

In line with assurances conveyed to the National Religious Party, he is permitting existing settlements to expand. He has not cancelled special tax breaks enjoyed by Jewish settlers, nor has he rescinded the previous government's edict to connect Maale Adumim – the largest settlement in the West Bank – to Jerusalem. Furthermore, he has not dismantled more than 30 illegal encampments erected by settlers since the Wye agreement was signed in October 1998.

It's clear that there are serious flashpoints along the road to peace.

Storm erupts over comments by the late French president

Ha'artetz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

PARIS — A leading French writer stirred up a storm of controversy yesterday by saying the late President Francois Mitterrand had once complained to him about "the powerful and noxious influence of the Jewish lobby in France."

Jean d'Ormesson, a member of the prestigious Academie Francaise, reported in his latest book, *The Gabriel Report*, that Mitterrand had made the remark in a conversation on May 17, 1995, the last day of his 14-year presidency.

The writer's move drew criticism from Mitterrand's illegitimate daughter, and denials from Prime Minister Lionel Jospin and other fellow Socialists. But there were also statements supporting d'Ormesson.

In excerpts published in the weekly *Le Nouvel Observateur*, d'Ormesson said he had asked Mitterrand about his longtime friendship with pro-Nazi wartime police chief Rene Bosquet. This friendship had tarnished the Socialist leader's image late in his life.

"Francois Mitterrand listened to me without any apparent irritation and looked at me. 'Here you see,' he said, 'the powerful and noxious influence of the Jewish lobby in France,'" d'Ormesson wrote.

Mitterrand, who died in 1996, also saw his reputation dented late in his life by revelations that he had worked for the collaborationist Vichy regime before joining the wartime resistance.

Under the Vichy regime, 75,000 Jews were sent from France to Nazi death camps.

France's current Jewish community, numbering about 750,000, is the largest in western Europe.

Mitterrand's illegitimate daughter Mazarine Pingeot denounced d'Ormesson for slandering a dead man and defended her father as a crusader against anti-Semitism.

"I'm ashamed to have to ask the question, but did he ever, even once, betray his commitments to the Jewish community or any other community under threat?" she wrote in the daily *Le Monde*.

Jospin, a Socialist who sometimes differed with Mitterrand, said he had several long discussions with the president about the French Jewish community and the situation of Jews around the world.

"In his thoughts and in his emotions, anti-Semitism was foreign to Francois Mitterrand," Jospin said in a statement. A Mitterrand ally, former culture minister Jack Lang, suggested to *Le Monde* that d'Ormesson might not have remembered that final meeting accurately.

But a friend of Mitterrand and d'Ormesson, journalist Jean Daniel, confirmed that the former president had sometimes complained about a "Zionist lobby," but he added that this did not make him an anti-Semite.

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Jews and Israelis in global money-laundering probe

By ISABELLA GINOR
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Several Jews, including some with Israeli citizenship, have been questioned in connection with a worldwide probe into an alleged money-laundering operation.

In what may be the biggest such case in history, investigators are trying to find out whether Russian mobsters funneled billions of dollars through accounts at the Bank of New York.

One central figure in the story, the man apparently responsible for disclosing the names of 23 senior Kremlin officials with 32 accounts in Swiss banks, is Felipe Turover, a Jew "of Spanish origin," born in the Soviet Union, who went to the west in 1983 and currently holds Israeli and Spanish citizenship.

When the Soviet Union disintegrated, Turover returned there and was employed by western lenders to collect Soviet debts. One of his employers was Banca del Gottardo of Lugano, Switzerland.

After a disagreement with the bank's local representative and, he says, threats on his life, Turover went to the Swiss state prosecution to report on the accounts. He also revealed that, using the accounts, bribes had been paid by the construction firm Mabetex to senior Kremlin officials, in connection with contracts for the renovation of Kremlin buildings.

The Swiss are also investigating the financial dealings of two companies associated with the Russian national carrier, Aeroflot-Andava and Forus Services. The Swiss suspect that the companies used the airline to transfer money to private bank accounts abroad.

Among those said to have profited from the bank accounts and the bribes from Mabetex are President Boris Yeltsin, his wife Naina, their daughters Tatyana and Yelena, and Yelena's husband, Valery Okulov, the managing director of Aeroflot.

The Bank of New York last Friday dismissed Lucy Edwards, one of two employees it had put on leave until the probe ends. She was fired for violations of the bank's internal policies, falsification of bank records and failure to cooperate, said a source familiar with the situation. Edwards worked in the bank's London office in its eastern European division for Natasha Gurfinkel Kagalovsky, who also was placed on leave until the close of the investigation.

Edwards is married to Peter Berlin, who is linked to a company called Benex, which set up funds transfer accounts at the Bank of New York.

Gurfinkel Kagalovsky, a senior vice-president and head of the bank's eastern European division, maintained her innocence last week. A statement from her lawyer said that neither she nor her husband, Konstantin Kagalovsky, formerly Russia's representative to the International Monetary Fund, was ever involved in money laundering.

Gurfinkel and Kagalovsky married only a few years ago, after she was already working for The Bank of New York.

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By NAOMI SEGAL
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JERUSALEM – Israel should stop being so defensive at the United Nations, according to the country's new ambassador to the world body.

"I think the defensive approach was derived primarily from Israel's standing in the region," Yehuda Lankri told Israel Radio last Sunday.

"But for more than two decades, we have been on the threshold of the peace process – and we have to exploit this new status to try to move from a defensive approach to one of more openness towards the family of nations."

Last Sunday, the cabinet approved the appointment of Lankri, a former Knesset member and ambassador to France. The Moroccan-born Lankri, 51, is considered close to Foreign Minister David Levy and has served in the Israeli parliament as a member of his Gesher movement.

Lankri's remarks came as Israel readies for possible diplomatic confrontations at the upcoming U.N. General Assembly, where the Palestinians hope to see a number of anti-Israel resolutions approved.

Levy has directed Israel's missions abroad to try to thwart these efforts.

At last Sunday's cabinet meeting, he protested that the Palestinians negotiate with Israel on the one hand and try to put pressure on Israel and turn international opinion against it on the other.

Lankri said Israel should try to get beyond stamping out diplomatic brush fires in the United Nations.

"We must focus our energies and creative efforts on advancing central issues and not get bogged down in marginal ones," he said.

He added that he believes Israel could be more involved in U.N. activities, especially in the area of humanitarian work.

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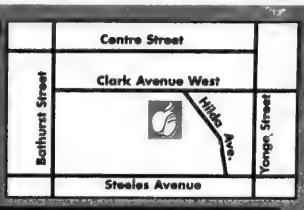

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Two Torontonians awarded academic gold medals

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Two Torontonians who became friends through their involvement with the University of Western Ontario's Jewish Students' Union (JSU) were awarded gold medals by Western for academic achievement, on their recent graduation.

Elise Pulver, 22, and Tamara Glick, 23, received their medals with their three-year and four-year BAs, respectively.

Pulver will enter law school at Western this year.

Glick, who would like to pursue graduate studies, is taking a year off to work, in the hope of financing future travels and to decide what academic direction she would like to take for her master's degree.

Both received the highest grade average of the graduating classes of their respective programs, and both have strong backgrounds in Reform Judaism, having pursued Jewish studies until their confirmations – Pulver at Holy Blossom Temple, and Glick at Temple Har Zion.

Elise Pulver

Tamara Glick

Both have also written for Western's Jewish student publication, *Grape Juice*.

Pulver – whose many extracurricular activities include a stint as a ski instructor in Whistler, B.C. – was happy and surprised to discover she'd won the gold medal.

"I look up to so many people in my classes," said the Comparative Literature and Civilization major.

A graduate of York Mills Collegiate Institute, Pulver worked for a London law firm during her second year at Western. The experience, which included many hours in the library researching a major case, strengthened her conviction that law was the field for her.

Her involvement with the JSU, where she was an executive member, provided Pulver with "another family away from home," she said.

She – and Glick – were also members of the Order of Omega Honorary Society, which recognizes community service and academic performance. Pulver served as its vice-president last year.

Glick, a former JSU gender issues chair, majored in Women's Studies and English. She is considering a career in either journalism or academia. Most of her undergraduate research dealt with the position of women in Judaism, she said.

It was "very exciting" for her to receive the gold medal.

Although she pulled all-nighters as a first-year student, it "wasn't my best method," she said. "I tried not to do it."

A graduate of Thornlea Secondary School, Glick said, "It's not a matter of being the best in the class. It's a matter of making sure I achieve the level I know I'm capable of."

Interestingly, as her extracurricular life got busier with JSU, sorority and salsa dancing, her grades – which were undoubtedly respectable to begin with – soared.

"For me, study should always be a part of your life," said Glick. "I love it."

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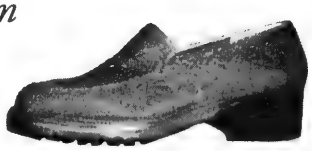

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Fall Fashion

Lost weight equals new found love of shopping

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

When it comes to shopping for clothes Shirley Kellerstein is like a kid in a candy store.

And who can blame her? After losing 60 pounds in the last year, Kellerstein, 47, says trying on new clothes is so much fun these days.

"Before I couldn't go into a regular store. I had to go to plus size stores or the plus-size section of the department stores...It's no fun to go shopping when you know nothing looks good on you.

"Now I'll walk through the mall and if I see sales signs, I can go in and try on the clothes and see what they have."

Kellerstein was one of three women who spoke about how enjoyable the experience of shopping has become for them since they lost weight.

"I had lost a lot of weight before my 40th birthday when I was in my late 30s. That was the last time I enjoyed shopping," she said.

The mother of two boys, aged 10 and 12, Kellerstein said her pregnancies were not the major cause of her weight gain.

"I had put on weight during my pregnancies, but I can't blame it on that per se. There were many factors, like quitting smoking and eating out a lot before the kids were born."

By June of last year, Kellerstein had ballooned to 205 pounds, and knowing that her son Aaron's bar mitzvah was coming up in November 1999, she said it was time to take action.

"That was a huge incentive. I had decided a year ago the end of June I would start losing weight. I thought even if I lost only five pounds a month, I would have plenty of time before Aaron's bar mitzvah."

She lost 20 pounds over the summer, she said. "I didn't follow any program – just a low fat diet. By the time the high holidays started I lost incentive."

She didn't lose much weight from then until January, but when she saw how much weight her friend had lost on Weight Watchers, Kellerstein joined the program.

By following the Weight Watchers diet and exercising four to five times a week – Kellerstein said she forced herself to use a 7-year-old Nordic track ski machine four to five times a week – she managed to lose another 40 pounds by the summer.

Shirley Kellerstein is like a kid in a candy store after losing weight.

Like Kellerstein, Cindy Saltzman said the up-coming bar mitzvah of her oldest son – the simchah took place in June – was the incentive for her to take off 30 pounds.

"I just wanted to look good in the pictures and video. I was tired of looking at myself in pictures and feeling embarrassed."

Saltzman, 37, the mother of three boys, aged 13, seven, and eight, said she has been overweight most of her life.

"I never dieted. I always felt comfortable with myself until I saw pictures. I did this [diet] with my mother. We are the same size. We saw ourselves in family pictures. I looked at the picture and I said 'Oh my God!'"

Saltzman also joined Weight Watchers to shed the extra weight.

"I'm not skinny," she said, "but I feel a huge difference, I feel great."

As for buying clothes now that she is thinner, she said, "It's amazing...I can go into any store."

Before she lost the weight, Saltzman, who runs a home-based business teaching and selling needlepoint, said she shopped at a special boutique on Eglinton Avenue and at her cousin's home-based clothing store.

"I could never buy any pants from [my cousin]. By the summer, I could fit into all her pants."

"I have jeans that were too small that fit now," she added.

She said she rarely wore jeans before. "I always wore leggings and oversized shirts and vests to cover up most of me. I never tucked in anything. I would never wear shorts. I wore leggings with T-shirts and long dresses down to my ankle."

Like Saltzman, Kellerstein said she used to buy mainly oversized tops, and pants with elasticized waists, and she, too, never tucked in her tops.

Saltzman, who went from a size 16 to a 12, recalled one of her first shopping experiences after her weight loss.

"I tried on a pair of capri pants at my cousin's. She said they fit small. She said, 'Don't feel badly if they don't fit.'[But] they fit. I bought them in two colors. I bought body suits and a short sweater.

"I also bought a suit with a short jacket and skirt. I never wore a short skirt before. It was great."

And there were plenty of new outfits in more fitted styles for the bar mitzvah, which took place June 19. It was entire weekend affair, Saltzman said. "The whole weekend we had parties day and night."

On the Friday evening, she wore

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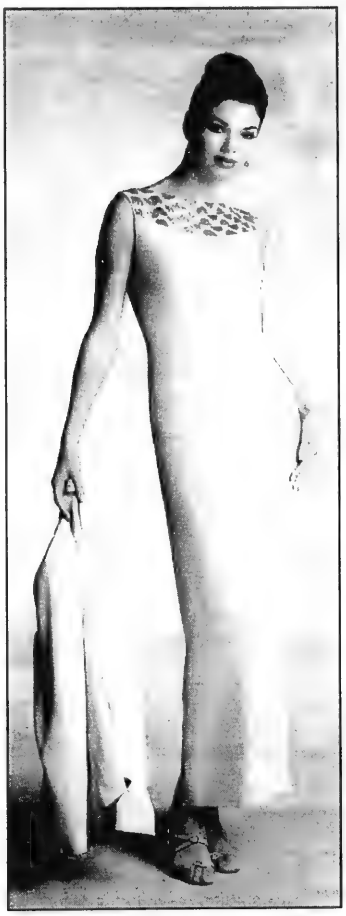

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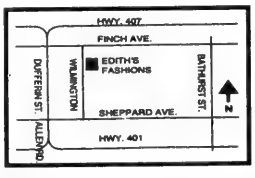

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Fall Fashion

Losing weight puts the fun back into clothes shopping

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long pants – a white and light blue hound's-tooth pattern – paired with a white sleeveless body suit and white short sleeve sweater, and yes, her guests noticed the change, she said. "I got a lot of compliments."

For the shul service, she wore a short navy leather skirt – she had it made – with a Chanel-type jacket trimmed in leather, she said.

"I wanted to wear something different. We started in March to choose [the outfit]. It was finished one week before the bar mitzvah.

"My mother also lost 30 pounds. Our outfits were made together."

For the Sunday night party, she wore a black gown with a chiffon skirt attached to a body suit worn with a beaded T-shirt over it. "This is a style I would never have worn had I not lost the weight," Saltzman said. "I felt great."

After her 15-pound weight loss Sharron Lungen, 35, another Weight Watchers' success story, can also wear certain styles that she said would not have suited her when she was heavier.

"I wasn't really that heavy," she said. But "I thought I would feel more comfortable if I dropped the weight I put on since my wedding [in 1996]."

And when she had to buy a new dressy outfit for a wedding this spring, Lungen said she chose "a really slinky dress, which I would not have been caught dead in before I lost the weight."

She said she felt really good in this dress, which she described as a simple black velour shift that follows the shape of the body, with a tube-style bodice.

Another dress, she said she would not have worn before her weight loss was a gift from her mother-in-law.

The long pale blue dress with two slits in the front up to the mid-leg has buttons down the front and a drawstring in the back.

"It's a gorgeous dress. It's perfect for the office," she said. "It would not have fit me if I had not lost the weight."

She said she has also purchased a short denim skirt – a style that was off-limits during her heavier phase; and now she can feel comfortable wearing a simple T-shirt and jeans

Working in the financial services industry, Lungen needs to be dressed up for work, she said. "I always wear suits and dresses. I started my job last September. Shortly after I started, I felt the tightness [in my clothes] as I began gaining weight."

With the weight loss, the clothes started to feel comfortable again, she said.

She said one of the nicest things about the weight loss is not having to spend as much time figuring out what to wear.

"Now I don't have think or plan so much around clothes. Whatever I put on these days is OK. I don't have to worry about finding the outfit that flatters me. Most things fit nicely."

Lungen now wears clothing in size 8 to 10, and being in that size range, she said, makes it easier to find clothing when she shops

"It's definitely helped me walk out of store with something new. It has made shopping easier. It's easier to find stuff that looks nice."

Kellerstein said she found shopping for clothes in May for two family bar mitzvahs in June was exciting.

"I knew I needed a nice cocktail dress. I went straight to the fancy clothes rack and I picked a little black dress off the rack. I tried it on. The zipper did up. It was still obviously tight, but I bought it anyway. By the time the bar mitzvah in June came along, it fit me perfectly.

"It was an incentive. That was my first time dressing up since I lost the weight. It felt fabulous."

She said for the second bar mitzvah, she was able to fit into a suit she bought when she was 40. "It was great, except I was the only one wearing a red suit. Everyone else was wearing pastel."

So far nobody has not recognized her, but she said "people do double takes when they see you."

While "it's more fun to go shopping" and her wardrobe has increased substantially, Kellerstein said there are other benefits to the weight loss.

"Looking better, feeling better and watching the scale go down is a reward in itself. And the nice clothes are the icing on the cake."

And Lungen stressed that while it's gratifying to lose weight, the benefits to her health outweigh the advantages of shopping and looking better.

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Woman's autobiography geared towards the fashion lover in us

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
CJN Staff

Love, Loss and What I Wore (Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill) is an autobiography with a twist. It's a picture book for grown ups – mainly female grown ups.

Written and illustrated by Ilene Beckerman, this small hard cover book is geared to fashion aficionados. Beckerman tells the story of her life through the clothes she wore.

Essentially we follow her through the various stages in her life from the age of seven. She chronicles ordinary events — birthdays, ballet classes and school events – and milestones like weddings and divorces.

Included with each page of text are illustrations of the clothes she wore on those occasions, such as the plaid taffeta dress her mother made her for her 10th birthday.

In many respects, Beckerman, 65, has led a fairly ordinary life. She grew up in New York City. The mother of five and a grandmother, Beckerman, twice married and divorced, went to work outside the home at the age of 38. Today she's a vice-president of an advertising agency.

But we don't learn much about the transition she made from housewife to single career woman. Indeed, the biography is a thumbnail sketch of Beckerman's life using illustrations of her clothes and fashion trends of the times.

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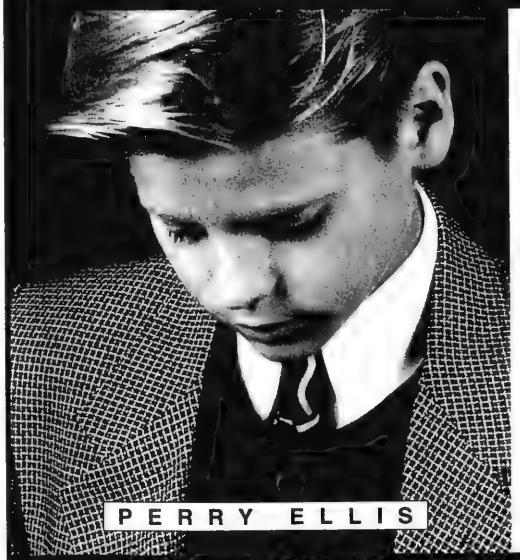

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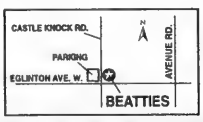

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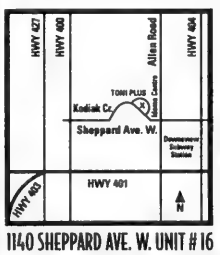

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Girls just wanna' have fun the theme for fall's beauty tips

Girls just want to have fun is the theme for Fall '99. Gypsy chic is back with a vengeance. The shades are bright and gorgeous, the mood 200 percent sexy; and if that isn't enough, rocker eye-liners swing dance into the new millennium.

Brows are meticulously shaped and fuller than ever. The most popular lip shades are varying tones of mauve and berries. Brown lips are total history, so kiss them goodbye. Although lip liner is not supposed to be predominant, it is still essential for lip definition.

Begin to use more richly formulated cremes to keep skin soft and prevent dryness. The cool winds and heating systems will no doubt dehydrate your skin. Don't forget to exfoliate weekly to remove the barrier of dead skin cells to allow cremes to penetrate more effectively.

Don't give up your exercise regime just yet. Fall fashions are very fitted and feminine. Continue your low fat, low sugar diet and drink a lot of water. If you are concerned about puffiness, eat your carbs for lunch, and protein and veggies for dinner. According to the new Suzanne Somers diet, stay away from all white flour and sugar. Keeping fit is being healthy, and that folks, is the essence of beauty.

CAROL'S TIPS

SKIN CARE: Precision, with a do-it-yourself skin-analyzing computer, is *Chanel's* latest technological breakthrough. This line of unique cremes combines beauty and science to address many skin types, focusing on photo-aging, which means loss of radiance and/or dark spots caused by passing years.

Finally, attention to our much neglected skin tone – a few lines don't look so bad on a bright complexion.

Estee Lauder's Perfectly Clean is one of the most superb cleansers I've used. It's available in pump bottles or soap form. According to Dominique Szabo (senior vice-president of product development worldwide), the solid bars are never to be referred to as "soap." These petal pink (dry/normal) and mint green (oily/normal) cleansers, whether solid, lotion or gel provide rich lather that leaves skin squeaky clean, yet soft and velvety.

"These cleansers stand up to the white towel test!" Szabo claims. I agree – bravo *Estee Lauder.*

Now back to wrinkles. *Christian Dior* has an exciting breakthrough, named Phenomena-A A double retinol (molecule derived from vitamin A), it claims that in four weeks, wrinkles are 69 percent visibly reduced, and that is the minimum result.

Check out *Lancaster's* Suractif line. It has a "deep lift" firming effect, as a result of their exclusive ingredient, Retinol 2. This little molecule is definitely having a comeback – and deservedly so. Its dual action has an excellent effect on and below the skin's surface. These luxurious products are contained in gorgeous gold packaging and will be available November 99.

Borghese offers us the ultimate pampering treatments. They are moisturizing and restoring gloves and socks with polymer lining (containing restorative properties) that promise to restore moisture and totally revitalize our feet and hands. For best results, sleep with them overnight. Fango Active Mud from *Borghese* is a mineral-enriched volcanic mud that dissolves clogged skin dirt as it exfoliates, hydrates and firms the face and body. Check out their new Botanico eye compresses, they are so soothing! *Borghese* is available at Holt Renfrew.

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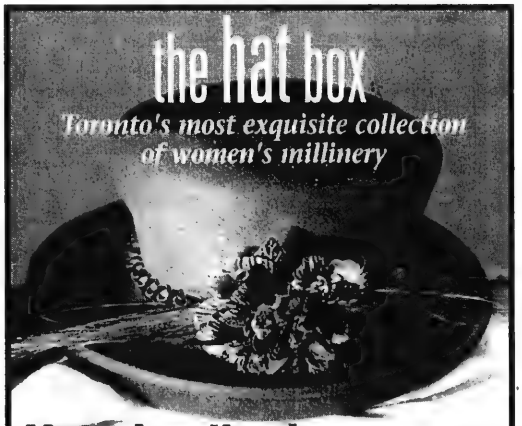

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NAILS: *Diorific* nail enamel, of course from *Christian Dior*, is color shine in a bottle – exquisitely designed in a tiny transparent ball with a cute gold faceted hat – a great gift. For an interesting twist, try *Dior's* Matte Nail Enamel; it appears velvety soft with no shine at all.

Estee Lauder High Gloss Lacquer is just as lovely and has a UV absorber to maintain color fidelity.

Jet Set Quick Dry Enamel from *L'Oreal* does set in about one minute, and check out the sparkle!

Don't miss *Chanel's* Quick Shine and their new blue-tinged pink opalescent top coat, which is charming.

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FOUNDATION: *Lancaster's* new Matifying Compact Treatment is a powder with a long-wearing creamy formulation. Its treatment action helps regulate sebum levels (oils) and maintain skin's moisture balance. It is ideal for a complete base, retouching and camouflage. It is definitely the must have product for all skin types prone to shine.

For fun and dazzle, apply *L'Oreal's* Body Makeup Highlighter to your cheeks and brows, and watch them brighten.

SWEET CHEEKS: Creme-to-Powder cheek colors from *Arden's* Enchantment palette delivers blendable and smooth brightness in three exciting shades.

The Shower of Stars collection from *Chanel* is irresistible. Eclats Cosmiques is a lip and cheek makeup offering a whole spectrum of precious lights. Its two shades of copper bronze and copper beige are dynamic.

Dior's Nude Beige is chic and perfect for that flesh-tone finish.

Check out *Stila* at Holt's, a hot new makeup line from New York. Shimmer your lips and cheeks with their yummy raspberry gloss.

EYE CANDY: *Lancome's* Passage series has an exquisite creme eye shadow that contains aqua gliss, a new technological wonder that is rich in water and has an ultra-cool texture. Dab on this silky creme and watch it evaporate into a thin film of color. *Lancome* formulates yet another fabulous mascara named Magnificil – it's all in the brush.

Estee Lauder's Two-In-One Eye Shadow Duo in the color Storm produces a sultry and dramatic eye.

L'Oreal's Eye Smoker Liner and Shadow Crayons are alluring and easy to apply, and they just shimmer.

Try eye shadow in a tube from *Clinique*. This green/gold Smudgie glides on like satin.

LUSCIOUS LIPS: Futurist Full Treatment Lipstick from *Lauder's* Winter Beach collection is super hydrating and helps reduce signs of premature aging.

Lancome treats us to a three lip color and two texture all-in-one compact – simply divine.

Top up your lips with *Lancaster's* creamy, iridescent beige – great on all shades. And make sure you see their vintage wine collection. Your lips will glisten with the lustre of ripe grapes.

Quick and easy is *Clinique's* new

HAIR: *Salon Daniel* moves to 79 Yorkville Ave. The talented artist has created a luxurious ambiance with services that include not only the finest in hair styling, but a full service spa. Hair fashion this season Daniel says, is about control with a sense of freedom.

"This translates to straight shiny hair mixed with a soft wave. Braids and crimping will be popular mixed with straight tresses," he concludes.

Extreme Anti-Snap treatment from *Redken* zeroes in on split ends and fortifies weak areas.

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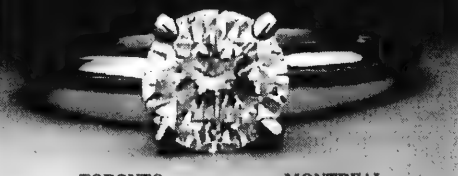

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Fall Fashion

Lip augmentation is a safe, painless procedure

By CAROL WISE
Special to The CJN

Since the days of Joan Crawford, women, young and old, have sought full, voluptuous lips. That was quite a contrast from the thin lip beauties of the '30s like Marlene Dietrich.

Psychologically, full lips seem to denote sexuality and warmth, while thin lips imply a cold and stern demeanor. Of course this is mythology: Our brain interprets visual imaging in very unique ways.

Today, surrounded by beautiful people with voluminous lips like Claudia Schiffer, Julia Roberts and just about every other celebrated beauty, it is no wonder that lip augmentation is one of the most popular cosmetic procedures done.

There are many different techniques being practised. Collagen was the most popular, but it only lasts about three to six months.

Fat injections are effective, as they actually remove fat from one part of your body and inject it into the lips. The lasting effect here is questionable, with the average time being about two to five months.

Hylaform and Restylane are quite similar, both gels being derived from hyaluronic acid (a humectant that keeps skin moist and supple) which occurs naturally in our body. It dissolves naturally with time. Both these gels last about four to eight months.

Although these methods are all quite safe and effective, the apparent glitch is that they don't last.

Dr. Sammy Sliwin of the Forest Hill Institute of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, says the problem is that biological materials are reabsorbed within six months to a year, and synthetics, until now, can cause side effects and allergic reactions.

"Beware of charlatans still using silicone and calling it a different name, it not only migrates but it's illegal," cautions the doctor. "Creating a lasting way to smooth out wrinkles and plump up the lips has been a pursuit for decades."

Among the Toronto cognoscenti, it seems that Dr. Sheldon Pollack of Women's College Hospital, is the maven of the new miracle substance called Artecoll.

He explains that Artecoll consists of homogeneous polymethylmethacrylate (PMMA) microspheres, evenly suspended in a solution of partly denatured collagen.

He says following the injection in the lower part of the dermis, the collagen vehicle will be degraded by the body within one to three months. The microspheres will be totally encapsulated by a fine, fibrous capsule and the process will be complete after two to four months.

Since the PMMA microspheres are non-biodegradable and too large to migrate, the resulting tissue augmentation will be long lasting.

Like a miracle

Sliwin says, "The onset of Artecoll is like a miracle. It has simply taken over the market. The results are superb and the effect lasts for years. It also works incredibly well on other facial lines."

He says the whole procedure takes about 15 minutes and could be done on a lunch hour. Of course, the lips would be swollen, but if you are not working with the public there would be no down time, he adds.

Sliwin uses a topical freezing called Emla, which some doctors feel is enough, but he prefers to inject freezing along with the numbing cream to enable him to sculpt the lips so that the patient is totally pain free, he says.

"I would suggest, without a doubt, to use both freezing techniques. The lips are very sensitive and why suffer when there is no need."

A collagen test is imperative prior to the event as allergic reactions can occur. Redness and swelling are sure signs of problems. If this is the case, Restylane would be the best alternative, as it lasts the longest of the absorbables.

Dr. Michael Bederman of the Centre for Cosmetic Surgery says his office is buzzing with not only women of all ages but men as well. "People want fuller lips and Artecoll is an excellent process. It not only lasts but produces excellent results."

If you are at all hesitant, Odette Levy, director of the centre, suggests having a non-permanent procedure first.

I agree with Levy. Conservative movement toward change is always best.

Another alternative, albeit not as effective, but lots of fun, is Super Duper Lips from Joey New York. It is a two part lip product containing an all natural gel with a flesh-colored lip pencil. You massage this honey gel into your lips for seven minutes and your lips stay plumbed for up to four hours (It 's available by calling 1-800-563-9691).

So if you are young, old, male or female and you have always wanted sexy, voluminous, or just slightly enlarged lips, your time has come. There are safe methods to suit all your needs, be they temporary or longer lasting.

I asked the experts if lipstick adheres as well to a puffy lip as it does to a thin one? A unanimous Yes was said by all.

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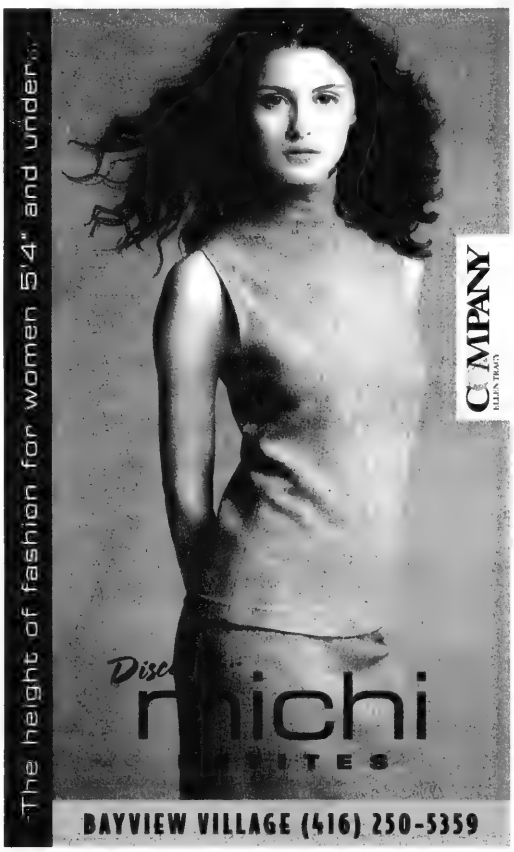

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Socks 'n shirts on the 'Net

By CYNTHIA GASNER
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Men's fashions have gone into cyberspace. By just clicking, you can find out what colors will be in demand this fall, and order your size and style. Within a few days, you will have the items delivered to your door.

What started as a catalogue business that sold high quality, reasonably priced, men's white cotton shirts by toll-free telephone or fax, has catapulted into an international business with a fast-growing customer base.

Five years ago, Leon Goren, a chartered accountant, Keith Beckley, a physicist, and Doug Childerhose, a banker, who regularly shopped for white cotton dress shirts which cost more than $100, decided that there was a way to save money.

"We set up 'just white shirts & black socks,' a business with a low overhead," says Goren, president of the company.

"We wanted to sell directly to our customers in the easiest way we could imagine. And we really wanted to put the value into our shirts, socks and service."

With an initial investment of $25,000, the trio soon discovered that businessmen and executives liked the convenience of ordering a reasonably priced wardrobe staple that can be delivered to their home or office in 48 hours.

The first year, sales were $100,000, and within three years it had jumped to more than $750,000. The partners worked at their day jobs and spent their nights taking orders, packing boxes for delivery, and developing a sophisticated computer database.

In 1997, Goren gave up his position at Deloitte Touche to become managing director. "The growth of the company is beyond my wildest expectations," says Goren.

That year, 'just white shirts & black socks' set up a Web site at www.justwhiteshirts.com.

"The Web has allowed us to double our sales," says Goren. He notes that there are now three operations – Canadian, American, and Australian – "and other co-marketing ventures are in the works."

He said the Internet attracts customers from such countries as Japan, France, Indonesia, Bulgaria, Cayman Islands and England.

With the growth of the company, there has been a demand for more products and additional colors.

"In five years, we expect to become a large-scale company with a broader range of products."

The company puts out a catalogue, a witty newsletter, a seasonal publication, and the comprehensive Web site with the three smiling partners wearing white shirts, black socks and no pants.

On the fashion scene, Goren says that there has been a shift. "More and more men are moving away from the traditional dress shirts in the office environment, to a more casual dress – and it is picking up momentum across the country."

He explains that at first, many business establishments had the casual Friday, then the casual summer; this has led to a more casual atmosphere all the time except for board meetings, when executives have to dress appropriately.

"With this change," he notes, "you have to use more imagination. You have to be perceived as a success.

"Fashion runs in cycles. I think that in the next three to five years, there will be a swing back from casual to traditional. Some companies are defining the perimeters for dress."

Along with traditional shirts in a variety of colors and stripes, and monogrammed button-down shirts, the fall catalogue features 100 percent-cotton mock turtlenecks that look and feel like cashmere; a variety of belts; underwear; socks in a variety of colors; T-shirts, and other sports shirts.

Goren predicts that olive green should be huge this fall, and khaki is still very strong.

He says that 75 percent of their products are made in Canada and the company has a record of less that five percent returns with 95 percent of the returns requesting an exchange of size.

Goren points out that electronic commerce is booming. "In fact, North American consumers spent approximately $3.5 billion in 1998, more than triple the previous year."

The customers are shaping their business, he says. "Our customer base keeps growing and customers are asking for products."

To accommodate the growing business, which now exceeds $1 million dollars a year in sales, the company is preparing to move into new and larger quarters, and they are planning to have a showroom.

Clothes make this person

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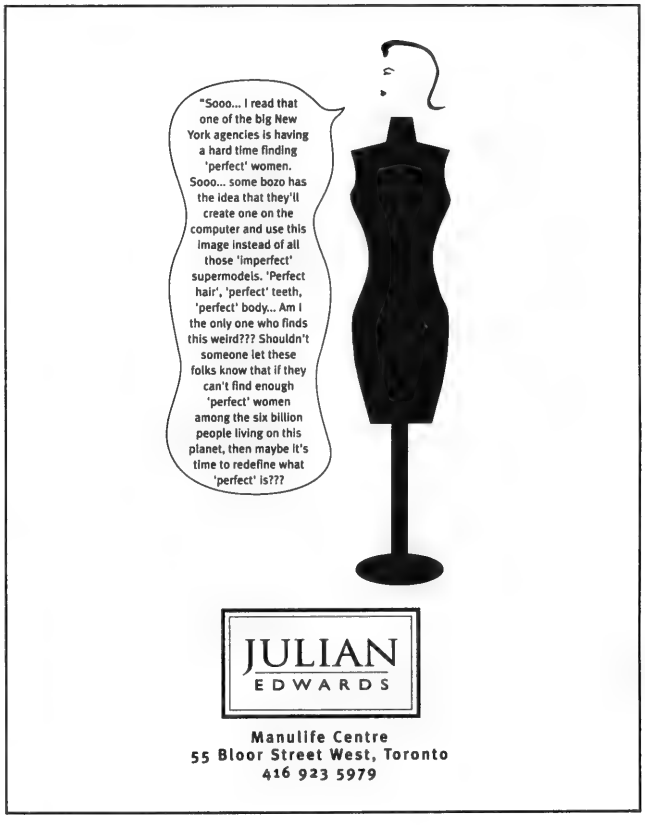
have been inconceivable – when people dressed up for most occasions, even dinner. Think of Frank Sinatra with the suits and the hats; and June cleaver in her shirtwaist dresses and pearls.

In this day and age, people don't dress up if they don't have to – it's a more casual lifestyle. Most casual clothing is not all that memorable — it's jeans, jeans and more jeans.

Beckerman spends more time describing the clothes she wore than her feelings about loves and losses in her life. For example, she mentions her mother's death some time in the mid-'40s, without dwelling on any details.

Yet the book is somewhat of a tribute to her mother, a hard-working woman who died young. Beckerman goes to great lengths to document her mother prowess as seamstress: She made most of Beckerman and her older sister Blossom's clothes.

Love, Loss and What I Wore is a lightweight book. It would never make the best seller list or the Book of the Month Club. Nevertheless, there's a certain charm in the simplicity of the narrative and the illustrations. It's an easy read, as most picture books are.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Sweatshirts are essential wardrobe pieces

By ANITA SZABADI-GOTTESMAN
Special to The CJN

As soon as the calendar flips to August, there is an unmistakable chill in the morning air. It is the time to dress in layers that can be progressively taken off during the day.

I reach for my new, basic black, designer Donna Karan New York long-sleeved sweatshirt, knowing that the name is a misnomer. I will never sweat in my designer duds.

We can thank athletes for putting the sweatshirt into everybody's dresser. Used initially as heavyweight cotton over-shirts for post-exercise warm-ups, they soon caught on as track suits for the amateur athlete, and then were taken under designers' wings and touted as an essential part of every wardrobe.

Known for comfort, sweatshirts usually come in cotton inside and out, with the inside having a fleecy texture.

According to Lenny Rebner, president of Montreal-based textile importer, Lentex, it is important to look for a heavier weight cotton fabric when choosing a sweatshirt.

"A sweatshirt that is weighted at 13, 14 or even 18 ounces provides better durability," says Rebner.

We all have our favorite brand of sweats from Canadian fashion leaders to giant American retailers, but it's really kids of all ages who seem to set the tone for what's in and what's not in sweatshirts each season.

There is no better place to wear a warm, cozy sweatshirt than in the country, where I recently had the opportunity to spend two weeks with a whole group of fashion forward young people at the Harry Bronfman Y Country Camp in Huberdeau, Que.

Ben Levine, 17, a student at Dawson College, looks for comfort when he's at camp.

'The bigger the better'

"The bigger the better," says Levine. "It's got to be long with pockets and loose at the bottom – no elastic."

Levine tends to wear sweatshirts after sports, but also looks to sweatshirts for comfortable dressing.

Eric Brener, an 18-year-old student at Toronto's York University, looks for designer sweatshirts. He prefers name brands but sticks to basic colors of blue and black.

High quality is what counts for Marianopolis student, Renee Fogelbaum, also 18. The look and feel must be comfortable. She prefers to wear sweatshirts sporting the names of universities and professional and college teams. Fogelbaum's favorites are the Bulls and "any team from Michigan."

Her style preference leans towards hooded sweatshirts with kangaroo pockets in front to keep her hands warm in.

Fogelbaum scours the sports stores and her old stand-by, she says, is ROOTS, although she also likes designer favorites Diesel and Calvin Klein.

"Wearing a designer name on your sweatshirt gives you the allure of being in style," says Fogelbaum.

Classic colors of blue and gray make up the sweatshirt collection of Jennifer Ornstein, 17, a Dawson student. "I want to be comfortable when I sit in class," she says, "and a sweatshirt does the trick."

But 9-year-old camper, Arielle, sums up the fashion cachet of the sweatshirt as follows: "It has to be baby blue and it has to be cozy!"

Cousellors Renee Fogelbaum and Jennifer Ornstein of the Harry Bronfman Y Country Camp in Huberdeau, Que., warm up on a cold camp morning with their young charges in sweatshirts in various styles, and sizes. [Anita Szabadi-Gottesman]

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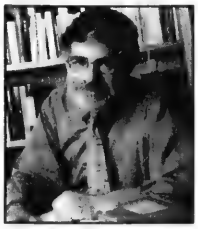

That the Jewish year and the academic year are in phase is accidental but altogether appropriate. Learning is a central aspect of Judaism; Jews are known as the "people of the book." In Canada and elsewhere they have exhibited an extraordinary level of commitment to achievement in education.

In recent years, Jewish life everywhere has been energized by renewed dedication to Jewish learning in a variety of settings. York University's Centre for Jewish Studies is one of the most active and vibrant Jewish learning centres in Canada with some 1000 course registrations each year. Course offerings range from Bible, rabbinics, and Hebrew language to contemporary Canadian Jewry, Holocaust, and Sephardic Studies. We offer B.A., B.Ed. (Jewish Education), M.A., M.Ed., and Ph.D. degrees as well as lectures and seminars for the public.

During the past few years, we have added three chairs in Jewish Studies and significant scholarship endowments. This year, for the first time, we co-sponsored an archaeological dig in Israel. And we continue to develop exciting new initiatives, some of which are featured on this page.

As the old year closes, I want to thank all those who have generously supported our Centre during the past year, as well as the students and faculty who are its mainstay. As the new year begins, I want to invite students, faculty, and the community to become part of the unique Jewish learning environment at the York University Centre for Jewish Studies.

Best wishes for a *shana tova* especially a *shnat limudim tova*, for a good year in study and in every other way.

Professor Michael Brown

Bernard Ghert, second from left, holds up a copy of Creating the Jewish Future, *the Centre for Jewish Studies volume from the conference sponsored by Ghert at the Centre. Pictured with Ghert at the November launch of the book at Beth Tzedec Synagogue are Professors Bernard Lightman, Sydney Eisen and Michael Brown.*

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Aharon Appelfeld, one of the best known and most highly regarded contemporary Hebrew novelists and author of more than 40 books, will visit the York Centre for Jewish Studies from March 10-20, 2000, as writer/scholar in residence. His visit will inaugurate the new Silber Family Chair in Holocaust and Eastern European Jewish Studies.

JEWISH EDUCATORS TO CONSULT AT YORK

A gathering of leading Jewish educators from schools across North America is scheduled to take place at York in late October. Professor Alex Pomson, professor of Jewish Education, will host the meeting of ALOHA, the Association of Institutions for Higher Learning in Jewish Education.

NEW FACULTY JOIN THE CENTRE FAMILY

Professor Sara Horowitz is a well-known scholar of Jewish literature who has taught at the University of Delaware. Author of *Voicing the Void: Muteness and Memory in Holocaust Fiction*, she will be teaching Humanities and Hebrew literature.

Professor Eric Lawee is a distinguished young scholar who has been teaching at Stanford University. He writes about medieval messianism and commentaries; he will be teaching rabbinics and medieval Jewish civilization.

Dr. Seymour Epstein, the new director of the Board of Jewish Education, has taught at McGill University and worked in Jewish education in Israel, Russia, Morocco, Europe, and Canada. He will be teaching in the Jewish Teacher Education Programme.

Dr. Rachel Turkienicz is an alumna of York's Jewish Teacher Education Programme and a highly regarded teacher and administrator at the Heschel School. She will join the faculty of the Jewish Teacher Education Programme.

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This past summer 20 students and volunteers from York, under the direction of Professor Carl Ehrlich of the Centre for Jewish Studies, helped to uncover Tel Gath, a site in Israel associated with Goliath and the Phillistines. Anyone eager to join next summer's expedition should contact the Centre.

Michael Isaacs and Robin Sadavoy excavating at the Tel-Gath Dig in Israel sponsored by the Centre and Bar-Ilan University.

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The four attended a Russian-Jewish student conference and summer school held at the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow.

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Health

Apartments for psychiatric clients offer freedom

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — When Abram Friedland fell ill a few years ago as a result of a reaction to medication he was taking for schizophrenia, the setback would eventually prove to be a turning point in his life.

Schizophrenic since childhood, Friedland had been rather isolated, living in a rooming house. After his medication was adjusted, however, he was able to get an apartment of his own in a building for those with chronic but stable psychiatric conditions, run by Jewish Family Services (JFS).

Tenants live independently in 19 units in two buildings, with a counsellor on the premises to provide supervision and support.

They have the advantage of affordable rent, help with daily living skills like budgeting and meal planning, and overcoming stress. They also have access to social, recreational and educational activities, and a link with community life and resources.

Friedland, now 31, has a university degree and was working, but not at what he would like to do.

The JFS support has provided him with contact with other people and exposed him to new interests. "I've made friends and I learned how to write poetry, and was helped to get published," he said.

He spent three years in the supervised apartment and last year "graduated" to his own place. But he continues to drop in at the supervised apartment twice a month for its group meetings held in one unit reserved for that purpose. These are mainly social gatherings.

Through JFS's community-based mental health support services, Friedland has been able to go back to school to get a certificate enabling him to teach math to adults. He is also now doing volunteer work at Le Mercaz, the Jewish community's depot for distributing goods to the poor.

"The program has been very helpful to me. I speak to Marcie Klein (co-ordinator of the support services) two or three times a weeks and bounce ideas off her. She's very supportive if I have a problem," he said. "It's been a very positive experience. I owe them a lot."

JFS's support services are designed to help the adults involved live as autonomously as possible in the community. With new drugs and cutbacks in the number of psychiatric hospital beds, more and more such people find themselves on their own. Too often they do not receive adequate follow-up, and live lives with little structure.

The services include long-term individual and group programming; advocacy and outreach, through home visits and phone contact; and a special effort to strengthen Jewish identity, including holiday and Shabbat celebrations, cultural activities and access to the community's chaplaincy services. The program is open equally to those living on their own, with family or in foster homes.

"The program is very client-directed. We try to fit the services to what they want," said Klein, a social worker. Currently, about 45 people use the services. They suffer from schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, severe depression and anxiety. Some have had long hospitalizations, but are well enough to cope fairly well on their own now. All are expected to continue to be connected to a health care provider.

'Very positive experience'

"We are not psychiatrists. Our role is not to ensure that they take their medication, but we do monitor, and if they do not show up or there appears to be something wrong, we can get in touch with their professional," Klein said.

The program is now in its fourth year and grew out of the findings of a task force made up of Jewish community agencies and hospitals.

"A lot of gaps were identified, particularly in services to adults," said Harriet Tobman, JFS coordinator of family and children's services. "A lot of people were slipping through the cracks of what is provided by departments of psychiatry and CLSCs, which are overtaxed already."

Too many people with psychiatric disorders are living alone, often lacking the motivation to even get out of bed, she said. They may have families, but they often cannot cope with all their needs.

The program, of course, has its limitations, both in terms of budget and the extent to which it can serve a population that is frequently reluctant to come forward for help.

"There is still a strong taboo surrounding mental illness," Tobman said. "We usually receive referrals from hospitals or family, but it is a constant challenge to get people to come out. They are very reluctant to come forward because of the stigma. They have a fear of being labelled."

Volunteers do much of the work. Klein is the only full-time staff member attached to the program.

Users of the program are matched, one on one, with a volunteer, who helps with living skills or just encourages them to get out.

"Some of the people we serve are really struggling. Just to go out for a walk and a cup of coffee is an accomplishment," Klein said. "We measure success in increments. Once a year, we look back at our progress."

Where possible, the goal is to reintegrate clients into a "normal" life. Courses are offered, through the English Montreal School Board, in social skills and stress management, as well as practical training in computers and French, in order for them to rejoin the work force.

Clients are also encouraged to perform volunteer work in community agencies and projects, to make them feel productive and part of a team.

A common concern among the aging parents is who will look after their mentally ill adult children after they are gone, Klein said. Future Care, a new component of the program, has recently been set up to at least partly answer that need.

Parents can establish a trust under the administration of the Jewish Community Foundation to provide for their children financially. In addition, JFS will evaluate and manage their personal care.

The demand for supervised housing is increasing. The 19 JFS apartments are full and there is always a waiting list. The supervised apartments are totally government-funded, and about half the tenants are not Jewish. The community services, funded by the Jewish community, are aimed at Jewish clients.

The JFS program is valuable, but it is "just a drop in the bucket" when it comes to meeting the needs out there, said Ella Amir, executive director of AMI-Quebec, an organization serving the mentally ill and their families.

Supported housing is the biggest lack, she said. "It's not the quantity, but the range of options in terms of the level of supervision that is missing. If you are very limited or very autonomous, there is something. But in between, there are very few resources."

As a result, these people are either going back to the parents, which is at best a temporary solution, or, more tragically, ending up on the street, Amir said.

The mentally ill are not likely to come forward for help, that's why reaching out to them is so essential, she said.

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Arts & Travel

Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

MAYOR LASTMAN DECLARES "YIDDISH CULTURE WEEK"

Commemorating the third biennial Ashkenaz Festival of New Yiddish Culture, which opens Aug. 30 and runs through Sept. 6 at Toronto's Harbourfront, Toronto Mayor Mel Lastman has proclaimed this "Yiddish Culture Week."

In only its third incarnation, Ashkenaz has become one of the biggest and most lively events in Toronto's Jewish cultural calendar. As detailed in *The CJN* last week, Ashkenaz features a wide variety of music, theatre, dance, lectures, storytelling, film, visual arts, readings and other cultural events, most free. More than 175 artists are participating.

For program details, call Harbourfront Information, 973-3000, or the box office, 973-4000.

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Cranbrooke Friendship Club: Singer-dancer Tanya Granovski, accompanied by Paul Matthew, is the featured entertainment during An Afternoon of International Songs and Dances, sponsored by the Cranbrooke Friendship Club. Sept. 13, 12:30 p.m. at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. $5 admission includes lunch. 789-5502.

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Sculpture on View: The work of Toronto sculptor May Marx is the focus of an exhibition, The Story So Far, running now through Sept. 17 at the Canadian Sculpture Gallery, 130 King St. W., Exchange Tower (main floor; use York St. entrance).

Marx is a past president of the Sculptor's Society of Canada whose works have been widely exhibited since her first Toronto show in 1965. Both Marx and the society are celebrating a 70th birthday. 214-0389.

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Call to Artists: First Night Toronto 2000, a registered charitable organization, is seeking 500 performers for 70 shows on 20 continuous stages for New Year's Eve. As in past years, a wide variety of family-oriented performances and activities are planned, running from 2 pm. on Dec. 31 to 12:15 a.m. on Jan. 1.

Send your proposal and requested fee or budget to First Night Toronto, Artist Selection Committee, 56 The Esplanade, Suite 305, Toronto Ontario M5E 1A7.

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Israeli Naive Art: The current issue of Ariel, the Israel Review of Arts and Letters, features an interesting piece, entitled "A Century of Naive Art in Israel," by Angela Levine. The essay is enhanced by 8 pages of color illustrations.

Levine describes the life and works of a variety of artists, many of whom were underrated and somewhat neglected in their day. Some, she says, were almost prophetic, such as Moshe El-Natan Khodadad, who in the 1950s painted Jews leaving Russia, rockets menacing the world, and space capsules reaching the moon.

Other naive painters explored the shtetls of Europe, Bible scenes and the drama of contemporaneous Israeli life, such as the disembarkation of illegal immigrants in the 1930s and 1940s.

Levine claims there are no naive painters among the recent wave of Russian immigrants to Israel, but identifies several "true naive" artists among recent immigrants from Morocco and Ethiopia. Her thoughtful survey concludes with a concern about the continuation of this rough school of art.

מזל טוב Mazel Tov

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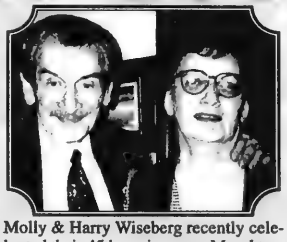
Happy first birthday to Jesse Matthew on June 2. Love from parents Darren & Debi Lastofsky; grandparents Evy & Max Lastofsky and Barri & Lenny Aker.

Mazel tov to Simcha & Nicole Jacobovici on the birth of their daughter Iosefa, sister of Nava, and Ziva, who is holding the baby.



Molly & Harry Wiseberg recently celebrated their 45th anniversary. Mazel tov.

Happy 102nd birthday to William Katz from his daughter Ida Abrams and her children.

Mazel tov and best wishes to Ella and Sam Rozencwajg on their 50th wedding anniversary on April 10. With love from your children and grandchildren.

Mazel tov to Linda Yarmouth on her special birthday. With love from Goldie Cooper & Harry Heisel; Dorothy, Bob, Bram & Jeff Aaron.

Congratulations to Todd & Wendy McLean, who were married on Aug. 1. Best wishes from Sandra McLean and family, Elwood Agrey and family.

Mazel tov to Dara Madasky & Corey Schacter on your marriage, Aug. 22. Love, Mom, Dad, Bryan and Lauren.

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Arts & Travel

Jewish themed films at the Toronto Film Festival

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

The shifting fortunes of a Jewish family in Hungary.

The travails of a Jew in Nazi-occupied Poland.

The criminal career of a Nazi bureaucrat instrumental in implementing the Holocaust.

The tangled lives of a group of Russian immigrants in an Israeli apartment building.

These are among the themes of a medley of Jewish-interest movies to be presented at the 24th edition of the Toronto International Film Festival, which runs from Sept. 9 to 18.

Sunshine, by Oscar-winning Hungarian director Istvan Szabo (*Mephisto* and *Colonel Redl*), is set against a backdrop of political upheaval, armed conflict and the Holocaust.

Starring Ralph Fiennes and Rosemary Harris, the film concentrates on three generations of the Sonnenschien clan. Their lives are variously influenced by the Austro-Hungarian monarchy, Nazism and Communism.

In *Jakob the Liar*, Robin Williams portrays Jakob Heym, an optimistic Jewish cafe owner who broadcasts fictitious news bulletins about the war in order to combat depression and suicidal tendencies among his fellow Jews in the Polish city of Lodz.

Directed by Peter Kassovitz, the movie is based on a novel by Jurek Becker, who was an inmate in the Lodz ghetto and a succession of Nazi concentration camps.

The Specialist, by Eyal Sivan, examines the mind-set of Adolf Eichmann, the bland functionary who was one of the masterminds of Hitler's Final Solution.

Sivan distills 350 hours of footage from Eichmann's trial in Jerusalem in an effort to better understand his mentality and motivations.

Focusing on Israel's growing influx of Jews from the former Soviet Union, *Yana's Friends* has the feel of a documentary.

It revolves around two newly arrived families in difficult circumstances who are trying to fit into their adopted homeland. It is directed by Arik Kaplun.

Errol Morris' *Mr. Death: The Rise and Fall of Fred A. Leuchter, Jr.* is a chilling portrait of an American technician who fell under the influence of Toronto neo-Nazi propagandist Ernst Zundel and became a Holocaust denier.

The Girl of Your Dreams, from Academy Award winning Spanish filmmaker Fernando Trueba (*Belle Epoque*), is a *Life is Beautiful* kind of comedy which unfolds in Berlin following the Nazi seizure of power.

Invited to Germany to make a film, the cast and crew of a Spanish troupe are inexorably drawn into local controversies amid the eruption of mutual cultural differences. The leading lady is wooed by Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels, but she saves her considerable charms for a Jewish extra.

Moloch, a Russian/German co-production, explores 24 hours in the life of Hitler, the personification of evil. Alexandr Sokurov, the director, takes Hitler's measure through his relationship with Eva Braun, his mistress.

In *After the Truth*, a thriller by Roland Suso Richter, an idealistic young lawyer is forced to defend one of the arch war criminals of the Third Reich, Josef Mengele, the so-called Angel of Death.

Robin Williams in *Jakob the Liar*.

Zyklon Portrait, a Canadian film by Elida Schogt, is a cinematic essay on Zyklon-B, the gas of choice of Nazi concentration camp commanders.

Cultural and religious dissonance is the theme of Lea Pool's *Emporte-Moi*, which studies the dysfunctional marital relationship of a French Canadian Catholic and her Jewish immigrant husband.

From the faraway land of Mali comes Cheick Oumar Sissoko's film, *Genesis*, a meditation on the three monotheistic religions – Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The biblical tale of Joseph and Jacob is deftly transplanted on African soil.

Kadosh, seething with love and passion, takes place in Mea Shearim, the stronghold of haredim in Jerusalem. Amos Gitai directs.

The brainchild of Jonathan Sagall, *Urban Feel* is a comtemporary urban drama. It's about the woes of an unhappily married couple in Israel which are magnified when an old flame suddenly appears on the scene.

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Arts & Travel

Young director successfully links plays at festival

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Michael Kessler, the 23-year-old Toronto actor/director, had two plays on the future of young thespians, but he needed a third.

When he bombarded the theatre community through his fax machine, established playwright Jason Sherman replied with *Equity Rules*, an unproduced play that fit the bill.

Kessler wove the three together and came up with *Ulcers Before Adolescence*, one of the hits of the 40-play Summerworks festival at the Tarragon and Factory Theatres.

What the young director, a graduate of the University of Toronto-Sheridan College drama course, did, was write connecting lines to link the three plays, to show the plight of young actors, "when there is so little work for so many of us that we lose touch with what we want to be."

His motor is the interview in which a corporate personnel manager questions the eager applicant about motivation and receives the dishonest answers he expects.

Kessler works this interview, which he wrote, into all three plays, *Equity Rules*, plus two American pieces, *The Lives of Great Waitresses* by Nina Shengold and *The M Word* by Alan Ball.

Like most young directors, he tends to give his connecting lines too much exposure.

The surprising thing about *The M Word* is that it was written in 1990, so up to date is it in the way that Derek T. Perks proposes marriage to Nicole St. Martin, with an overleaf presentation on the assets and liabilities each will bring to the marriage. She plays it cool all the way through, keeping him on the hook, but lets out a war whoop of joy as soon as he leaves.

In Sherman's play, aspiring actress Jenny Kuipers gives all the reasons she shouldn't do it, but finally disrobes for scheming director Arthur Wachnik, in order to get the role.

Shengold's play deals with the more familiar territory of young actors working in restaurants as servers while they wait for the big break, revealing along the way their own frustrations and cynicism.

The partnership between Sherman and Kessler has proved so successful that the two are working on a one-hour adaptation, as yet untitled, of three plays, but this time Sherman is in it from the beginning. They plan to stage it next year.

In the meantime, Kessler is working on a remount of *Ulcers Before Adolescence*, hopefully to be presented at Tarragon's Mainspace in December.

Jenny Kuipers and Arthur Wachnik heat things up in Jason Sherman's contribution to *Ulcers Before Adolescence*.

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Business Profile

The headhunter's role is crucial in big business

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

In primitive societies, headhunters stalk and decapitate their prey, preserving their heads as trophies. In advanced countries, such as Canada, headhunters are a completely different breed, politely chatting up their targets before pouncing.

Headhunters, or executive search consultants, play an important role in North American corporate culture. They shuffle human capital like so many pieces on a chess board, placing executives in positions of authority.

Dov Zevy, a founding partner of Pratzer & Partners Inc., one of Canada's premiere search firms, claims that headhunters add value to corporations by virtue of supplying them with top-flight personnel.

"We're absolutely critical to a company's success," said Zevy, who works out of a smart suite of hushed offices on the 47th floor of the Scotia Plaza in downtown Toronto.

Established 10 years ago, Pratzer & Partners specializes in financial and professional services, information technology and real estate. Headed by Elan Pratzer, the company is managed by five partners, all of whom perform headhunting duties.

Zevy, 35, says that headhunting in Canada has grown by about 20 percent each year since 1993. "It has been an incredible growth industry."

According to *Executive Recruiter News*, the bible of the business, North American-wide revenues have skyrocketed from $5.3 billion in 1996 to $7.4 billion in 1998.

And while Zevy is tight-lipped about Pratzer & Partners' revenues, he suggested that he and his colleagues have no reason to complain. Headhunting is and will be in high demand for some time to come.

For one thing, executive talent has grown scarce of late. And the forecast is that it will be even scarcer in the future.

By Zevy's estimation, baby boomers are aging, and their gradual departure from the workplace will leave a yawning gap in the ranks of middle management.

Furthermore, companies are more demanding, the economy is becoming more complex and global, and new industries, notably e-commerce, are fueling demand for qualified executives who can cope with the new environment.

In an effort to better serve its clientele, Pratzer & Partners has expanded into the United States, having opened an office in Chicago eight months ago. And now it is trying to establish a presence in New York City by buying a search company there, said Zevy, a graduate of the University of Ottawa (BA) and York University (MBA).

If the deal goes through, as he fully expects, Pratzer & Partners will be a formidable force. "We'd be in the top 30 firms in the United States, where the opportunities are greater and where a lot of our clients are expanding."

Pratzer & Partners, though, has no plans to add offices elsewhere in Canada. "We have Canada more or less covered from Toronto," he explained.

Specializing in servicing corporations, multinationals and smaller enterprises, the company came into being on the eve of the 1990 recession, and Zevy has been there from the beginning.

The father of three children ranging in age from three to seven, he grew up in Montreal and Ottawa.

His parents, Marco and Fernande, lived in Cairo until 1956. They immigrated to Canada in the wake of the Suez war.

"They left Egypt right after the Suez crisis. It was becoming increasingly difficult for Jews to lead a happy life in Egypt."

From Cairo, the Zevys went to Israel, where Marco, a chemical engineer and a Cairo University graduate, had no trouble finding a job. Home was Kiryat Motzkin, a suburb of Haifa.

They emigrated from Israel in 1959 for family reunification purposes. In an ironic twist, Zevy's married sister, Danielle Leiba, made aliyah last year.

Zevy, whose wife Caroline is an occupational therapist, was previously employed by the Royal Bank of Canada as an account manager. He can thank his brother, Ron, a writer and publisher of children's books, for having introduced him to Elan Pratzer.

He and Pratzer, a headhunter, hit it off immediately. And shortly afterwards, when Pratzer decided to to form his own search business, he asked Zevy to come aboard as a researcher and partner.

Dov Zevy

"I saw it as an opportunity to get into something new at the ground floor and grow with it. That was 10 years ago, and here we are. It has been tremendous and terribly exciting. We've grown from zero and not being on the map to one of the top 10 in Canada."

Pratzer & Partners, which has 20 employees, typically works with high-end executives whose annual salaries start at $125,000. But there have been two cases where new recruits received $1 million in compensation, counting stock options.

On an average day, Zevy spends two to three hours on headphones speaking to prospective candidates. The headhunting process is laborious and thorough.

During the diagnostic phase, Zevy ascertains exactly what a client needs. Having collected the data, he calls sources and targets individuals whom he subsequently interviews.

"We make from 100 to 200 phone calls per search."

Two to three weeks later, he compiles a short-list of suitable candidates for the client to assess. Beyond expertise in a particular field, Zevy looks for certain qualities in an interviewee.

"For senior executives, it's strong leadership skills, vision, the knack of reacting well to change, and a great deal of emotional intelligence, which I define as the ability to read people and situations and deal with problems, confrontations and decisions."

In about 10 percent of the cases, the client is dissatisfied with the short-listed candidates, forcing Zevy to begin anew.

Once a candidate is selected, Zevy plays a role in the negotiations. When the person is finally placed, he keeps in touch with him or her. And throughout this strenuous process, he talks constantly to his client.

Headhunting does not come cheaply. The fee is equal to one-third of a newly-hired executive's first-year salary.

In about five percent of cases, an executive, for whatever reason, fails to pan out, Zevy acknowledged.

Keeping this worst-case scenario in mind, he always endeavors to be an honest broker when discussing a position with a candidate.

"We do not have a back-slapping approach or attitude. We're honest and open. And while we're working for a client, our candidates see us as advisors whom they can trust.

"You have to be able to see an opportunity from their point of view. If you don't, you'll find yourself in one of those five percent situations."

Anti-Semitism, widely prevalent in corporate North America until quite recently, has not affected Zevy in the slightest.

"In the 10 years I've been in search, and in two years of banking, I've never encountered anti-Semitism. I'm sure it still exists, but I've been fortunate."

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Family and continuity 'mark' sculptor's exhibit

BY ADAM BELLO
Special to The CJN

TORONTO— The life's work of a celebrated Canadian sculptor from Toronto's Jewish community has been chosen as the focus of a retrospective exhibition.

May Marx, whose sculptures have been widely exhibited in Canada, and abroad, since the mid-1960s, is currently showcased in The Story So Far..., a collection of her best known works.

Survivor

The feature show illustrates the evolution of Marx's work spanning over three decades. The 70-year-old artist says her motivation to produce has come from a clarity of purpose.

"I remember one sunny September day after Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, I asked myself 'On a day like this, why am I standing in this studio?' It was a question I had wrestled with for many years," Marx says.

"Then it came to me. When I remembered the cantor's words during [those recent] services 'what will happen is sealed', I knew then and there that this work was sealed. It was my destiny."

Receiving critical and commercial acclaim for her expressive abstract sculpting in her chosen medium of bronze, The Story So Far... features sculptures and acrylic paintings.

Much of the exhibit has been inspired by the dynamic of intergenerational relationships, that connects families through time and space, in both a personal and Jewish context.

She says she considers most of her work a diary in bronze that serves as a record of her own family life, but is not limited in interpretation to her alone.

"Early in my career, I began to create works that were more interpretive, like open vessels, where people could view it and project their own family history and legends," she says.

"This [collection] honors the circle of all family life in change and rebirth. It also reflects the circle of Jewish family life because Judaism honors those before us. It acts as a conduit between the past and future, and that life is ultimately about going forward."

Marx says the exhibition's centre-piece *Continuum*, a large bronze abstract sculpture, represents her pivotal exploration – and celebration – of the family theme.

"For me, this piece binds all the sculptures, and draws together the roles held by ancestors and descendants. It brings focus to all the pieces that celebrate the life that I had with my husband, the events in my children's lives, my five grandchildren, and even the great- great- grandmother in Russia I was named for."

In the mid-1980s, Marx turned her talents towards the United Israel Appeal of Canada. For each of the four years leading up to Israel's 40th anniversary, Marx contributed to the creation of a limited edition award given to UIA volunteers across Canada in appreciation of their efforts to raise funds through the sale of Israel bonds.

Marx has remained active in Toronto's Jewish society as a member of Beth Habonim. Having served in volunteer and administrative capacities, she says she has felt a sense of kinship for the synagogue, as it was founded by Jewish-German refugees of the Holocaust – her late husband was one.

Marx says one of her greatest undertakings in the Jewish community has also been a piece of emotional and professional unfinished business.

In 1967, Marx sculpted *Survivor*, a larger-than-life-size sculpture of a solitary concentration camp victim. This 'horrific' image of a man with hollow eyes was exhibited at Holy Blossom Temple and, by coincidence, on the same day that the Six Day War began.

While talk started by congregation members to have *Survivor* cast in bronze as their Holocaust memorial, all project funding by the temple was immediately diverted to war efforts in Israel.

The project was never completed beyond that point. It remained in her downtown studio for more than 30 years. Marx says it is one of her goals to see the sculpture finished as a memorial within the community.

In the same week that The Story So Far... opened, Marx was also the subject of a foreign exhibit. Marx became the first Canadian invited to join a group show presented by the Grassi Museum in Leipzig, Germany. Her work is being featured alongside six German sculptors. Several of her bronzes are part of that gallery's exhibition.

Over the years Marx's work has been exhibited in dozens of Canadian galleries, including the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, and the McMichael Gallery, as well as in galleries in the United States and Europe.

Her sculptures have made their way to some noteworthy private collections, including those of Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and former Chrysler Corporation chairperson Lee Iaccoca.

Looking toward the future, Marx is currently in discussion with Baycrest Centre to create a work for its premises.

May Marx's The Story So Far... runs through to Sept. 17 at the Sculpture Society of Canada Gallery at 130 King St., W., – Exchange Tower, main floor. Show hours are Tuesday to Friday 12 to 6 p.m.; Saturdays 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 214-0389.

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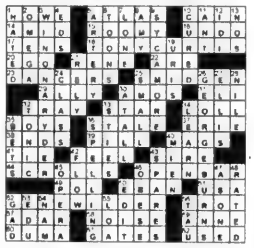

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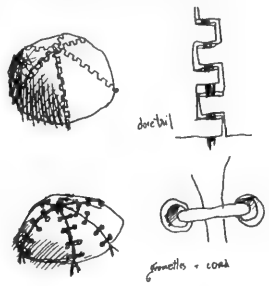
This year's Ashkenaz festival highlights visual art

More than music, film and theatre

By JOSEPH SERGE
Arts Editor

While music is certainly the largest part of the biennial Ashkenaz Festival in Toronto, there are also other events.

In addition to the film, literary and theatre events previewed in past editions of *The CJN* there is a wide display of visual arts exhibitions.



From *Rediscovering the Yarmulke*

Rediscovering the Yarmulke takes a fresh look at the yarmulke. Seven artists (Laura Donefer, Lynn Heller, Barbara Klunder, Haya Nativ, Heather McCrimmon, Janet Morton and Russel Zeid), were asked to interpret the yarmulke in a contemporary context. Their results range from whimsical and playful to highly personal. (to Sept. 8)

From *Jewish Sites*

The Word explores the relationship of language to cultural identity. The artists (Mira Covinensky, Simon Glass, Nina Levitt and Wendy Oberlander, Ruth Liberman, Cynthia Madansky, Sylvia Ptak, Howi Ross, B.H. Yael) translate some of the literal and spiritual aspects of Hebrew and Yiddish into a tangible format, creating a visual dialogue between past beliefs and current practices. (to Sept. 12)

Jewish Sites of North Africa is an exhibit of photographs by D.R. Cowles. Through a series of photographs of synagogues, cemeteries and shrines, Cowles documents a way of life that is quickly disappearing. (to Sept.12 at York Quay Gallery II)

Streetlife is an exhibition of drawings, paintings and prints that focus on the everyday lives of ordinary people. The artists (Aba Bayefsky, Ghitta Caiserman-Roth, Eric Drooker, Harry Gottlieb, Louis Muhlstock, Henry Orenstein and Howard Podeswa) were all raised in the Diaspora and their work captures a Jewish culture in transition. (to Sept. 12, York Quay Gallery)

The Jewish Labor Bund:1897-1997 is a collection of documents from the Bund's archives. They include clandestine brochures, underground leaflets, photographs and posters. (to Sept. 6 at the Community Gallery)

Papirshnitt is a collection of papercuts by Adam Whiteman on Yiddish themes. (to Sept. 6 at the Premiere Dance Theatre)

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This year, Ashkenaz has commissioned some of Toronto's finest painters, graphic designers and theatre artists to design the site decorations. Inspired by ancient temples, Yiddish folk culture and the richness of their own visions, these artists have created stage surroundings and arched portals that draw people into the festival.

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YOUNG AT HEART
Divorced Jewish female, professional, attractive, dynamic, slim, passionate, adventurous, outgoing, enjoy dining and dancing, music, long walks, travelling. Seeking a male, special, unique, 45-55, fit, non smoker, honest, intelligent, over 6', established, professional. AD#1309

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SEEKING SOULMATE
Single female, 35, 5'1", brown hair, green eyes, down to earth, kind, good sense of humour, enjoy movies, outdoor cafes, long walks, 50's and 60's music, art galleries. Seeking a male, energetic, responsible, confident, established, with a heart of gold. AD#1593

LET'S DO LUNCH
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LONG TERM RELATIONSHIP
Single female, 36, 5'4", attractive, slim, brunette, professional, lots of interests. Seeking a male, 35-44, non smoker, professional, with as little baggage as possible, to be my knight in shining armor. AD#1308

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SEND ME MY BESHERT
Single female, 33, attractive, spiritually oriented, environmental and popular educator, writer, healer. Seeking a male to laugh and explore life with, and enjoy a healthy green life style. AD#1223

SUMMER ROMANCE
Single female, 35, brown hair, green eyes, 5'1", enjoy movies, long walks, window shopping, art galleries, theater, good sense of humour, down to earth, kind hearted, definitely not a princess. Seeking a male, who is sweet, honest, well groomed, confident, strong values, modern thinking. AD#1039

SUMMER ROMANCE
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SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP
Single Jewish female, 36, 5'5", active, slim, nice figure, enjoy dining in or out, socializing. Seeking a male, professional, intelligent, good conversationalist, enjoy working out and is ready for a relationship and starting a family. AD#1107

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NIFTY 50'S
Divorced Jewish female, 51, 5'5", attractive, affectionate, fun loving, independent, outgoing, good sense of humour, family values, enjoy opera, theater, long walks. Seeking a professional male, 45-55, financially secure, intelligent, similar interests. AD#1077

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Single Jewish male, 37, professional, honest, caring, great sense of humour, fun to be with. Seeking an attractive female to enjoy life to the fullest together. AD#1218

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LONG TERM RELATIONSHIP
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HOPELESS ROMANTIC
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LONG TERM RELATIONSHIP
Single Jewish male, 37, 5'7", slim, full of life, fun to be with, enjoy long walks, dining and dancing, hiking, movies. Seeking a Jewish female, 28-37, for long term serious relationship. AD#1613

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Divorced male, professional, Eastern European background, 5'10", slim, fit, handsome, down to earth, non smoker, enjoy movies, sunsets, and a healthy life style. Seeking a female, 30ish, affectionate, slim, attractive, for a long term relationship. AD#1323

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Sports

Sheldon Greenfeld

Racquetball champ strikes out in quest for Pan Am gold

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Canadian and world racquetball champion Sherman Greenfeld, bowed out with a whimper rather than a bang at the recent Pan American games.

Sherman Greenfeld

Playing before a hometown crowd in what may be his last major tournament, Greenfeld came up empty. Playing while hurt, he lost the semifinal to American Mike Bronfeld, and he lost the bronze medal to Puerto Rican player Rob De Jesus.

"It was a little frustrating that I was not able to play my best in front of my friends and relatives," Greenfeld says. "I plan to take the rest of August off to determine my future."

For much of the past 20 years, Greenfeld has been a dominant force in racquetball in Canada and in the world. At 37, the Winnipegger can look back on a career that includes a record 10 Canadian singles championships.

Last year, he captured the world title. This past winter, he won the Silver Medal at the 1999 Tournament of the Americas in Rosarito, Mexico.

He has been awarded the Order of the Buffalo by the province of Manitoba, and was Manitoba's Athlete of the Year last year.

He was chosen by the Canadian Olympic Association to recite the athlete's oath at the opening ceremonies of the '99 Pan Am Games.

Greenfeld expects to stay with the sport – which has been his life since he was 16 – in one capacity or another. "I may compete in smaller tournaments," he says. "Maybe I will coach juniors and become an official."

JCC MACCABI PARTICPANTS

These young athletes were part of the Toronto contingent at the JCC Maccabi games held recently in Rochester, N.Y.. Above, is a lively and spirited group from the opening ceremonies. Below is the swim team under the direction of coach Barrie Sachs, standing on the right.

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By JORDAN MAX

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If you have not used the Interactive Tshuvah Hotline before, you will need to listen carefully to our simple, sequenced, instructions.

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Please note that in order to provide timely service to all callers, there is now a limit of 20 aveirot per person at one time.

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- 1 can tomatoes, chopped
- 1 tblsp tomato paste
- 2 tblsp chopped fresh basil
- 1/2 tsp dried oregano
- 1/2 tsp dried thyme
- 5 cups chicken or vegetable stock
- 1 cup couscous cooked
- salt & pepper
- fresh basil leaves for garnish

In a large saucepan, heat oil over medium-high heat. Cook leek and eggplant until soft, about 3 minutes. Stir in tomatoes, tomato paste, basil, oregano and thyme.

Cook until bubbly, about 4 minutes. Add stock and simmer 30 minutes. Puree in a food processor. Return to pot and stir in couscous. Reheat if necessary. Taste for salt and pepper. Garnish with basil leaves.

About Teens

Dear Karilani,

For the past few years, girls my age did not care much about how they looked and what they weighed, but starting this year, everyone has become more aware of their looks. One of my friends, Rachel, used to eat normally, and she was not fat and not skinny. But this year, she has lost a lot of weight. Rachel is beginning to look sick and pale. I have said something to her, but she told me she has never felt healthier and I am overreacting. She has also started to exercise a lot. I know that exercise is healthy, but I am still worried about her. What should I do?

Tammy

Dear Tammy,

You are being a good friend and it is important that you are concerned for Rachel's health. It is possible that she may have an eating disorder. There are many different types of eating disorders, but your friend may be anorexic.

Remember that an eating disorder is a disease, and people who have eating disorders do not choose to have them. It seems that you and your friends are going through a transitional stage, from girls to young women. Some girls find this stage overwhelming and frightening, as their bodies are changing so quickly. There is a misconception in today's society that women must be thin in order to be beautiful. This is not true.

When someone is anorexic, they deprive themselves of food and lose weight rapidly. Sometimes anorexic people over-exercise and their bodies become weak and tired because they do not have enough energy to exercise. Rachel probably does not have very much energy anymore because everyone needs the energy from food to be active.

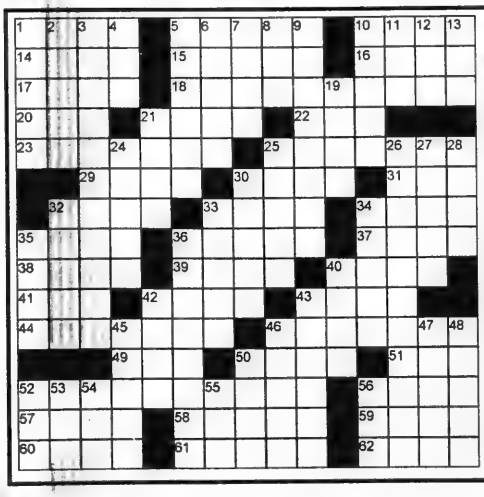
Any eating disorder is a dangerous disease and should be taken care of by an adult, guidance counsellor or a doctor.

Rachel needs help. The best way you can help her is by telling an adult, whether it be your parents, her parents, a teacher or even a trusted grandparent, aunt or uncle. These adults will help you make the right decisions regarding Rachel. I know that it will be hard for you to talk to an adult, and I am sure that you may feel like you are betraying Rachel, but you are not.

If you do not feel comfortable with speaking to an adult, you can call Kids Help Phone and speak to someone who will tell you what to do and where to find centres that help those with an eating disorder in your city or town. You are doing the right thing by actively seeking help for Rachel.

Kids Help Phone is a toll free line which you can call anywhere in Canada. The number is 1-800-668-6868.

Karilani is a composite name for three girls, who are close friends and in Grade 11 in Toronto.



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The Artist Formerly Known As....

By Matt Gaffney and David Bianco (QSyndicate@aol.com)

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22 "You ___"
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25 Little bit
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31 Actor Wallach
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37 One of five greats
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39 Tablet
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44 Dead Sea find
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Let us be gracious with others so that God may be gracious with us

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There is one prayer in particular, at least in the Ashkenazi *nusach*, whose melody is so haunting and whose words are so stirring, that it often evokes goosebumps: *Avinu Malkeinu*, Our Father, Our King.

So important is the prayer that it is recited with the Ark open. Out of respect to the sifrei Torah, now in full view of the worshippers, the congregation stands.

Editorial

The prayer is a series of personal pleas and collective petitions entreating God to intervene on our behalf. It begins with a simple, one might even say abrupt, statement of confession and affirmation of faith. Afterward, it moves with increasing urgency in a forward momentum through a progression of requests culminating with seven different but very direct appeals to the Almighty, simply, to "act."

Then, as if the *paytan*, (liturgical poet), suddenly remembers to Whom, exactly, he is presenting these urgent pleas, and remorseful over their perhaps excessively insistent tone, he changes the weight and tenor of the last verse. It is steeped in contrition and humility. This is the verse that we all sing with rising voices, emotionally and in unison.

"Our Father, our King, be gracious with us and respond to us, for we are bereft of any deeds; bestow upon us righteousness and lovingkindness and grant us salvation." (Editor's translation)

Because of its poetry and its music, this prayer quickly pierces. It stabs at our vulnerability, the finitude of our lives, and envelops us with the realization that we have – all of us – so much more still to do, so much more in us and of us still to give.

We implore God to be gracious with us, but first, must we not be gracious with others? We implore God to respond to us; but first must we not respond to others?

We sing *Avinu Malkeinu* from the heart. Our sages tell us that "what emanates from the heart, penetrates the heart."

Thus, may our prayers this year be truly heartfelt. We and the world need it to be so.

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Rosh Hashanah Greetings 5760

Rosh Hashanah message from the president of the State of Israel, Ezer Weizman

Dear Friends,

On the eve of Rosh Hashanah, we anticipate a breakthrough in the peace process, a process which will lead us, within a reasonable period of time, to peace between Israel and her neighbors. This coming year will be one in which crucial decisions will have to be taken, decisions which will influence the lives of the people of Israel and the character of the country for many years to come.

The end of the Israeli-Arab conflict is something we have dreamt of since the establishment of the state and even long before that. It will allow the country's leaders to devote all their energy and resources to education, strengthening the economy, fighting crime and the absorption of new immigrants.

In educating our youth, we must redouble our efforts to instill in them a sense of peoplehood and unity. At the same time, we must inspire our children with our rich and eternal traditions and the Hebrew language and culture. I pray for the day when our education budget will exceed our defense budget.

As we look ahead to the coming year and hope for a brighter future, I would, once again, like to call on you, our brothers and sisters in the Diaspora, to join us in the land of Israel. In an era of peace, Israel can offer its people a life of greater stability, spiritual enrichment and personal fulfillment. We will continue to strive for stronger relations between Israel and the Jewish communities in the world and hope for the fulfillment of the prayer: "Sound the great horn for our freedom; lift up the ensign to gather our exiles and gather us together from the four corners of the earth."

Shanah tovah u'gemar chatimah tova.

More greetings on page 57

Rosh Hashanah message from the prime minister of the State of Israel Ehud Barak

Dear Friends,

From the city of Jerusalem, the eternal capital of the State of Israel, and the spiritual home of the Jewish people, I send you my warmest greetings for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Shanah Tovah!

We, the citizens of Israel, share the deep concern of our fellow Jews throughout the world for the demographic future of the Jewish people. The open pluralistic societies of today have given Jews greater opportunities to integrate. Nevertheless, they have also posed the greatest challenge to the preservation of Jewish identity – the danger of assimilation.

Here in Israel we follow the global resurgence of anti-semitism, bigotry and racism with great anxiety. It is our sacred duty to be vigilant, to combat fanaticism and to spread the historic message of our Jewish tradition, a message of tolerance and openness.

The insightful Zionist thinker, Achad Ha'am, envisioned the Jewish state as the spiritual center and a source of pride for all Jews.

Within the next few decades of the 21st century, and thanks to the tireless efforts of devoted Jewish communities, we will reach a great Zionism milestone: the State of Israel will become the largest Jewish community in the world.

Israel today is a strong country. It is from this position of confidence that we reinvigorate the peace process with our Arab partners. Peace is an essential element of our security and, as difficult as the negotiating process may be, I am committed to making every possible effort to attain it. However, I assure you that the security of Israel and its citizens is my first and foremost concern, and I will allow nothing to compromise it. This is my guiding principle, and that of my government.

Israel's central duty is to provide a safe haven for the Jewish people, and this mission is deeply ingrained in our minds. We welcome all Jews wishing to build their homes here and participate in the development and strengthening of Israeli society. I believe that Israel's centrality in Jewish community life around the globe is essential for Jewish continuity and the preservation of Jewish identity in the Diaspora. At the same time, the Jewish communities in the developed countries are called upon to increase efforts to assist Israel to face these challenges.

The opening of the gates of the former Soviet Union to massive aliyah, the rescue of Jews from Ethiopia and other countries where they are in danger, and the wide-ranging efforts to absorb the

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Time ripe for peace breakthrough: Blitzer

CNN journalist Wolf Blitzer [Big Dipper Communications photo]

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The time is ripe for a potential breakthrough in the Middle East peace process – not only between Israel and the Palestinians, but also with Syria and Lebanon, according to veteran CNN journalist Wolf Blitzer.

Speaking last week at the Sheraton Centre Hotel for the festive launch of UJA Federation's Campaign 2000, Blitzer told a sellout crowd of 1,200 people that he can envisage a day when the Israeli prime minister shakes hands with Syrian President Hafez Assad.

"Maybe not tomorrow," he said, "but the Syrians are going to have to come around...There's a lot happening behind the scenes moving this process forward."

Such a scenario would be the result of both countries realizing it would be in their best national interests, he said.

Having interviewed every Israeli prime minister since Golda Meir, he notes a passion in Ehud Barak that he hasn't seen in an Israeli prime minister "in some time."

UJA Federation campaign launched

Barak has "a commitment and intellectual readiness to go ahead and understand Israel's problems, Israel's security concerns, but at the same time recognizing that there [are] ... potential breakthroughs that could develop under the right circumstances."

There is optimism even among skeptics, said Blitzer, that this is "a rare historic moment" in which a breakthrough could lead to "a full peace agreement."

But there will still be plenty of dangers, warned Blitzer. Another crisis involving Saddam Hussein is a "very credible, realistic possibility."

Based on Israel's experience with Egypt and Jordan, Israelis "have always made it clear that the best way to convince [them] to make concessions is not by threatening them with war or terrorism. If anything, that will make the situation even more tense, more implacable."

Anwar Sadat, the late Egyptian president, paved the way for a peace treaty not by scaring Israel but by convincing Israelis he was sincere, noted Blitzer.

In an interesting side-note, speaker Avi Pazner, world chair of Keren Hayesod, recalled Sadat crediting Blitzer with giving him the idea for his historic visit to Israel, when Blitzer, then a reporter for the *Jerusalem Post*, asked during a 1977 Washington press conference, "You talk about peace. Why don't you go to Israel?"

The responsibility Blitzer carries professionally was underscored for him most pointedly when Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990.

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From the editor's desk

A place for the living

The man had been a soldier in the Polish cavalry, had helped lead scores of people to safety through dangerous and deathly passageways, and was the master of every imaginable kind of sewing machine that worked and didn't work. It's not that he was fearless. He was not. Rather, he refused to submit to fear.

Yet when it came to taking the seat behind the wheel of his yellow Chevy Nova, he used a pillow and drove very slowly, and not always in the right-hand lane.

I didn't mind that he drove slow, although it agitated other drivers on the road. I usually sat beside him in the front and controlled the radio. I enjoyed being with him, even though he didn't talk much while he drove. He didn't talk much when he wasn't driving either.

But sometimes, it seemed to me, he would drive especially slowly, for example, when he went to visit the cemetery. It was a long trip, in any event to the cemetery. It was in the eastern outskirts of the city, many miles from our home.

Before Rosh Hashanah, in the waning days of Elul, we always drove to the cemetery, very slowly.

Of course, it wasn't only our custom to visit the cemetery before Rosh Hashanah. It's been the custom of the Jewish people throughout the ages, wherever Jews have lived.

Jews have always offered prayers at the graves of the departed, seeking from the souls of their family members or friends any helpful intervention in the lives of the living.

He went to the cemetery even though there were no graves of any of his immediate family there. In fact, there were no graves of any of his immediate family anywhere.

The Nazis made certain of that. They took away the lives of every member of his family down to the very last, except for him. Thus, they also took away his ability to visit any grave of any member of his large but vanished family.

But he went to the cemetery anyway, because it was the right thing to do at this time of year. And besides, after almost two decades in his new country, there were, unfortunately, other graves for him to visit, graves of friends he had known before the war and graves of friends he had made after the war.

The cemetery was a busy place, not with funerals, but with many other Jews visiting graves.

People walked, usually in small clusters, from one section of the cemetery to another, visiting graves in, for example, the Slipia section, Stashover, Apt, Radom, Zagliembier, Ostrovtzer, Chenstichov, Drildz, Vierszbneker, Tomaszov, Lodz and so on, in an entire realm and faraway world of unspellable places.

Because he could daven, could read and actually understand the holy language, and because he had so sweet and soul-stirring a voice, many people asked him to chant the prayer for graveside visits, K'El Maleh Rachamim, as if, by having him sing the words, they were improving the chances of their pleas being heard in heaven.

He obliged their requests. They wanted to pay him for doing so, but he never accepted.

Whether he knew the person in the grave, or whether he did not, I noticed that he was never able to chant the K'El Maleh Rachamim without being stopped by his own tears. He would always complete the prayer, of course, but in each chanting, once or twice, his breathing would falter, his voice would "hitch" and he would wipe his eyes. This didn't impair the force of the prayer however; it made it more poignant.

I thought I knew why this happened to him, a man who, after all, was not unfamiliar with sadness.

"K'El Maleh Rachamim, O God full of compassion," he would sing, "Who resides high above in the heavens...we recall to you the soul of...who has passed on to the next world..." *(My translation)*

He would carefully chant the name that was carved into the stone of the monument.

I always believed that as he sang that name, at the same time, each time, he also secretly sang a name that was carved into his heart.

I never discussed my belief with him, preferring to shelter his privacy rather than to satisfy my curiosity.

By the end of the visit to the cemetery, he was visibly tired.

I usually drove home.

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Jews call a cemetery by a number of different names. There are at least three names that are commonly used. There may be more. They are: *beit kvarot*, a place (or house) of graves, a *beit olam* (in Hebrew) or *beit almin* (in Aramaic) a place of eternity; or a *beit chaim*, a place of life, or a place for the living.

I always found it strange to refer to a cemetery as "a place for the living." Over the years however, as time has led me to visit gravesides for my own private pleadings, the reference has seemed less and less strange.

After all, it is we, the living, who seek and beseech the souls of our departed, the people we have loved. And, in the custom of our forebears, we beseech those souls in the place they were buried, in the cemetery.

On the eve of Rosh Hashanah, I too visit the cemetery, just as he used to. But there is a difference.

The name carved into the stone that I chant is also the name carved into my heart. *MBD*

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Toronto's leading Jews prepare to usher in new year

By JOYCE SINGER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Happy New Year! The hot topic this year is the dreaded Y2K bug, which we know wouldn't be an issue if our calendar had been used.

As we're welcoming in the new year, 5760, we have 40 years until the start of the next century, 240 years until the next millennium, (Y6K) and 4,240 years until Y10K.

Our esteemed roundup of quotable notables shared their thoughts with us, about the upcoming millennium:

Jehudi Kinar, the consul general of Israel says, "I'll tell you the truth, I don't know where I will be for Rosh Hashanah, because I am supposed to finish my tenure here, and my successor hasn't been appointed yet. So I am in a kind of limbo, and will probably be here in town.

"To my big regret it will be without the children who are in Israel. Usually we try to be together for Pesach and Rosh Hashanah."

Jehudi Kinar

He says that when they are in Israel, they go to a specific synagogue, but when they are here in Toronto, "I make myself available to go to different synagogues, which I do every time I am here."

Regarding Y2K, he reminds us that Israel, will probably be less affected than the rest of the world, "Since Y2K happens on a Friday night, a lot of things won't be working anyhow. For instance, El Al won't be flying, because at that time of the evening we won't have any planes in the air."

Eva Goldfinger is a madrichah, an ordained Secular Jewish Humanistic leader. She will be joining her Oraynu congregation, for Rosh Hashanah services, and then dining with her extended family, partaking in traditional Jewish meals.

"I like to spend time reading and studying Jewish subjects that are ethical and relevant to world issues. Our family likes to discuss how we each want to learn and grow in the coming year."

She adds, "The other thing I really like to do, is to take a walk in a very natural place, like a ravine, combining the experience with a humanistic *tashlich*.

"Whereas religious Jews throw breadcrumbs, symbolizing their sins into the water, I mitigate mine, by removing pollution or garbage from the environment."

As for the millennium bug frenzy, she says, "I am not an hysteric, and I am not at all concerned with the Y2K bug. I like to be prepared, but I won't worry, and whatever comes up, I'll deal with it."

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, the director of Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, says, "I think Y2K is a lot of marketing hype and everybody is getting uptight for no reason.

"The year 2000 is relatively meaningless in Jewish time. We don't count time from the "year 1' of Jesus. At Kolel, we're actually down-playing the hype around the millennium."

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein

But she says, "We called in a guy to look at our database. Kolel as an organization will be ready."

It's a spiritual issue, she says. "We're going into 5760, what does that mean for me, as a Jew? I hope that Jews come home to Judaism, spiritually... I hope the Jewish renaissance continues."

Theatre impresario David Mirvish, says he is looking forward to the premiere of *Cabaret*, on Sept. 8, at the Princess of Wales Theatre.

In the Mirvish household, they observe the major holidays, he says. "For Rosh Hashanah, we usually have a family dinner...we all get together at some point during the holiday. We all go to the synagogue, my parents, my in-laws, my brother-in-law, and the kids. We occasionally have some very interesting theological discussions."

David Mirvish

On the topic of Y2K, he says, "Am I concerned about the world falling apart? Yesterday, one of my close, dear friends phoned and asked if I was putting any bottled water in my basement! It actually happened, I couldn't believe it!"

Shalom Magazzinich, the proprietor of The Chicken Nest, a kosher chicken and rib restaurant on Bathurst Street, says: "For the high holidays, my wife cooks a lot for us and our four kids... dishes I don't see everyday, like special fish, lamb, and good roast beef.

"We always put honey on the table to have a sweet year. It's a New Year, and we are hoping to be in the good books on that day, and our fate will be sealed on that day... Not only us, but all of Israel."

He says this year does feel a little special. "We can say that we lived through the year 2000, let's hope. But for us it's really 5760, and the Mashiach will come soon!"

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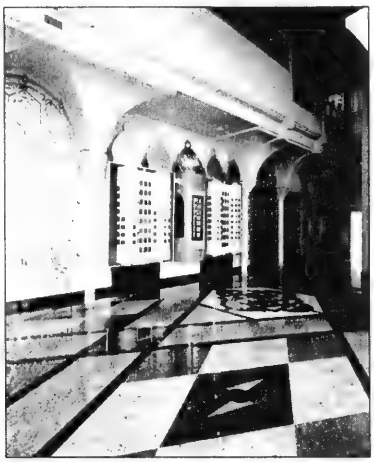

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Tuition fees up for most Jewish schools under BJE

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The new school year will have parents of children in Jewish day schools digging a bit deeper. Tuition is up at all but two of the 13 schools under the Toronto Board of Jewish Education (BJE), but at an average hike of 2.5 percent, the rise in fees is described as reasonable.

This year, as last, there will be no fee increase at Leo Baeck Day School, where tuition again includes $633 per child for a building fund.

There is also no tuition increase this year at Beth Jacob High School for Girls.

For the second consecutive year, the sharpest rise in fees is at Ner Israel Yeshiva in Thornhill. The increase this year over last is just over six percent (not including room and board). The hike a year ago was four percent over the previous year.

The nominally higher fees are in line with low inflation and cost of living increases, says Bernard Shoub, director of school finances at the BJE. "They are nothing out of the norm," Shoub says. "We've tried to keep things under control."

The costs involving the large-scale renovations at Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) will not be passed along to parents, at least not in the form of a sharp tuition increase. Fees at CHAT are up by just two percent, partly because the student population is expected to swell by roughly 200 this year.

The population of the BJE system (including non-funded and pre-school students) is approaching 11,000 pupils. Another 6,000 students are in the supplementary system.

Shoub said it was too early, as of last week, to tell how many students will get a subsidized education this year. Last year, roughly 40 percent of students in the BJE system did not pay full fees.

United Synagogue Day Schools is trying something new this year: one fee for students in grade one, and another, slightly higher rate for grades two through eight.

The four-year-old Toronto Heschel School, located at Beth David Synagogue, is affiliated with the BJE but receives no community funding. There too, fees are staggered along grades, and range from $7,700 to $8,000 for their full day programs.

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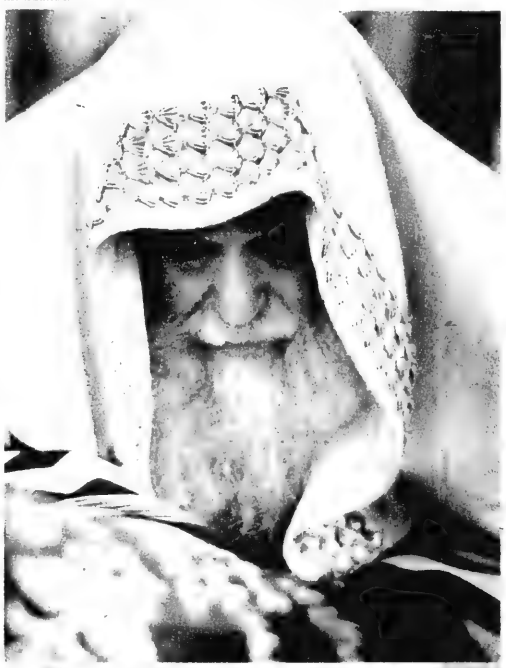

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Greater Toronto Area

Circle of Care set to honor volunteer organizations

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For the first time, Circle of Care (formerly Senior Care) will be presenting special community service awards to four organizations whose members have volunteered for the Meals on Wheels program.

Those organizations – the Adath Sholom Minyan Group, Chapter 17 of the National Council of Jewish Women, Shaar Shalom Congregation Sisterhood and Temple Har Zion Brotherhood – will be honored at a luncheon for more than 500 volunteers at Adath Israel Synagogue, on Sept 9. About 350 volunteers and special guests are expected to attend.

Contributions to Meals on Wheels by the volunteers of the four organizations included driving, recruiting new volunteers, and delivering to the northeast part of the Greater Toronto Area. The Shaar Shalom sisterhood distributed Purim goodies to Meals on Wheels recipients.

Maurice Rotfarb, who is on the boards of directors of Circle of Care and Habayit Shelanu, will receive the Memorial Ward, while Lillian Roebuck, who has been delivering kosher Meals on Wheels for more than 30 years, will receive the Sam Rotman Humanitarian Award.

The Selma Eisen Volunteer Education Award will be utilized toward a CPR course for volunteers.

Awards will be presented to volunteers in each program: Dr. Sidney Wise, kosher Meals on Wheels; Eva Goldberg, volunteer escort and transportation service; Betty Kosasky, volunteer visiting; Bernice Royce, phone pals; and Leah Sega-

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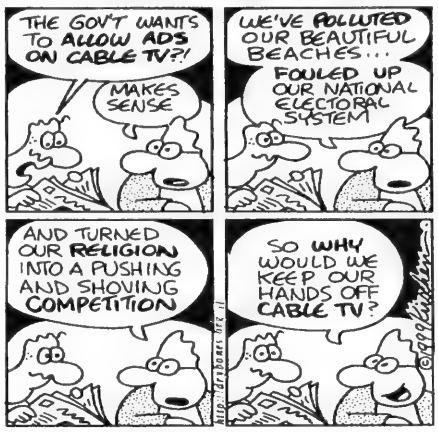
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Wye and wherefore, one week later

As of this writing, there has not yet been an agreement on a revised Wye implementation framework. Since last week, however, U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright found her way into the region. Many people have pinned their hopes on her to help broker a revised Wye implementation framework.

But if a new, revised agreement is achieved only through her intervention, it will be a poor augury for the long-lasting permanence of a new relationship between Israel and the Palestinians.

The two sides must find ways to resolve differences by their own resources and goodwill, and not by the resources and cooing encouragement of a mediator.

By all accounts, the key sticking point remains the issue of prisoner release. Israel apparently has agreed to release some 356 prisoners. The Palestinian Authority is demanding the release of 400, including some who have been convicted of murdering Israelis. Israel refuses to accede to this demand.

Israel's Prime Minister Ehud Barak has said that if a revised Wye cannot be achieved, he will simply revert to the Wye accord as originally signed. The original, unrevised Wye agreement contemplates the release of approximately 100 Palestinian prisoners.

While Yasser Arafat keeps looking over his left shoulder towards the rejectionists and violent Islamic radicals, he is blind to what is right in front of him: the possibility of a new era with the people of Israel.

Setting a new example

On the very day last week that the special committee established by Prime Minister Barak to consider the issue of drafting yeshiva students and chaired by retired Supreme Court Justice Zvi Tal held its first meeting, a group of 50 haredi soldiers was inducted into the army. It was the second such group to be formed. Both groups serve in Nahal units along the border.

The induction was received with quiet satisfaction on the part of the government and military establishment. The IDF announced that there will be an entire haredi battalion by next summer. Deputy Defence Minister Ephraim Sneh said that the induction of these young soldiers proves that "it is feasible for haredim to serve in active service and maintain their ultra-Orthodox life style."

According to Rabbi Yoel Schwartz of Yeshivat Dvar Yerushalayim in Jerusalem, nearly twice as many young haredim sign up for duty than are actually inducted. But half don't make it into the army due to reasons of unsuitability or family pressure.

Two haredi units in the IDF may be a modest contribution to the army's personnel needs, but it is an example of common purpose and common sacrifice that bodes well for the future.

Dry Bones
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Let Holocaust survivor walk in peace

I am a Holocaust survivor. When I came to Canada 50 years ago, I found my home, my dream come true. I love Canada.

When I read about attacks on seniors, Holocaust survivors, (*CJN*, Aug. 26) I was shocked and felt afraid to go out shopping or take a walk.

I am a senior in my 80s. It is very hard for me to go through the terrible hate crimes again and again.

Please, we are civilized people; let's advise all people to do their utmost to stop the outrageous attacks on innocents. Let us be able to live without fear. Let us all help to bring the guilty to justice.

B. Crone
Toronto

Ahoy, mates, keep an eye on the mast

I quote from your editorial of Aug. 26:

"It was, and is, difficult work, requiring a strong, firm hand on the judiciary's schooner and a strong, clear eye on the horizon."

I suggest that before embarking on further such metaphors, you take a refresher course on nautical terminology; otherwise, you'll sink like a rudder.

C.P. Herman
Toronto

Against ban on Levitts meats

Re: Levitts Kosher Foods case sent to Beit Din. (*CJN*, Aug. 5)

I find the case of the Kashruth Council of Toronto disallowing Levitts products in stores under their supervision to be, at best, hypocritical. To deny them COR on the grounds that applicants must be shomer Shabbat and to allow stores like No Frills or Dominion to sell COR products is mind boggling. Are the owners of Loblaws or the Oshawa group shomer Shabbat?

I for one will continue to buy only Levitts kosher meat, and if stores under the Council's supervision do not sell this meat, I'm happy to go directly to Levitts in North York (and allow my kids to buy their hot dogs at Canada's Wonderland).

I commend Morton Katz for standing up for his rights and for looking after his customers. Maybe some others could learn a lesson or two.

Bonnie Mintz Jackson
Toronto

Opposes statements about Polish rabbi

Your newspaper is very careful to warn those who write letters to the editor not to make sweeping claims against persons which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. That is why I was surprised that you permitted Rabbi Dow Marmur (*CJN*, Aug. 19) the statement about the former rabbi of the Warsaw congregation. Rabbi Marmur writes that Rabbi Joskovicz "has embarrassed them [his members] with his bad Polish and lack of savoir faire."

To publicly accuse a rabbi of embarrassing his congregation comes under the prohibition of *lashon hara* if true. Furthermore, how does Rabbi Marmur know that the congregation was embarrassed? Did they all have a pained look on their faces?

I believe Rabbi Marmur owes Rabbi Joskowicz a public apology.

Rabbi Mordechai Bulua
Montreal

Editor's Note: In legitimate journalistic fashion, Rabbi Dow Marmur was expressing a personal opinion.

Need courses for female day school grads

I have read with interest the article on Jewish education for women in Toronto (*CJN*, July 15), and the correspondence thereon. Without a doubt, in Toronto we are privileged to have many fine institutions where girls can study Judaic studies.

I was very fortunate that my parents generously gave me and my siblings a wonderful Jewish day school education. This education was the greatest gift and I enjoyed it immensely while I was in school.

The concern I have with Jewish education for women in Toronto is that once one has completed day school in this city, there do not appear to be opportunities to continue studying at an appropriately advanced level. Any courses or lectures I have encountered assume that participants have little prior Jewish educational knowledge, or claim that they can teach satisfactorily to classes with a mix of students – some with little background, some with extensive backgrounds.

Surely with so many female graduates from day schools, there should be opportunities for studying, where it is understood that all the participants have completed a day school education, have a strong background in text, have studied in Hebrew and love Talmud! I have not encountered this type of program here in Toronto, but I would love to be proven wrong.

Miriam Snowbell-Buckler
Toronto

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures. Letters sent by e-mail must also include the sender's municipal address.

Perspectives

Rosh Hashanah curiosities of time long past

In his unpublished manuscript, The Many Colours of Canadian Jewish Festivals, *historian David Rome noted the following observations about Rosh Hashanah in Montreal in the early years of this century.*

An interesting phenomenon marked Canadian streets for many decades. Some time before the High Holy Days, signs would sprout in the areas of Jewish settlement, often with the traditional passage, "to hear the song and the prayer," offering tickets for Holy Day services in halls rented for the purpose.

Cantor Abraham Cantor, formerly of the Austro-Hungarian Congregation, conducted High Holy Day services in the spacious Standard Hall, assisted by a good choir. Tickets were available at 50 cents from Mr. Cantor at 478 St. Charles Borromée St. and Mr. Pascal at 91 Craig St.

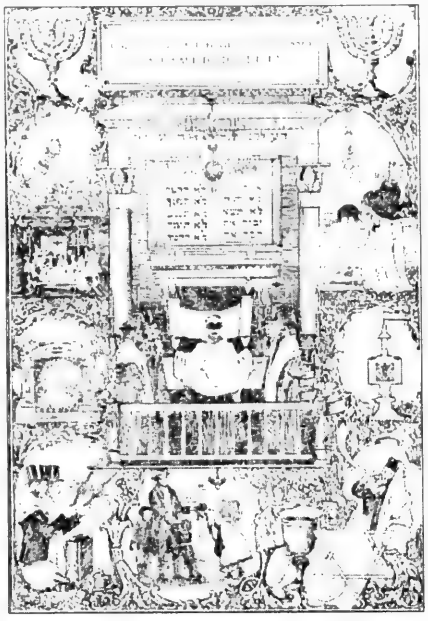
The services were sponsored by private citizens as commercial ventures. At times, the locale was grotesquely unsuited, for example, a Romanian cabaret restaurant with wall paintings appropriate for its year-round purpose, and not at all for reverent synagogue services.

There is a good deal of significance in these arrangements. They tell us, among other things, that formal synagogue space did not suffice for all who desired to pray on Rosh Hashanah. Where did these worshippers pray the rest of the year, even on Passover, Sukkot or Shavuot, not to mention the Sabbath?

If the phenomenon indicated a measure of agnosticism or atheism, it is also a reminder that many who were not so strictly observant, nevertheless felt impelled by the traditional force inherent in those days of worship to attend services at Rosh Hashanah.

It is also a reminder that many of the newcomers were not sufficiently attracted to the organized congregations to become associated with them regularly.

Later, in due course, mainly after World War II, for a variety of social and historic reasons, there emerged the consolidated, well organized, architecturally impressive, suburban synagogues of today. Sometimes their long, hyphenated names trace their roots in the rented rooms over the dairy or clothing stores of the immigrant settlements of the early 1900s.



A typical New Year's greeting card of an earlier era.

One of the historic structures that was mobilized for this use was the Monument National, erected by the Société St-Jean-Baptiste, the old French Canadian patriotic society, as a monument to the national sentiment of this people. A unique, beloved temple sacred to two nations and faiths: the Monument National was the platform for Armand Lavergne, for Henri Bourassa, for Lionel Groulx; and it was the scene of patriotic manifestations and the celebration of French theatre and literature; it was also graced by the presence of Chaim Weizmann, Nahum Sokolov and Menachem Begin.

The hospitality which the ancient society extended to its Jewish neighbors turned it into a virtual monument for the Québécois Jewish society as well as for the Québécois nation.

So we are surprised to read in the French-language newspaper *Les Débats* on Sept. 30, 1900, over a heading consisting of puzzled question marks, "Where are we going, Great God? Where are we heading?

"The officers of the Association St-Jean Baptiste last spring refused the free use of the Monument National Theatre to a group of young French Canadians who wished to put on a show for the benefit of the victims of the fire at Hull and at Ottawa. Now the successors of [Ludger] Duvernay have shown that the association has degenerated.

"Last week I saw a Hebrew sign with the name of a Mr. Rabinsky, announcing 'Services on the First and Second Days.'

"I went upstairs and found several hundred Jews celebrating their Rosh Hashanah before a sort of altar decorated with patriotic symbols. One of the elders of the tribe politely asked me to keep my head covered; he told me that the officers of the association had rented the hall to the Jews, as they had last year, on condition that this not be announced in the press.

"I believed him readily," wrote Stanislas Prud'homme, "but as I left, I decided to put this before the eyes of my people. If there is one place not to be rented for a price to the Jews, it is surely the Monument National. If there is anything not to be rented for a price to the Jews for the celebration of their religious festivals, it is the décor of our national hall.

"Who can assure us that next July, the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne, will not be celebrated in the St. Lawrence Street theatre by the Orangemen?"

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From the first issues of the *Kanader Adler* in 1907, we learn that High Holy Day services in the Monument National were sponsored by Mr. L. Mitnik, one of the founders of the Yiddish theatre in Canada.

The cantor was assisted by a choir. Nurses were caring for little children in an adjoining room so that young mothers could participate in the religious services.

L. Mitnik, Yiddish theatrical impresario, again rented the Monument National to conduct High Holy Day services with cantor Benjamin Rosen and his choir. Mothers were urged to attend; their young babies were cared for by a nurse. Tickets at $1 to $2 were available at the *Adler*, at the Ezra Book Store next door and in the grocery store at 85 Dorchester W.

Rev. Kaplansky advertised in the *Adler* of Nov. 1, 1908 for "Choristers: sopranos, altos and tenors with good voices. Good salary; opportunity to learn music. Apply at 1489 St. Dominique St."

As in previous years, he conducted New Year's services in 1912 with a choir of 18 singers at the Monument National, under the management of L. Mitnik and the sponsorship of the King Edward Society. Tickets at $1 to $2.50.

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A.B. Bennett, one of the founders of the Canadian Jewish Congress and editor of the *Canadian Jewish Times* in his college days, wrote in 1912:

"The present season of the year brings to the surface the perennial question of the sacrilege committed by some people in exploiting the High Holy Days for business ends by converting dancing halls, shop lofts, and vacant stores into places of worship. We feel a repugnance for men who play upon the religious feelings of their fellow Jews for their personal aggrandizement. The promoters of the 'temporary abodes of God' do not engage the cantors and the choirs and buy or rent the holy scrolls merely for the joy of affording pious Jews a place to commune with their Maker.

"There is a season for everything. There is a time for dancing, and for theatre-going, and for cloak manufacturing. And there is also a special time for praying, and for worshipping. And just as there are individuals whose business it is to cater to the demand for dancing, for theatrical performances, and for cloaks, there are also individuals who think that they can well make it their business to cater to the yearning for religious expression which is aroused by the advent of the Yamim Nora'im. Religion is thus purely a business proposition.

"The fact that the supply of synagogical space increases at this time bespeaks a necessary increase in the demand for it. There are Jews who are only Yamim Nora'im Jews. But on Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur, they are prepared to make a great sacrifice for the sake of their ancestral faith, and they actually betake themselves to some place where they can indulge the necessary religious exercises.

"These makeshift places of worship are really needed to meet the contingency of the rising of the religious spirit. The question then strikes one: Is it also necessary that these additional accommodations should be managed by individuals for personal gain? The New York Kehillah has given an answer to this question. The Kehillah in that city has decided, in order to prevent the sacrilege of the exploitation of the holidays, to open places of worship under its own control. The step it has taken is one in the right direction." (Sept. 25, 1912)

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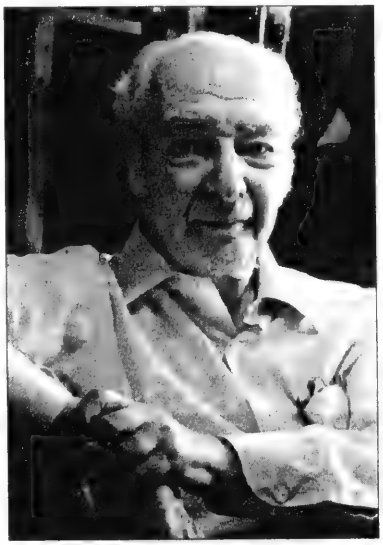
The *Canadian Jewish Times* described the 1913 "praying booths" as follows:

"There appears to be an increase in these temporary 'synagogues,' the existence of which is to be noted at every two blocks in the Main Street vicinity. There are 'synagogues' fixed up in flats and in stores, while others on a bigger scale are to be found in vaudeville halls and theatres. Glaring posters advertising the particular attraction of the 'services' conducted at each synagogue, appear on the walls of the neighborhood. In one of these theatres, the services for the High Festivals are advertised as being conducted under a certain 'management.' Another of the services to be held in a store near Duluth Avenue, is advertised as being a branch of a nearby synagogue (an evidence of a little extra congregational enterprise).



One of the last photos of David Rome. [Edward Hillel photo]

"When all this is observed, a very unpleasant impression is created, for there is no other denomination which uses such methods in its religious worship. The whole process of organizing these holy services on a commercial basis is as distasteful to the esthetic sense as it is harmful to our religion. Especially is it bad for our youth, who are apt to lose their respect for the beautiful festival services when they see them made a business.

"It is, no doubt, true that there is not sufficient room in the synagogues for all the Jews in Montreal who desire to pray on the Holy Festivals, but surely some method should be instituted by the community to utilize certain buildings suitable for prayer. From year to year, the temporary synagogues during the High Holy Days grow like mushrooms, yet no attempt has ever been made to meet this state of affairs.

"It is here where the lack of a Kehillah in Montreal is very much felt. Had we a Kehillah, it would be its duty to make the necessary arrangements to afford every Jew an opportunity of attending services during the High Holy Days and thus do away with the commercial aspect of our festival services."

Excerpted by Janice Rosen, archives director, Canadian Jewish Congress, Montreal.

Opinions

Variations on an old theme

With the High Holy Days approaching and Selichot putting us into a mood of self-examination, I feel moved to return to an old theme. I asked myself what is it that we as Jews could do better. Naturally, we should all become more Jewish in the best sense of the word: more aware of the presence of God, more literate, more supportive of communal goals, more charitable, and so on. Something of this catalogue applies to everyone in some measure.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

Being Jewish also means to be better citizens. Unfortunately, many of us have fallen into the trap of listening to a xenophobic minority. It wants us to believe that refugees and immigrants are bad for Canada and, in support of this opinion, promotes a series of myths. We have the obligation to know what they are, lest we commit the sin of indifference by believing certain myths.

The Canadian Council for Refugees, of which I am a member, has recently put out a little pamphlet that lists some of these myths. Consider the following two:

Myth #1: Canada receives more than its share of refugees.

Fact: Many other Western countries accept more refugee claimants than Canada, both in absolute numbers and per capita. Those that do better than we, are Germany, the United Kingdom, The Netherlands and even Switzerland. The number of refugees Canada accepts each year is less than one-tenth of one percent of our population.

Myth #2: Refugees who come to Canada using false documents are bogus refugees.

Fact: Many refugees fleeing life-threatening persecution obtain a false travel document as the only means of escape. Often, their home governments refuse to issue passports to known political dissidents, or imprison them if they apply. The fact that a claimant used a false document tells us nothing about whether the person is a refugee or not.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights says in Article 14:

"Everyone has the right to seek and enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution."

We should be grateful rather than critical that we have the opportunity of living in a land that offers asylum. We do not wander the streets afraid to be spotted by the police or by soldiers rounding the corner selecting us for ethnic cleansing.

At High Holy Day time, the opportunity to review one's attitude towards strangers in our midst beckons us urgently. Let us take advantage of it and, as Jews who know what it means to be strangers in a strange land, we have a double obligation to be fair and welcoming. I would like to think that this is what God would want us to do and the Torah repeats it a number of times: "You shall befriend the stranger in your midst, for you yourselves were strangers once in the land of Egypt."

Shanah tovah umevorechet!

Mobile madness: Israel cells out

Returning home to Israel from a visit abroad – especially an extended one – is never a casual experience. Emotions are intense, while impressions are mixed. The process begins literally as your plane lands at Ben-Gurion Airport. At the sound of the plane's wheels hitting the tarmac, many passengers – particularly if it's an El Al flight – break out in hearty applause, presumably for the crew, for ensuring a successful journey.

Robert Sarner in Jerusalem

That's only the beginning.

No less telling is what happens after you disembark from the plane and are bused to the main terminal. Within seconds of entering the building to stand in line for passport control, many people reach into their handbags and whip out cellphones. Oblivious to their fellow travellers, they quickly demonstrate the unmistakable Israeli gift of the gab. Before you know it, you're downwind of a cacophony of loud, one-sided conversations.

Welcome home. This is the modern telltale sign that you've arrived in Israel. Until your next flight out, there'll be no escaping cellphones. They're everywhere, their presence felt often in the most unwelcome manner. Talk about a ringing success! Israel's mania for mobiles shows no limits, as almost 40 percent of Israelis now carry cellphones (most of them don't know when to turn them off). Experts estimate this will jump to 50 percent within 18 months, as models become even smaller and more sophisticated.

During my recent stay in North America, cellphones were surprisingly far less conspicuous than in Israel. It was a relief not to see every second or third person walking around, head tilted, mind elsewhere, with a device hooked to his or her ear and jabbering away in a great fury.

Israel enjoys the dubious distinction of having one of the highest per-capita rates of cellphone ownership in the world. Pretty soon, if current purchasing patterns continue, Israel will rival Finland for international cellular supremacy. But Israelis don't only possess these devices in great numbers, they wear them proudly – and use them incessantly, no matter where they are. Studies show that Israelis spend up to three times as many minutes on cellphones as users in other countries.

Of course, it's not the sight of cellphones that's so disturbing, but rather their pervasive use. Like many other cell-less citizens, I'm a frequent victim of cellphone rage, the condition brought on by a specific type of noise pollution otherwise known as high-decibel chatter spoken into a cordless piece of plastic. Then there's that ringing, the insistent *vrrring* of the cellphone that interrupts meals, meetings, movies, concerts, press conferences, sporting events and simple conversations. I'm not sure what's more disturbing – the ringing or the often-boisterous, inane yackety-yack bystanders must then endure.

In Israel, there's little refuge from cellphone abuse. I'm constantly seeking a no-phone zone that doesn't seem to exist. Nothing seems to keep Israelis from their cellular devices. They use them shamelessly, hollering into them, disturbing the peace with wanton disregard in parks, offices, theatres, buses, elevators, washrooms, shopping malls, hospitals, and... Yes, I've even been at a cemetery, when, sure enough, a ringing cellphone pierced the solemn silence of the funeral.

Going to a cafe or restaurant invariably leaves me fantasizing about the pre-cellular days when people went out to drink or eat and talk to those actually at the table. Just the other day, I went out for lunch with a friend – and his cellphone. It rang four times during our meal.

One place you'd think to find solace from cellphone abuse is in cars, as it's against the law in Israel to use them while driving. You'd never know it from what you see on the roads. As is the case with countless other traffic laws, many people could care less, knowing police rarely go after offenders.

OK, I admit cell phones are great for emergencies and for parents to give to their children for safety reasons. But there's a price, given what is potentially the greatest menace of these devices.

Turns out gabbing away on cellphones may not be such a carefree act after all. Increasingly, researchers cite health risks, notably cancer, associated with exposure to the electromagnetic radiation generated by cellphones. But surely cell-less souls like me at least don't have anything to worry about.

Not so fast. Wouldn't you know it! As I returned home from the airport, I noticed that in my absence something had been added to the roof of a building on my block. One of the mobile phone companies had installed one of those controversial cellular transmitters – considered a major source of electromagnetic radiation. Welcome home.

Lessons from an earthquake

The massive earthquake that hit Turkey in mid-August also shook Israel, figuratively, if not physically. The sight of the utter devastation in the towns around Istanbul, and the many thousands of people killed, injured and left homeless, were chilling. Israel, which has developed a close military and political relationship with Turkey, empathized immediately.

Gerald Steinberg in Jerusalem

The Israeli army immediately sent rescue teams to help search for survivors (sadly, Israelis have become the best in the world at this task), and set up a field hospital next to the ruins of a hospital destroyed by the quake.

Thousands of individuals sent blankets, sleeping bags, food and other essential supplies, and special bank accounts were opened for donations.

This was another chance for Israel to fulfil the biblical commandment to be a light unto the nations by helping to save lives, and illustrated some of the very positive aspects of Israeli society.

The proximity was a major factor in the impact of this tragedy on Israel. Turkey is an hour away by air (a few hours journey by car or bus, if we could drive through Lebanon and Syria). Many Israelis have taken vacations there, and dozens were caught in Turkey when the quake hit. Some did not survive.

We share many things with the Turks, including a western democratic system of government, caught in a very undemocratic Middle East. Both peoples struggle with the need to balance the preservation of a very rich and ancient religious and cultural heritage with the homogenizing pressures of modern secular society. Watching the scenes from Turkey, Israelis were struck by the realization that a disaster of this magnitude could also happen here.

Every year, on Yom Kippur, at one of the most sacred moments of the holiest day of the year, in the Unetaneh Tokef prayer, we recall that it is up to the almighty to determine who shall live, and who shall die, who through starvation, who by fire, and who in an earthquake.

This ancient prayer, recited in Jerusalem over 2000 years ago, reflected real fears. The land of Israel, including Jerusalem, has been struck by earthquakes periodically throughout history.

An active geological fault, known as the Jordan Rift (which is part of the much larger Syrian-East African Rift) goes along the Jordan River, from Metulla to Eilat.

The prophets have a number of references to devastating earthquakes. Safed was destroyed over one hundred years ago, and a major earthquake struck in the area of Jerusalem and the Dead Sea in 1927. A few years ago, a moderate tremor shook the residents of Jerusalem and damaged some of the hotels in Eilat.

The helplessness we feel in an earthquake is a poignant reminder of the fragility of life, and the illusion that somehow, we are in control.

Technological progress and scientific advancement have not changed this basic aspect of the human condition, and during the High Holy Days, when every Jew is commanded to make an accounting for his and her deeds and misdeeds, both individually and communally, this reminder is appropriate.

While there is no defence against earthquakes, except prayer, there are some measures that can be taken to minimize the deaths and suffering.

In Turkey, the damage was compounded by ineptness and corruption. While this tremor was not entirely unexpected, large apartment complexes and entire neighborhoods were built right on top of the faultline.

Although Turkey's building codes include provisions for earthquake-resistant construction, these regulations were ignored by greedy contractors, who paid off the corrupt officials in charge of enforcement. Thousands of people paid for this with their lives.

Could this scene be repeated in Israel? Israelis like to think that they are more advanced, and that the government functions more efficiently.

However, there are lingering doubts. In a country where the tradition of *baksheesh* (petty bribery) and much larger corruption has not been eliminated, such scenes cannot be ruled out.

After decades of scandals, the Israeli public's faith in the big construction companies, and in the ministries and building inspectors who are supposed to keep them honest, is quite low. The scale is not as bad as in Turkey, or any other part of the Middle East, but this is one area in which Israelis have much to learn from North Americans

Taking a step back from the daily concerns of Israelis, the earthquake in Turkey is a sobering reminder – a disaster that struck too close to home, in a country, which is in many ways similar to ours. This year, during the Yom Kippur prayers, many Israelis will be contemplating the lessons.

The Kirshner File

Rabbi Kelman fights for religious pluralism

Pluralism, egalitarianism and tolerance are not merely words for Naamah Kelman, but philosophic imperatives.

Kelman, the first woman to be ordained as a rabbi in Israel, is in the forefront of a bitter struggle which, if won, will doubtless transform the face and body politic of the Jewish state. "We're trying to build a new Israeli liberal Judaism," said Rabbi Kelman, a Reform Jew who has lived in Israel since 1976. "We hope it will emerge."

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

With the implicit backing of the Supreme Court, she and her colleagues in the Reform and Conservative movements are fighting for official status and recognition as legitimate branches of Judaism. They want nothing less than the right to perform weddings and burials, grant divorces and, last but not least, carry out conversions so that their converts may be recognized as Jews under the Law of Return.

These functions are currently monopolized by Orthodox rabbis and enshrined by the "status quo" agreement reached by Israel's first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, with the Orthodox rabbinate.

Rabbi Kelman, director of Israel's first Reform yeshiva, contends that the Orthodox movement has abused its power by denying Israelis freedom of choice. "Everyone should be able to take their rightful place in Israel," she said. "Let Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Judaism flourish."

Rabbi Kelman, who hails from a long line of rabbis and whose brother Levi is also a rabbi, claims that Haredim have total contempt for Reform Judaism and the Supreme Court (which has issued a series of landmark rulings from representation on religious councils to draft deferments for yeshiva students).

"It's sad," she mused. "There is a lot of beauty in ultra-Orthodoxy. But politics has corrupted them and made them hateful. Their fear of Reform Jewry is unbelievable. We challenge their religious authority. We represent a threat. We symbolize modernity. They're afraid of anything that will crack their closed, repressive system. They project their fears on the modern world.

"I don't hate them," she added. "I struggle every day to maintain my love for Klal Yisrael. Yet I'm disgusted by the marriage of religion and politics in Israel and saddened by the growing extremism and divisiveness."

For all the hostility displayed by the Orthodox rabbinate toward her movement, Rabbi Kelman takes solace from her conviction that Reform Judaism is becoming "the denomination of choice" for an increasing number of Israelis.

Rabbi Kelman's Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism is affiliated with the World Union for Progressive Judaism, whose roots are in 19th-century Germany but whose headquarters are now in Jerusalem. Today, the movement has about 1.5 million congregants in almost 40 countries, and is particularly strong in the United States and Canada.

In Israel, Reform Judaism is catching on. The first Reform synagogue, Congregation Har El in Jerusalem, was founded in 1958. Several years later, the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, with which Rabbi Kelman is associated, opened its campus on King David Street in Jerusalem.

There are currently 20 Progressive shuls in Haifa, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, six of which are housed in synagogue buildings. "We have about 5,000 dues-paying members, and 10,000 worshipers on High Holy Days." The figures, she pointed out, are deceptive, as only a very small proportion of Israeli Jews belong to a synagogue. "That's a Diaspora idea."

Since 1982, when Israel's first Reform rabbi was ordained, 16 men and four women have received smichah from the Hebrew Union College. Rabbi Kelman herself was ordained in 1992.

Rabbi Naamah Kelman

Apart from its synagogues, Progressive Judaism has a network of schools, educational and community centres, a youth movement, and Hebrew and English Beit Midrash study programs. Rabbi Kelman, whose official title is director of educational initiatives, is in charge of the English program.

In addition, Progressive Judaism has built two kibbutzim in the Negev Desert (Yahel in 1976 and Lotan in 1983) and one settlement in the Galilee (Har Halutz in 1985).

Despite its success in establishing a foothold in Israel, the Reform movement just gets by financially. "Our operating budget," she said, "is the size of Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto. It's unbelievable. We're talking about $1 or $2 million [American] dollars."

Progressive Judaism is funded by a coalition of foundations, individuals, the United Jewish Appeal, the Jewish Agency and the Association of Reform Zionists of America.

Rabbi Kelman, 44, was born in New York City. Her father, Wolfe, a Polish Jew, arrived in Toronto as a child. His father, Zvi Yehuda, was an Orthodox rabbi. Wolfe Kelman attended Harbord Collegiate, his father's talmud Torah and the University of Toronto. During World War II, he joined the Royal Air Force. Subsequently, he studied at the Conservative movement's Jewish Theological Seminary in Manhattan, and was appointed executive director of the Conservative Rabbinical Assembly.

"He didn't remain in the Orthodox world," said Rabbi Kelman, whose uncle, Joseph, was formerly spiritual leader of Toronto's Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

Rabbi Kelman was brought up as a Conservative Jew, though her mother's brother was a Reform rabbi. "I grew up with a strong sense of options," she noted.

A feminist, she studied at the University of Pennsylvania, hoping to be involved in community work and teaching. Having settled in Israel, she took a degree in social work at Bar-Ilan University. Then it was on to the Hebrew University for an MA from the Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Jewry.

"I went to Israel with the intention of staying a couple of years," she explained. Her plans changed when she met her husband-to-be, a helicopter pilot named Elan Ezrachi, who has since gone into the field of Jewish education, and with whom she has had three children.

Raised to marry a rabbi, she decided to study for the rabbinate in 1981, when only Reform Judaism ordained women and the Conservative movement was still wary of such ordinations.

Rabbi Kelman's father, a champion of women's rights and interfaith dialogue, encouraged her, but warned her of the difficulties of being a rabbi of her gender in Israel. She persevered, becoming the Hebrew Union College's first female graduate. "There wasn't much of a reaction from the Orthodox," she recalled dryly.

A warm, friendly person who dresses informally and favors an embroidered Sephardi yarmulke, Rabbi Kelman doubts whether the new Israeli government, headed by Prime Minister Ehud Barak, will tinker with the status quo in religious affairs. "Israeli politics today reflects yesterday's agenda," she observed. "Barak won't make far-reaching changes. He wants to be Mr. Consensus."

She did not vote for Barak's One Israel movement, but for Meretz, which, she thinks, is "the only Israeli party which has consistently fought for peace and pluralism."

Rabbi Kelman, who supports civil marriage, a loosening of Sabbath restrictions and a separation of synagogue and state, is convinced that the status quo will ultimately have to be revised. "Judaism has survived," she said, "because of its ability to adapt and be moderate."

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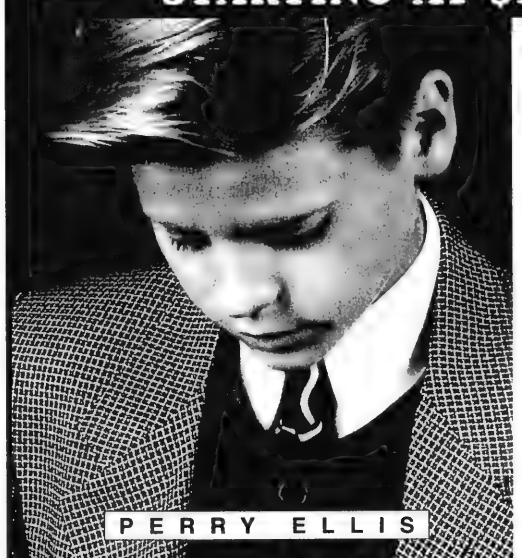

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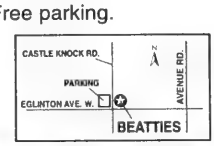

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UJC's Ain balances time between Toronto, U.S.

Last week The CJN *ran an article focusing on the role of UIA Federations Canada. This week: a discussion with Steve Ain about his work at United Jewish Communities in New York and about his role here.*

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — If it's Thursday, this must be...Toronto.

Ever since Steve Ain became interim chief operating officer of the New York-based United Jewish Communities earlier this summer, he's been dividing his time between the United States and Toronto in a 60:40 split.

Ain continues to serve as executive vice-president of UIA Federations Canada two days a week. The balance of his work week is spent as interim chief operating officer of the New York-based United Jewish Communities (UJC), a recent (spring 1999) merger of three national American organizations: United Jewish Appeal, the Council of Jewish Federations and United Israel Appeal of America.

The link between the two organizations is as follows: UIA Federations Canada was the result of a merger last year between United Israel Appeal Canada and the Council of Jewish Federations Canada (the Canadian arm of the Council of Jewish Federations).

All Canadian federations were members of the Council of Jewish Federations, which no longer exists as a separate entity. Thus all Canadian federations are members of the United Jewish Communities.

When it comes to transferring a portion of the money raised by Jewish community federations to Israel or overseas, however, the two countries have independent systems.

Ain's two roles occasionally overlap. This month, for example, he will wear both professional hats at a planning conference for the Jewish Agency.

There isn't overlap, however, in terms of campaign assistance. UIA Federations Canada helps the campaigns of individual Canadian federations, providing programming, for example, and recently it co-sponsored a national campaign video.

In New York, Ain and his colleagues are "trying to get things up and running" until a permanent chief professional is hired.

In addition to maintaining the services formerly provided by the three original national organizations, hundreds of positions on the new organization's governance committees must be filled, Ain explained in a recent interview at his UIA Federations Canada office here.

His involvement in the Canadian merger that created UIA Federations Canada was not the reason he was sought out for the American position, he said.

"I was asked to go down there because I guess I'm one of the few people around who has senior experience both at the federation level and at the national level," Ain said, adding that he also has extensive overseas experience.

Steve Ain

A native of Montreal with a 29-year career in Jewish communal service (most of it in Toronto), Ain has served, among other roles, as assistant national director of Canadian Jewish Congress, campaign director of United Jewish Appeal and executive director of the Toronto Federation, as it was known in the mid-1980s.

Why did he take on such a demanding new position?

From a practical standpoint, he was able to. Maxyne Finkelstein, who will replace him at UIA Federations Canada next June, is already on board as executive director and is shouldering a "huge chunk of responsibility," said Ain.

But his personal reason is, "I guess, a loyalty to the system. I believe in the UJA federations system and what we do. I believe in our overseas partners, the Jewish Agency and the Joint Distribution Committee.

"Somebody said, 'You can make a difference in this [new agency]. You can get this up and running.' Lots of people couldn't say yes. Somebody who's executive of a large-city federation, and doesn't have the backup, the luxury of a Maxyne Finkelstein, can't say yes, even if they want to."

Of course, noted Ain, technology helps. "When I'm in New York, my e-mail is forwarded here. When I'm here, I can access my New York e-mail. I can do Canadian conference calls from New York and New York calls from Toronto."

The American organization is much larger than UIA Federations Canada, with a staff of close to 200 in New York and just over 100, spread among five regional offices: Los Angeles, Chicago, Atlanta, New Jersey and Florida.

Both mergers were the result of a desire for greater control by the individual federations, said Ain.

The task was much easier in Canada because of the relatively small size of the two parent organizations compared to their U.S. counterparts. UIA Canada had annual revenues in the area of $35 million, and CJF Canada had national expenditures of about $400,000, Ain said.

What are the benefits to the Canadian Jewish community now that the merger has been in effect over a year?

"I hope the communities will feel a more direct connection to the national organization, because they control us," said Ain. "The vast majority of our board of directors is appointed directly by the federations themselves. We hope they'll feel a more direct connection to what we do overseas."

The flip side is that "it's very hard to run an organization if your board of directors sit not as members of the board of UIA Federations Canada, but as the representative from Winnipeg or the representative from Ottawa, because their first loyalty isn't to you."

To encourage a broad vision, the organization has taken a number of leadership groups overseas to see the work it funds in the former Soviet Union and in Israel. "It takes time," Ain said. "I think we're well on the road."

In New York, he's at the beginning of a similar journey.

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Cantor Harel joins Rabbi Martin Berman as an integral member of the clergy. While his main responsibility will be that of leading services, he will also participate in pastoral duties, Bar/Bat Mitzvah teaching, advising the Hebrew school in liturgy appreciation from a musical perspective, and programming with other synagogue groups. Shaar Shalom's participatory services will be enhanced by the warmth and richness of Cantor Harel's davening.

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Shaar Shalom Synagogue is open to new membership and welcomes inquiries. For information call 905-889-4975.

Immigrant photographers document Toronto shuls

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
CJN Staff

TORONTO — When Andrew and Paul Laszlo lived in Budapest, they were the official photographers for the Hungarian Jewish community.

The Hungarian-born twin brothers documented most of the significant events affecting Hungarian Jewry from about 1978 to 1988, among them, the World Jewish Congress meeting of 1987, the first congress held in a Communist country.

And when there were anti-Semitic incidents, the brothers were called. "We took pictures of the desecration of the cemeteries, in Budapest and in deserted far-away villages," Paul said. "I remember seeing the bones so clearly...We have all the negatives. All these pictures are in a box, filed and dated."

Carefully preserving these contemporary historical events, the Laszlo brothers, 44, said they knew they were making a valuable contribution to the community they left behind in 1988. They closed their photography studio and left Hungary that year, immigrating to Canada in 1989.

Now established in Toronto, Paul and Andrew have found a way to use their photographic talents to make a contribution to the Toronto

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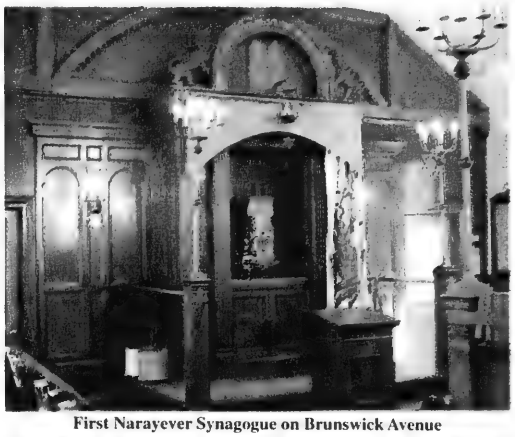
The Kiever Shul on Bellevue Avenue



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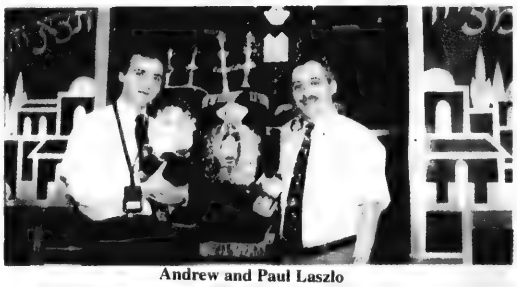

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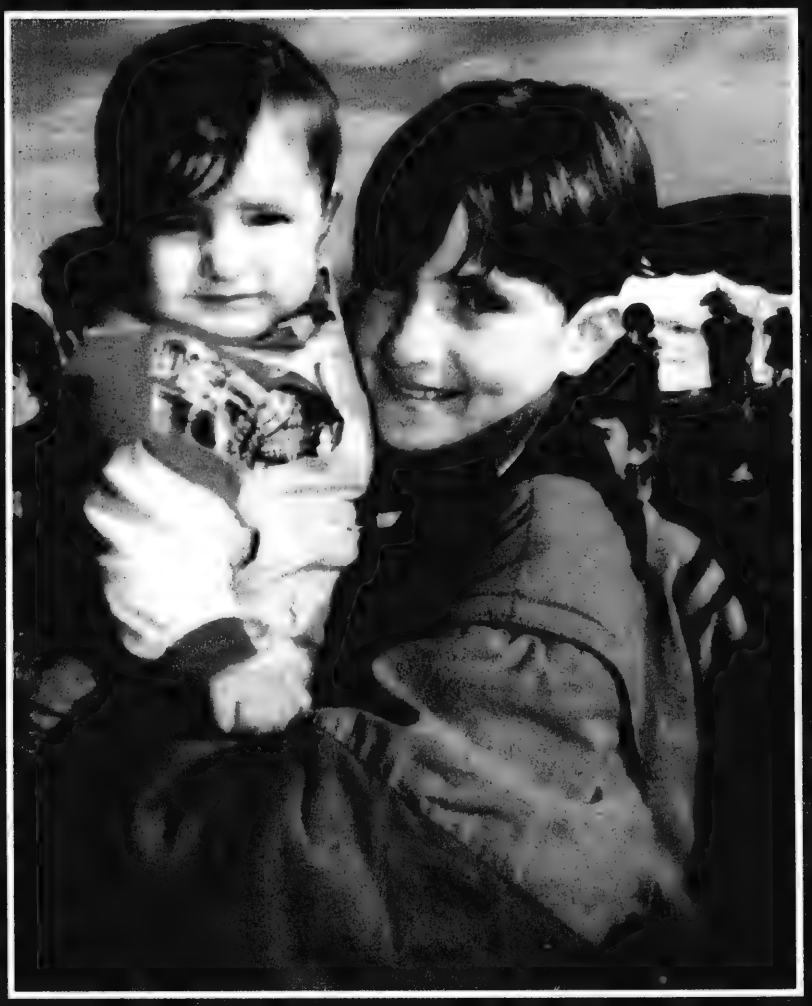

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Synagogue project a labor of love for brothers

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Jewish community. This year they embarked on a project to photograph all the synagogues in the city, taking all kinds of pictures with video, digital and traditional equipment.

And they're doing this project, which they call a labor of love, during their spare time. Not that they have that much time to spare. Both brothers have families and work full-time – Paul, the father of two, is in property management and Andrew, the father of three, works in sales at Henry's camera store.

They also run a business together on weekends and evenings – Twin Photo and Video – providing video and still photography for simchahs and other private events as well as individual and family portraits. And it was through this business that they fell into the synagogue project.

Hired as videographers for a wedding this past February, the brothers discovered the Anshei Minsk congregation; they were very taken with the 70-year-old synagogue on St. Andrews Street in Kensington Market, Andrew said.

Digital camera

"We were so amazed by the shul we started to play with the digital camera. We were so impressed. We took 200 pictures of the shul itself like details of the cornerstone. We said we have to come back to take more pictures.

"We thought it [the shul] was something really special. It was very European. There are some very nice shuls [in other parts of Toronto], but they're not the same style as the really old shuls [downtown]."

From the Minsker shul they went on to photograph the other downtown synagogues, the Kiever Shul on Bellevue Avenue and the First Narayever Congregation on Brunswick Avenue.

Paul said they fell in love with the Knesseth Israel, better known as the Junction Shul, on Maria Street in the west end of the city. "We went at 9 o'clock in the evening. It's the nicest shul."

"To walk into the Junction Shul, I could hardly wait to go back again," he said. "I want to take my father (he's visiting from Hungary to attend Paul's son's bar mitzvah) to see it. That shul is on top of our list. It's very pretty."

So far the Laszlos have photographed some 20 synagogues and racked up thousands of pictures in different formats and they're thinking of extending their work to some of the smaller Ontario towns, they said.

The project would make a lovely book, Paul mused. "It will be a nice collection of pictures...We feel lucky that our job is our hobby. It's a hobby and a profession at the same time."

"Even if we are not the official photographers, we're thinking of the future," Andrew said. "We try to think ahead. What we do now hopefully will be appreciated in the future – to give the future generation an idea of what exists now."

To reach the Laszlo brothers, call (905) 660-7385.

Reunion for Burma Bombers

TORONTO — Members of the famed "Burma Bombers" – Allied airmen who fought the Japanese in southeast Asia during World War II – will gather for a reunion in Toronto Oct. 1 to 3.

The Burma Bombers Association began among Canadian crews of B-24 Liberator bombers, but quickly grew to include all Air Force veterans of the war's India-Burma theatre. Today, veterans of the South-East Asia Command (SEAC) are from Canada, the United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand.

In addition to reminiscing, those at the reunion will pay tribute to the 454 Canadian airmen who were killed, and today lie in war cemeteries in Rangoon, Singapore, Ranchi and Taukkyan.

It's estimated that half of the 1,000 or so airmen who flew Liberators were members of the Royal Canadian Air Force or were Canadians in Royal Air Force squadrons.

It was mainly Canadians who destroyed the real-life bridge on the river Kwai at Kanchanaburi, in Thailand.

Toronto Burma campaign veteran Nathan Kaufman informs *The CJN* that Canadians would have played a predominant role in the planned invasion of Malaya in September 1945. The plan was aborted following the dropping of atom bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki a month before.

The Far East campaign is often described as "the forgotten war," eclipsed by the European and Pacific theatres, Kaufman states. Yet Britain's 14th Army in Burma was the largest single army on either side during the war, and Japan suffered more casualties in Burma and Malaya than in all other theatres combined, he notes.

Reunions of the Burma Bombers have been held every two years, and have taken place in several Canadian cities. This will mark the first time it will happen in Toronto.

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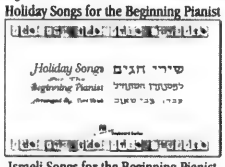

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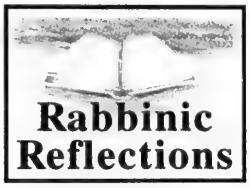

Rabbinic Reflections

By RABBI CHAIM STEINMETZ

Time to wake from bad habits

We all think we're experts on the topic of sin. We don't need definitions of what sin is; we know it when we see it. Sin is doing what our mothers tell us not to do; sin is what those TV preachers talk about on Sunday mornings; sin is the subplot of our favorite soap opera.

While these may be good examples of sin, our overall definition of sin is often cartoonish and one-dimensional. We may know a lot about sins that are bad actions; However, we know very little about sins that are bad attitudes.

There is a story told about the late dean of Yeshivas Chaim Berlin, Rav Yitzchak Hutner. He asked one of his students to choose which are the worst two sins in the Torah. The student thought for a while, and gave an answer. Rav Hutner rejected the answer, and the student thought about the question again, and came back with a different answer. Again, Rav Hutner rejected the answer. This cycle repeated itself several times, until Rav Hutner told the curious student: "The two greatest sins in the world are mediocrity and foolishness."

What an insightful answer! We often lose sight of the connection between our attitudes and our actions, our feelings and our failings. Most of our shortcomings can be traced to these two cardinal sins, the sin of foolishness and the sin of mediocrity.

Of these two, it is the sin of mediocrity that interests me at the moment. Is it wrong if someone chooses to take it easy? Must we all be dynamic, type-A strivers?

In short, the answer to these two questions, is yes. Yes, it is wrong to be complacent. Yes, we must constantly strive for spiritual growth. The great Rabbi Hillel said that we must either "grow or die" (Avot 1:13).

Life is a precious gift, intended to be used to the fullest. If we refuse to improve ourselves, if we settle for mediocrity, we become one of the living dead, a person who is squandering the gift of life.

With this insight, we get a better understanding of repentance.

Repentance is not merely a response to sin, but rather a war against mediocrity. It is the process of changing attitudes, of no longer accepting the status quo. Repentance demands spiritual growth and improvement, no matter what level a person is at.

It is for this reason that Maimonides (Tshuvah 3:4) compares the shofar blast to a wake-up call, telling the slumbering ones to awake.

Throughout the year, we live with the status quo, sleepwalking through our daily routines. The period between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is a time when we wake up from bad habits and stale routines, and reach for greatness. To live with the status quo is to live with mediocrity, and mediocrity is not an option.

Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz is the spiritual leader of Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem in Montreal.

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

Insights into the shofar

It is perhaps the most moving moment of Rosh Hashanah. A hush, and then the sounding of the shofar. The shofar is one of Judaism's most famous symbols and is responsible for some of the religion's most profound writings. Today, some insights into the shofar from the Jewish Highway.

Rav Saadiah Gaon gives 10 reasons for blowing the shofar on Rosh Hashanah **[http://www.ohr.org.il/special/roshhash/shofar.htm]**. Among them: "Rosh Hashanah is the day that commemorates the creation of the world and it is described as the 'coronation' of God. As it is customary to sound a trumpet at a king's coronation so we blow the shofar on Rosh Hashanah. By blowing the shofar, we recognize the 'purpose' of the Creation."

Sue Levi Ellwell, editor of *The Jewish Women's Study Guide*, says listening to the shofar can teach us something about how to treat each other. "This day is a day of listening, perhaps with a new severity, a renewed attention. Can we listen to one another with the same attention that we accord to the shofar?" **[http://www.vjholidays.com/rosh/shoquotes.htm]**.

For more thoughts on the symbolism of the shofar, see Rabbi Harold Kushner **[http://www.uscj.org/NEWENG/NATICK/kushnerrh.htm]**, Rabbi Harold Schulweis **[http://www.vbs.org/rabbi/hshulw/shofar.htm]** and Aish HaTorah **[http://www.aish.edu/calendar/highholy/shofar.htm]**.

Virtual Jerusalem has a wonderful mini-site devoted to the shofar **[http://www.vjholidays.com/rosh/shofar.htm]**. There's a survey of the *other* times the shofar is sounded, such as for introducing the Jubilee year.

During the Middle Ages, Jews blew the shofar to mark the beginning of the Sabbath or to announce deaths, fasts and even excommunications. And in more recent times, the shofar has been used in Israel at the inauguration of each new president.

For the Jew, the need to hear the shofar can be extremely powerful.

Rabbi Eli Hecht tells the heartbreaking story of how a rabbi risked his life to sound a shofar in Auschwitz for hundreds of doomed children **[http://www.shamash.org/listarchives/jewish-music/940831]**.

And there's the story of how some Conversos, Spanish Jews who officially converted to Christianity, were able to listen to the shofar on Rosh Hashanah without provoking the ire of the Inquisition **[http://sephardiconnect.com/Rosh.htm]**.

I was impressed by a page created by David Bar-Tzur who has tried to represent the sounding of the shofar for people who are deaf **[http://www.rit.edu/~dabdis/jush/rh/shofar.html]**. "The way I represent the sounding of the shofar is to first fingerspell the type of shofar blast that is called out, then [do the sign for] shofar; that is, the two S hands are held at the mouth. For the tekiah, I bow my head at the beginning of the blast and raise it again as the blast ends."

Everyone knows that a shofar is made from a ram's horn. But horns of some other animals can also be made into shofars. Take a look at the horns of an antelope, ibex, cow and oryx and find out which ones are kosher. **[http://www.vjholidays.com/rosh/shofkosh.htm]**. Over at the Torahtots site, you can find a Shofar-based puzzle and drawings which you can print out and color **[http://www.torahtots.com/holidays/rosh/roshclr.htm]**

It's not quite like hearing it live, but there are many sites where you can listen to experts sound the shofar on the Net, such as at 613.org **[http://www.613.org/roshyomkippursuccot.html]**, Berkeley's Judah L. Magnes Museum **[http://www.jfed.org/magnes/shofar.htm]** and JCN **[http://www.jcn18.com/shof0001.htm]**.

If you've ever struggled in vain to get a melodious tone out of shofar, you may need an expert's advice. If you're in the Boston area, a one-day course is offered at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on How to Blow a Shofar **[http://web.mit.edu/iap/www/search/IAP-904.html]**. Sorry, you get no credit for taking this course.

Well, no earthly credit, that is.

May you and your family have a Shanah Tovah U'metukah, a Good and Sweet New Year.

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JEWISH EDUCATION
The Next Generation

Community of faith needed

By ELLIOTT MALAMET

Some time ago, a friend wrote me the following in response to my lament about our age's loss of faith: "It has always struck me that the southern Californian god of health food, and vague new ageisms does not have any meat on his bones; whereas, say, the Gothic, Latin, ... wine drinking, feasting and fasting god of the pre-Vatican II Church gives a man what to grab hold of as he struggles to get to the Lord."

What does this have to do with the Days of Awe soon upon us? Actually, everything.

Both Judaism and Christianity, worn down by the very idea that no one should feel bad about anything, have begun to market their product in brand new ways.

Discard guilt and shame. Stress self-growth. Don't mention *those* words (sin, punishment, consequences). The goal is to approximate James Brown's triumphant yell: "I feel good."

Out of the blistering culture wars of the last three decades, today's kids have absorbed with unquestioning self-assurance that many ethical decisions are flexible, and that what we feel is more important than what we owe, self-expression far superior to self-sacrifice.

And then there's Rosh Hashanah, a loudmouthed pedlar of truths that we had dismissed as extinct, a day that unabashedly proclaims the fragility of human existence and the unstinting judgment of God.

In the Rambam's words: "The sins of every inhabitant of the world together with his merits are weighed on the festival of Rosh Hashanah. If one is found righteous, [the verdict] is sealed for life. If one is found wicked, [the verdict] is sealed for death. The intermediate person's [fate] is suspended until Yom Kippur."

This is the language of an ancient morality. It is language that is not taken seriously by the vast majority of Jews in the modern world. On a gut, soul-shaking, brutally honest level, it is not even taken seriously by most observant Jews who purport to believe in the severity of its claim.

In modernity, we reinterpret the text to pull away from its frightening implications. The Book of Life and Death becomes a metaphorical fairy tale, and the God of unrelenting assessment becomes a symbol of our own need to examine our deeds.

And therein lies the great problem of contemporary Judaism, and especially of Jewish education. Take some of our sacred sources literally and they seem childlike or alienating; take them metaphorically and they become lightweight, a thin substitute for the trembling scent of death washing over us.

I do not mean to smugly suggest that there are easily available solutions to this dilemma. On the contrary, it is a difficulty that is almost impossible to overcome.

The attempt to break free from ancient codes of morality has given contemporary human beings a sense of liberation, but has also left us feeling profoundly confused as to our identities and lacking the comfort of traditional guidelines which, although rigorous and even punitive, provided certainty and a sense of belonging.

The freedom that many of us feel in comparison to our predecessors of centuries gone by is matched by a deep sense of loss as to just how we should behave, and what our ethics are grounded in.

What is needed is a community of faith willing to talk about and wrestle with the hard questions and engage in a shared experience of searching for credible answers. Perhaps then we can redeem Rosh Hashanah as the rebirth of our souls and our lives.

Exploring the sacred texts

Books
Bernard Baskin

***Surpassing Wonder: The Invention of the Bible and the Talmuds*, by Donald Harman Akenson (McGill-Queens, $39.95).**

The author of this challenging and remarkable book, an acclaimed professor of history at Queens University, is filled with admiration for the sacred texts of Judaism and Christianity — the Hebrew and Christian scriptures and the Babylonian Talmud.

"They are," he writes, "probably the strongest literary texts ever invented. The secret of that power is that it can be indirectly analyzed but never really explained."

The very power of these texts is so strong, he concludes, that we can never step outside of them to acquire the vision necessary to assay their qualities.

What we acquired from ancient Greece, Rome, Persia and other sources, he suggests, was culture. From the ancient Semites, however, we obtained something broader: "the prerequisites for civilization."

The thesis of this work is that two climactic events in Jewish history – the destruction of the Temple of Solomon in 586 BCE and the Temple of Herod in 70 C.E. – made basic changes in religious faith and understanding necessary.

These events were not just architectural. "In each instance, an entire grid of belief – the location of the God-house, the place of sacrifice to Him, the ritual embodiment of the covenant between [God] and His people and, simultaneously, all the metaphorical aspects of the Temple as symbol of ultimate reality — all that suddenly vanished."

Thus, the preservation of Judaism after 586 BCE depended upon the creation of texts that would exist independently of geography. In the time of Ezra, an unknown author-editor brought together for the first time the disparate documents which became the nine narrative books of the Hebrew scriptures – from Genesis through the Book of Kings.

In time, the first five books of this group became the Torah and received more attention and authority than the rest of the Hebrew scriptures combined.

The destruction of the second Temple was a blow to both Jews and to members of the small Christian sect who now had to formulate new sacred texts. Out of this traumatic event, argues the author, came the four Gospels and the two Talmuds.

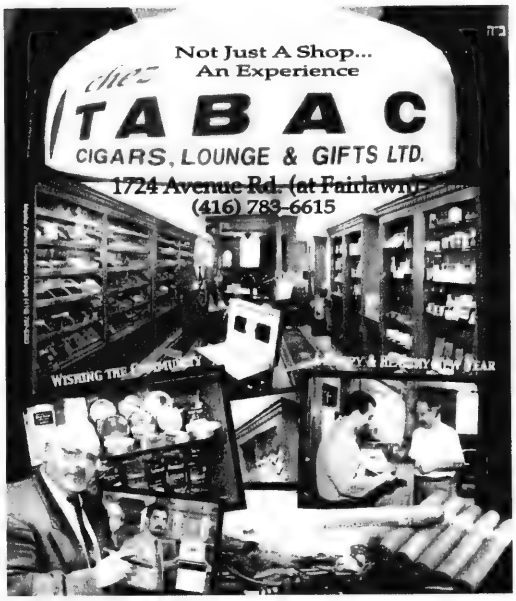
Akenson is convinced that the Babylonian Talmud should be better known by both Jews and Christians and he provides a comprehensive and lucid introduction to this complex and many-sided work. He recognizes that the material is extremely difficult.

Actually, few persons have ever read the entire corpus of rabbinical literature. To do so in its original form requires an advanced knowledge of several ancient languages. The Babylonian Talmud itself is more than two million words. Today most yeshivot concentrate their training on a selected band of texts.

In a bold and informed appendix, the author asks: "What can we know historically concerning Yeshua of Nazareth whom the Christian Scriptures transformed into Jesus the Christ?" The answer, he concludes, is very little.

Ultimately, Akenson's proposals are, of course, as much theory as fact. This must be the case with all attempts to unravel the mystery of when, how and why the holy Scriptures of Judaism, Christianity and the Talmuds came to be.

This is not an easy book to read. It presupposes some knowledge of biblical literature, makes use of an extended vocabulary and its major points are tightly argued. Determined readers, however, will find this insightful, informed and often surprisingly witty book a rewarding experience.



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Rosh Hashana is a Wonderful Sight for Ethiopian Immigrant

Atras Kesia will add sight to sound when she listens to the shofar trumpet the New Year. Without the UJA Federation-funded Jewish Agency, this Rosh Hashana would have begun in darkness for Kesia, just as they have for the past five years.

At 76, Kesia, a new immigrant from Quara, Ethiopia, can now see again thanks to Jewish Agency workers and surgeons at a Beersheva hospital.

When Kesia arrived in Israel from Quara last November on a Jewish Agency rescue flight, she had to be helped off the plane. After she, her daughter, son-in-law and three grandchildren arrived at the Nurit Absorption Center in Beersheva, her family told social worker Merav Marsiano-Levi about their mother's blindness. When her eyesight began to wane in Ethiopia, none of the doctors she visited knew whether her sight could be saved.

"I had no idea whether her medical problem was treatable but I immediately informed our house mother who is responsible for follow-up on medical problems uncovered during initial interviews," recalled Marsiano-Levi.

On January 23rd, 1999 - two months after arriving in Israel, Kesia's successful cataract operation was performed at the Soroka Medical Center. It was made possible, in part, by special emergency funding provided by the Jewish Agency.

"You have no idea how happy I am to be able to see my daughter and my grandchildren. The light was suddenly turned on and I was reborn," said Kesia. "

Today, with restored sight in one eye, while awaiting a second operation on her other eye, Kesia has regained her independence. While one of the delights of regaining her vision is to see her children and her grandchildren, Atras Kesia says the biggest prize is being able to take in her new surroundings - the landscape of Israel.

The Jewish Agency, assisted by UJA Federation campaign funding, has already brought nearly 2,000 Quara Jews from Ethiopia to Israel. Nearly 1,000 more are scheduled to arrive this fall.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we prepare to celebrate the last Rosh Hashana of the 20th century, it is only natural to contemplate the community's well-being with mixed emotion, as well as renewed hope for the future. We have achieved a great deal as a community as we approach the new millennium: a proud tradition of Tzedakah, an uncompromising commitment to each other, and a strong Federation as the community's driving force.

Yet while our community has grown and prospered into one of the world's most dynamic and compassionate, many members of our community have drifted far from Jewish life and too many live on the financial fringes. Alleviating poverty and hunger, especially among our children, strengthening Jewish identity and addressing broader social issues such as homelessness, are priorities as we move into the next century. The way we, as individuals, deal with these pressing problems will determine the kind of community future generations will inherit.

We must also examine the collective challenges – ensuring refuge in Israel for Jews from the former Soviet Union facing increased anti-Semitism and for the newly-arriving Quara Jews from Ethiopia, fighting anti-Semitism in our own backyard and narrowing the gap between rich and poor. From the indignities we, as Jews, have suffered over the centuries, we are especially sensitive to the need for *Tikkun Olam* – healing the world - and providing dignity to human life. As we listen to the sound of the shofar this Rosh Hashana and celebrate the world's creation, let us remember that we, as Jews, possess the power to improve the world and to change lives every day.

Shana Tova. May you be written and sealed for a good year.

Alan Sandler

Holiday E-Greetings

For the first time High Holiday well-wishers can send greetings to the entire community courtesy of UJA Federation's Jewish Toronto Web Site (*www.jewishtoronto.net*)

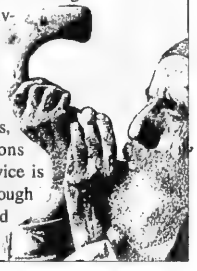
Community members can go on-line to *jewishtoronto.net* by clicking the High Holiday button on the home page and follow instructions on how to send a greeting. The messages will appear on a *jewishtoronto.net* bulletin board web site for all to read over the next several weeks.

"This is a great community-building project as well as a wonderful opportunity for people to explore our dynamic site," says Art Benjamin, Chair of the Internet Steering Committee.

Since being launched over one year ago, *jewishtoronto.net* has expanded to nearly 2,000 pages and includes hundreds of sub-sites on everything from Jewish education to arts and culture.

Special Visits

Thanks to nearly 150 Chaplaincy Services volunteers, the Holidays have been made a little brighter for thousands of community members living in isolation. The compassionate corps of volunteers has been visiting and extending Shana Tova greetings to Jews living in over 50 nursing homes, hospitals and other institutions across the province. The service is funded by UJA Federation through Jewish Family and Child Service.



UJA Federation Campaign 2000 Begins

Goal to raise $50 million annually by 2001

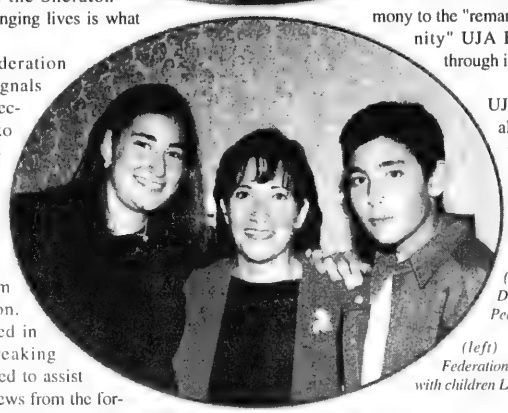
The new leaders of UJA Federation's Campaign 2000 are stressing the way in which each individual can make a difference in improving the lives of many.

"We should never minimize the impact of one deed or one dollar," said David Engel, who is co-chairing UJA Federation's Campaign 2000 with Mel Wolfond. Engel, speaking at the recent sold-out Campaign Launch at the Sheraton Centre Hotel, said "changing lives is what we're all about."

The UJA Federation Campaign kick-off signals the beginning of the seccond year of a drive to raise $50 million annually by the end of 2001. The Chairs are eager to continue the momentum created by last year's Campaign which saw an increase from $36.5 to $40.5 million. Additional funds raised in last year's record-breaking campaign are being used to assist the vulnerable, rescue Jews from the former Soviet Union and other parts of the world and to strengthen Jewish identity. Increased funds from this year's campaign will be allocated to initiatives such as expanding counseling and support for abused women, providing more opportunities for teenagers to participate in the March of the Living and helping the Jewish Agency to free thousands of Jews from the FSU.

Wolfond called the record crowd of Launch participants a testimony to the "remarkable sense of community" UJA Federation cultivates through its work.

"I believe that through UJA Federation we will always develop the community vision which allows other organizations to thrive and grow."



(above) (l-r) Judy and David Engel with Mel and Pedie Wolfond.

(left) Carole Sterling, UJA Federation Women's Campaign Chair with children Lauren (far left) and Cory.

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Consultant to Serve Schools

Supplementary schools in Toronto will be receiving some extra help from the UJA Federation Board of Jewish Education this year.

As the BJE's new Supplementary School Consultant Shari Schwartz will offer her education expertise to more than 30 Toronto area supplementary schools and their teachers. She will also encourage educators to access the BJE's wide range of educational resources.

Schwartz, whose 20 year career includes teaching at She'arim Day School and most recently as principal of Temple Har Zion's Supplementary School, says shes can't wait to get started.

"This job has been a dream of mine for many years," confesses Schwartz, who served as a member of the BJE's Supplementary School Principals Committee. "There has never been a person dedicated entirely to servicing this population and I'm very honoured to have been chosen for this important role."

In addition to regular on site visits, Schwartz will be running professional development workshops, helping with curriculum development and acting as liaison for the BJE's Supplementary School Committee.

Shari Schwartz

Schwartz is eager to help schools expand family education programs, which have become increasingly popular. She would like to set up a system in which schools with experienced family educators help mentor those that are struggling to get started. "I'd also like to challenge schools providing good programs to reach for the stars," adds Schwartz. Our educators are doing incredible things. "I want to provide them with the tools to go even further."

Providing additional support for supplementary school education is an important component of UJA Federation's Camapign 2000.

Around jewish toronto

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mini-mission

Learn about some of the incredible community services supported by **UJA Federation** on the **Mission With A Vision** bus tour, **Tuesday September 28, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.** The mini-mission, sponsored by **UJA Federation's Women's Campaign**, which will visit **Jewish Family and Child Service, Zareinu** and the **Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living**, includes a light breakfast. For more information about this **free** program call **(416) 635-2883 ext. 174.**

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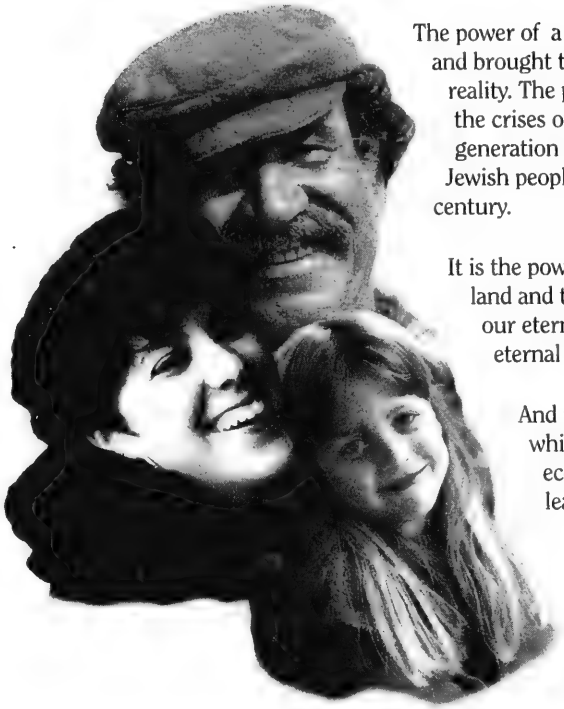

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and he was reporting live on the situation from the Pentagon.

Shortly after he speculated – in a broadcast seen in over 200 countries – about the possibility of the United States responding militarily and the length of time it would take to mobilize, a senior Pentagon official contacted him with a message from then U.S. president George Bush.

"The fastest way for the U.S. government to send a warning to Baghdad was to tell a CNN reporter that the U.S. was not ruling out the military option," Blitzer recalled.

The rest of Blitzer's 45-minute talk addressed The World Today, which is also the title of the show he'll be anchoring on CNN, having just completed a lengthy stint as senior White House correspondent.

What happens in one corner of the world resonates instantly, he said. In a positive way, elections in one country can inspire democratic elections elsewhere, he noted.

The negative aspect can occur when ethnic cleansing, for example, emboldens another dictator to follow suit, he added.

Referring to last year's media and government preoccupation with U.S. President Bill Clinton's involvement with Monica Lewinsky, Blitzer wondered aloud whether the war in the Balkans might have been avoided or at least anticipated, had more focus been placed on foreign affairs rather than on "this tawdry if unavoidable scandal."

Coming from Washington, "Campaign 2000" will have a new meaning for him after the Toronto launch, he quipped.

The campaign launch also included entertainment by Israeli singer Marina Faingold and an address by Sigal Hobbey, a 22-year-old Israeli university student who made aliyah from Ethiopia in 1983. A onetime beneficiary of UJA dollars, she now works as an absorption counsellor helping new olim from Ethiopia's Quara region.

Simcha Jacobovici, the award-winning filmmaker whose UJA Federation campaign video premiered at the launch, recalled his student activist days, when he predicted that one day Ethiopian Jews would campaign to save other Jews.

"It's so wonderful to see that Sigal is here, and that we're really all one," he said. "For those who think the great moments in Jewish history have passed, we're just in the middle."

Also on the evening's program were launch chairs Ronald Appleby and Fran Sonshine, Campaign 2000 chairs David Engel and Mel Wolfond, and Women's Campaign chair Carole Sterling.

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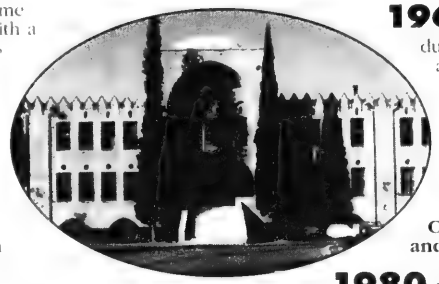

1930 - 40 In the 1930's, the Institute was an active centre for students and distinguished academicians from Poland, Germany and Austria who were fleeing the Nazi regime. By 1939, **enrollment had increased to 400** students as the Technion began to train mechanical and electrical engineers.

1941 - 49 Nation building and the establishment of the State of Israel put new demands upon the Technion. Additional areas of study were added, thereby increasing both the student and faculty population. The Department of Aeronautical Engineering was established in 1949. With this advanced field, Technion visionaries laid the foundation for Israel's aerospace industries.

1950 - 59 By 1951 undergraduate enrollment had grown to 966. In 1953 the Institute moved to a 300 acre site on Mount Carmel. In the years that followed, the **Graduate School was opened,** as well as departments in **Agricultural Engineering, Food Technology and Industrial Engineering and Management.**

1960 - 69 The modern infrastructure of the State of Israel was built during these years by Technion engineers and architects while at the same time leading scientific research was being conducted. In 1969, the Technion's Faculty of Medicine became one of the few medical schools worldwide affiliated with an institute of Technology.

1970 - 79 **Departments were opened in Computer Science, Materials Engineering and Biomedical Engineering.**

1980 - 89 By the late 1980s, Technion emerged as a full-scale, world renowned scientific technological teaching and research university.

1990 - 99 In the early 90s, massive immigration from the former Soviet Union boosted the student population from **9,000 to 10,500**. New academic programs and stronger ties with industry launched yet another campus expansion. Today **graduate students comprise 25% of the 12,500 strong student body . Faculty members currently number 770 in 19 faculties and departments. Research is conducted in 30 research centres, 11 research institutes and 9 centres of excellence.**

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Small served as honorary president of Hadassah

TORONTO — The Canadian Hadassah-WIZO family deeply mourns the recent loss of one of its most dedicated and passionate members, Mirial Small, honorary national president. She was 76.

A devoted and lifelong member of the Toronto Aviva chapter, she maintained her deep ties to her chapter even as she immersed herself first at the local and later at the national level.

Small was president of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO from 1963-65. Nationally, she held many important positions – membership chair, general secretary and vice-president, before being elected national president from 1980-83. She was the first woman from Toronto to hold this office.

She visited and spoke with every chapter in Canada, spent time at all the projects in Israel, represented Canadian Hadassah-WIZO at WIZO plenaries and at meetings of the Jewish Agency, Zionist General Council and Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Obituary

Small had a creative vision and a special style of leadership. During her tenure, major innovations were undertaken, including the Sports and Cultural Centre at Magdiel, Israel, and the School of Nursing at Assaf Harofeh Hospital in northern Israel.

Upon completing her term as national president, Small was honored by Canadian Hadassah-WIZO with the renaming of the school of nursing as the Mirial Small School of Nursing, Assaf Harofeh Hospital.

During Small's presidency in 1981, the project enrichment gift category of $10,000 was initiated. Ofira Navon, wife of Yitzhak Navon, president of the State of Israel at the time, came to Canada to join in the launching of the project.

Small participated in the People to People Mission to Israel and Egypt which included a visit with Jihan Sadat, widow of President Anwar Sadat, at her home in Giza, Egypt.

Small also served on or chaired many boards, including those at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, Jewish Family and Child Services and Women's Division for United Israel Appeal(UIA).

The trauma of the 1973 Yom Kippur War was the catalyst for her to become the founding chair of the Women's Division of UIA of Canada.

Mirial Small

But Hadassah-WIZO remained central in her life. Her goal was to keep it the strongest, largest major Jewish women's organization in Canada.

Having grown up in St. Catharines with parents who were active Zionists and leaders of their Jewish community, Small was sensitive to the needs of Jewish life in small towns. She resided in Toronto with her husband, the late Dr. Allen Small, a dermatologist who was involved in Zionist and communal activities.

When Small was interviewed for Hadassah-WIZO's *75th Anniversary Commemorative Book*, she said, "I had always believed that each of us has the choice of witnessing history, succumbing to the tug of its tide, or of helping to control its flow and I decided to be one who tried to help shape our Jewish world."

Small is survived by her two daughters and their husbands – Fern Small and Barry Wainstein and Anita Small and Norman Rosenbaum, and six grandchildren.

She is also survived by sisters Julia Kertzer and Felice Nussenblatt.

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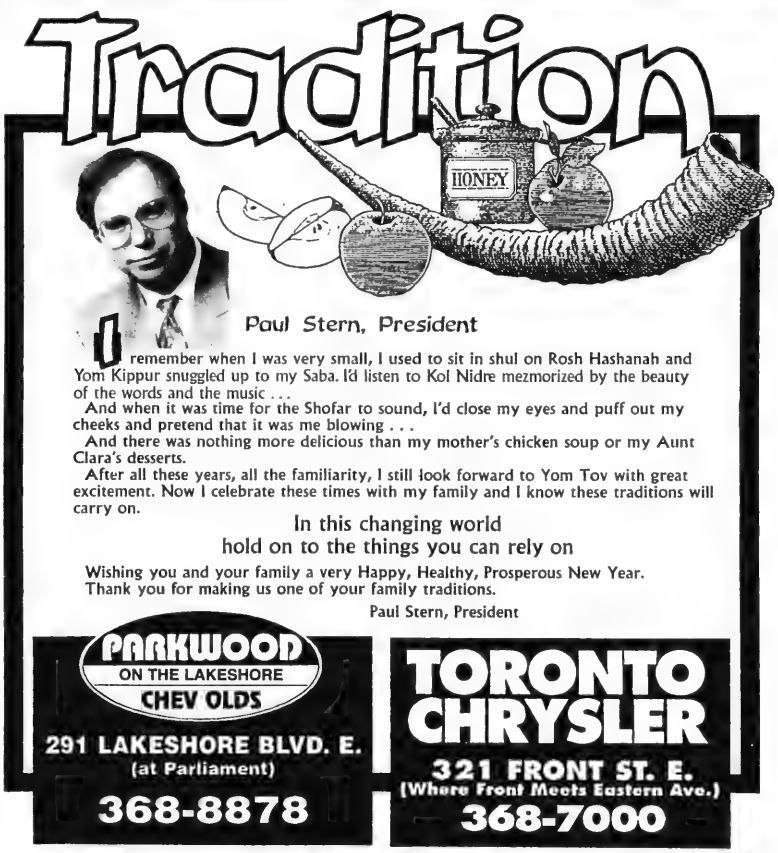
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"It was a wonderful experience," she said. "You could stop and ask questions and not feel uncomfortable. I was impressed with the number of people who came out."

The outreach service is designed to meet the needs of those who have felt excluded in the past; those who want a traditional service but do not know how to follow and are left unsatisfied.

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Joan Gold joined the eight-week explanatory Shabbat service that is also part of the outreach service. Everyone learns — if you're puzzled, you can stop and ask questions, Gold says.

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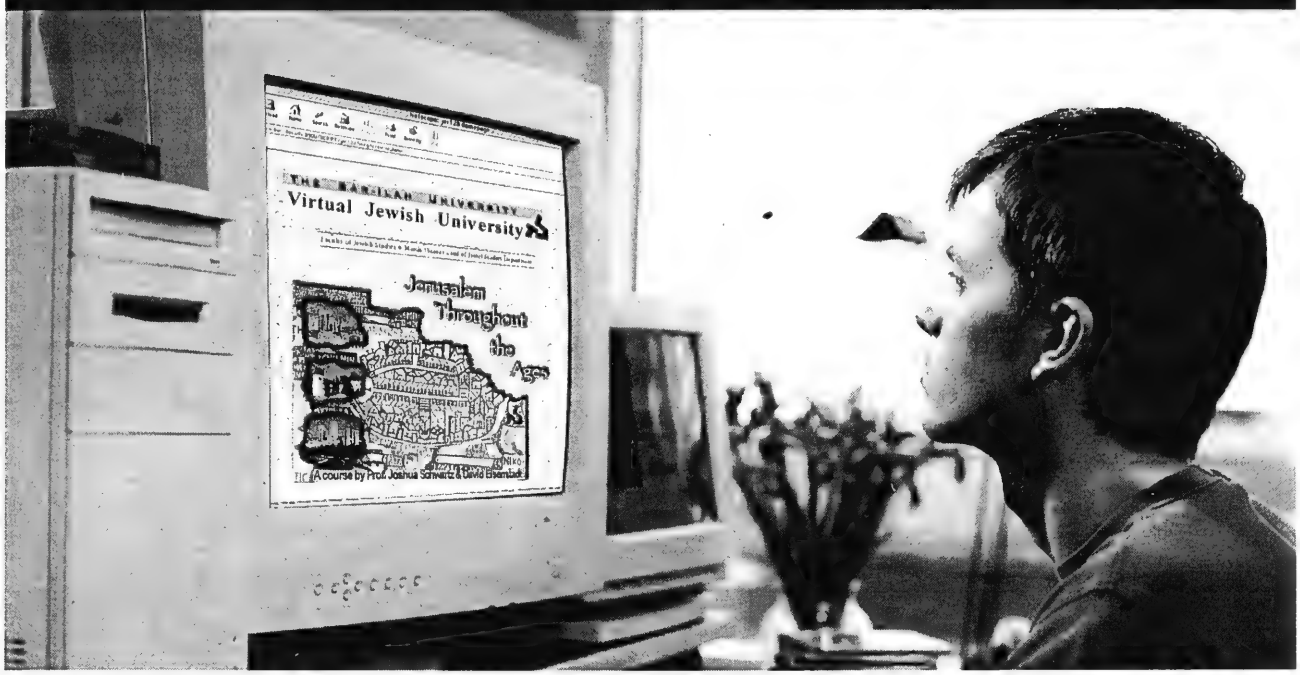

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New guidelines on home care seen as resulting in less care

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A change in the provincial criteria for home care has resulted in less care for more people, said Michael Scheinert, Circle of Care executive director.

The new criteria mean that home care now covers many categories that were previously funded in other ways, he explained. These include acute care cases, ongoing chronic situations and the frail elderly.

The agency is coping with the new situation as best it can, Scheinert said, noting that its ability to subsidize people needing public support is limited by the amount of government funding the agency gets for this purpose.

Circle of Care provides home care for both private and public cases, he said. "We are under a lot of pressure."

The difficulties in providing home care are not related to the entrance of private for-profit agencies to the field, he said.

"We've had a number of calls from people who are in desperate situations," said Fay Geitzhals, Jewish Family and Child Service (JF&CS) supervisor of intake workers.

JF&CS is not directly connected to the funding of home care, Geitzhals said. "We only see the results of the problem. We don't see it as a major crisis since we've only had a smattering of calls."

She said in one case, a woman who was at home after cancer surgery was unable to get out of bed, and although friends were helping out, she could not get enough home care.

The role of the JF&CS in these cases is one of advocacy, Geitzhals said. The original order for home care is written by the doctor and JF&CS works with agencies in a supportive role, she explained.

"We get excellent co-operation from Circle of Care," she said.

Concern about the long-term effects of government underfunding of home care was expressed by Al Gorlick, chair of the Alliance of Seniors to Protect Canada's Social Programs.

The underfunding will eventually drive not-for-profit agencies out of the field and they will be replaced by for-profit private agencies whose main concern is the bottom line, said Gorlick.

The alliance represents 50,000 seniors in the Greater Toronto Area, he said.

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Shaar Shalom gets first full-time cantor

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

THORNHILL, ONT. — Cantor David Harel began his career as a businessman, and only changed professional direction around the time he turned 40.

His late father, Azriel, was a longtime shaliach tzibur, and his grandfather was a chazzan and shochet in Russia. His mother, Nechama, sang professionally in Russia in the late 1930s.

Cantor Harel's son – one of his four adult children – has also worked as a chazzan. (A grandfather of nine, the cantor also has two younger children from his second marriage.)

"Once you have it in your genes, maybe you can't escape it," Cantor Harel, a lyric tenor, said in a recent interview at Shaar Shalom Synagogue, where last month he became the first full-time cantor at the 25-year-old congregation.

Not that he wants to escape it. "I'm doing what I love to do," he said. "This is not work for me."

It was a circuitous path – professionally and geographically – that led him to Toronto.

Born in Minsk in 1942, the future cantor emigrated to Israel in 1949. His father, a Polish citizen who had served in the Russian army, was allowed to go back to Poland in the mid-1940s, facilitating the family's eventual aliyah via a displaced persons camp in Germany.

An alumnus of the IDF's élite Golani Brigade, where he Hebraicized his name from Judenberg, the cantor earned a BA in Political Science and Economics from Sir George Williams University in Montreal in 1967.

After directing an import company in Canada for two years, he returned to Israel and established his own business.

In 1984, he was offered his first full-time cantorial position, in Birmingham, England, contingent on his completing formal studies at Jews' College in London. He had already begun Jewish studies, including chazzanut, in Israel.

Cantor David Harel

Subsequent positions took him to London, England; Johannesburg and Montreal, where he served most recently at Chevra Kadisha-B'Nai Jacob Synagogue. He also lived in Ra'anana, Israel during the mid-1990s.

A good cantor, he believes, expresses musically what congregants may be unable to express themselves.

"Words are limiting. When you sing, the krechtz and the kvetch can go directly from one heart to another. Sometimes there are no words to express things."

Cantor Harel believes that music provides "emotional and intellectual nourishment" that is as vital as food in making people feel alive and vibrant.

His position at Shaar Shalom is his first at a Conservative synagogue, but "from the start we hit it off," said the cantor, who is the descendent of two prominent Chabad families.

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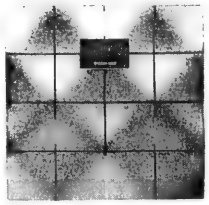

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Carole Ann Reed with Rwandan students.

Trip to Rwanda 'awakening' for Holocaust Centre director

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Louis Kanamugire has a daunting task, and Carole Ann Reed, director of education of the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto, UJA Federation, is determined to help.

Kanamugire works for the Ministry of Youth and Culture in Rwanda, and is responsible for documenting the Rwandan genocide.

Reed, who met Kanamugire on a recent trip to Rwanda, says she would like to bring him here so he can learn how survivors can be used as volunteers to shape genocide education. She has approached the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) for funds, "and things are looking good," she says.

Reed, who has been with the centre for two years, says her association with Rwanda began when Shyrna Gilbert, president of Hope for Rwanda's Children Fund, called and said that she thought the Jewish community could be of assistance.

"The first thing we did was get some Holocaust survivors to support a walk that gives money to Rwandan orphans. There are 400,000 orphans there, which is why the task of documenting the genocide falls under the Ministry of Youth and Culture," says Reed.

Last spring, she says, with the support of the centre and UJA Federation, and at the invitation of Madame Seraphine Bizimungu, wife of the president of Rwanda – who had visited the centre here – she had an opportunity to take a trip to Rwanda in order to learn more about that country's genocide.

"This trip was an awakening for me. I had been to Poland as part of B'nai Brith's Holocaust and Hope tour for educators through Poland, Germany and Israel, and in Rwanda I kept reliving the times in Poland; the parallels are so striking – people being targeted because of racial and ethnic identity.

"While there, we visited genocide sites and talked to survivors. The stories we heard had echoes of the stories we've heard [about the Holocaust.]

"Every historical event, however, is unique. What I learned in Rwanda, and what I took from my talks there, informs my behavior. The Rwandan community has special needs to which they feel Jews can relate."

Wherever she went in the country, "to the most remote genocide sites, everyone knew about the Holocaust. They felt we had a special resonance."

The Rwandan government plans to build a genocide memorial centre at Murambe, says Reed, a site where 140,000 people were killed, and where bodies still remain. "Louis will be responsible for this centre. I believe that it is a natural thing for the Holocaust centre to provide him with training, and for him to see how survivors are central to the program."

Reed says she would like him to come for Yom Hashoah, in order to see how Jews commemorate it. "We have such resources and experience here, it puts us in a natural position to share."

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Katy Brass and Betty Spuyman.

Dutch family reconnects with long-lost Canadian cousins

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Until two years ago, Betty Spuyman was unaware she had an extended family.

As far as she knew, Spuyman, 60, who was born in Holland during World War II and still lives there, had lost all her aunts, uncles and cousins in the Holocaust.

Her life changed, however, when a Toronto cousin, Michael Englishman, went to a cemetery in Holland to look for his grandmother's gravestone, and discovered a gravestone with the surname Ereira Englishman on it.

"It was a stone that someone had recently erected," Spuyman said. "And it struck him that maybe he had family of which he, too, was unaware; someone that could be related to him had put up that stone."

After discovering that Spuyman's mother, Margaret Ereira – who died almost one year ago – had put up the stone and was indeed his first cousin, Englishman called Ereira, and they reunited in Florida.

It was not until recently, though, that Spuyman came to Canada and met Englishman's daughter, Katy Brass, also 60, and also born in Holland.

"Growing up in Holland, my mother always talked about our family. We thought we had no one left, and there was always something missing inside of us. My mother had six children because she wanted them named for her dead relatives," said Spuyman.

Throughout the years, Spuyman had advertised in newspapers in Russia, Ukraine and Poland looking for family members, but she had never gotten a response.

"To find family now makes me feel very rich. We've discovered we have so much in common. We really feel like family, not at all like people who just recently met.

"I am grateful that my mother lived to have this reunion. Nothing is more important than family," said Spuyman.

When Englishman visited Holland during her mother's illness, Spuyman said her mother's whole attitude changed. "It brightened her life."

Living today in Haarlem, a city with about 500 Jews, Spuyman, a skin therapist, is active in her synagogue and in her community's Hadassah-WIZO. She said she still gets upset when she hears stories about the Holocaust. "I never, never got over what happened."

She is married, but never had children. "I'm too afraid of another war. I can't bear the thought of losing anyone else."

Rosh Hashanah message

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(a) accept as Members of the Corporation those Members listed in good standing tabled and delivered by the Secretary of the Corporation;

(b) election of Directors;

(c) approve the Financial Statements for the Corporation for the year ended June 30, 1999;

(d) appoint auditors and authorize the directors to fix their remuneration; and

(e) transact such further and other business as may properly be brought before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Copies of the Financial Statements and Auditors Report together with copies of the slate of nominated directors, may be obtained from the Business Office of the Corporation between the hours of 9:00 am and 6:00 pm until the day of the annual meeting.

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Victims of Swiss Air crash remembered

BY JOEL JACOBSON
Atlantic Correspondent

HALIFAX — More than 250 members of the Jewish and secular communities listened in silent awe as Rabbi Joshua Mann talked of the hurt of the Swiss Air crash a year ago off Peggy's Cove, N.S., which took 229 lives, including 21 Jews.

Rabbi Mann, Boston-raised but now living in Israel, flew to Halifax to join his mother, brother, sister and several nieces and nephews who attended memorial services for the victims.

He lost his brother Jonathan, an AIDS researcher working out of Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

"We were close," said Rabbi Mann. "We spoke often and asked each other relevant questions about what we each were doing."

Rabbi Mann spoke at Beth Israel Synagogue in Halifax on Sept. 1, the eve of the anniversary of the air disaster. The memorial service there impressed Andrew and Elinor Eder of Connecticut, who lost their closest friends, Karen and Leonard Kleinman, in the crash.

"The sheer number of people who were here on a weeknight was heartwarming," said Elinor Eder. "We attended both services [the other was at the crash site] today. The depth of the community, standing in line to greet us and feed us was very touching."

Cindy Hatstadt of Connecticut attended with her brothers Michael and Danny Mallin, her husband Phillipe and her mother-in-law. "We lost my parents, Gilda and Ralph Mallin, and this service tonight was a meaningful welcome from the Jewish community.

"In the last year, we had two memorial services and then a burial when the remains were found," she said. "Today was very long, but it was comforting to be around the other families who lost loved ones."

With Rosh Hashanah only 10 days away, Rabbi Mann's theme was renewal and regaining a proper spiritual perspective after such a major loss.

"The best way to honor...the memory of a loved one is to take the powerful aftershock and utilize it as a force for change and growth," he said.

He said there is an interesting tension between the obligation to mourn and the need to be in touch with the pain and sadness of loss.

"We're human and have hearts. Naturally we'll have those feelings. But the code of Jewish law says one is not supposed to mourn or cry overly much. In Judaism, the bigger picture is the continuity of the soul."

He suggested everything that happens is for our benefit.

"The experience of suffering is an integral part of life, but it is also supposed to transform into energy to refocus on the importance of the meaning of life."

He said time changes our vision, our intellect and our spiritual insight.

"We come to terms and elevate the experience [of sadness and mourning] to shake us from from our worldly concerns and reconnect with the basics. We use the opportunity to uplift our physical being to connect to the Creator by helping others."

During conversations with his brother, Jonathan, the rabbi said, "We talked of the Tower of Babel and he asked me, 'What was bothering God' in getting involved with the conflict between people that led to the development of a wide variety of languages?

"Jonathan felt the situation was no threat to God; so I pursued it and researched it and realized unity is one of the most powerful of human forces. If people act together, it could have a subsequent effect on humankind."

Rabbi Moshe Krupka, national director of synagogue services for the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, introduced the guest speaker, but also sent a powerful message to the audience.

Rabbi Joshua Mann

"A year later, we still ask why this happened. The answer? God sent us miracles from this disaster. You could see miracles as the RCMP and military went beyond the call of duty to bring comfort and consolation to family members.

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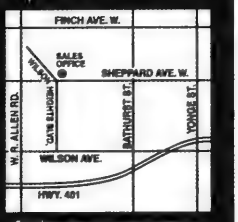

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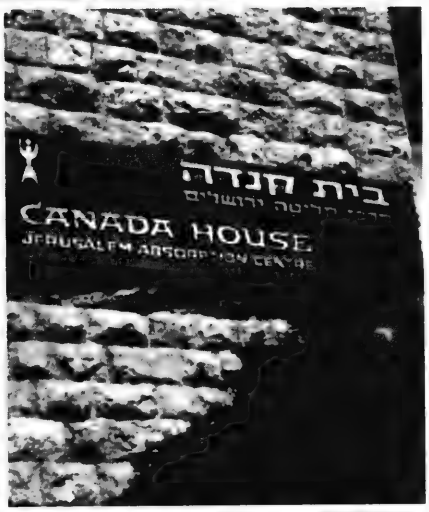

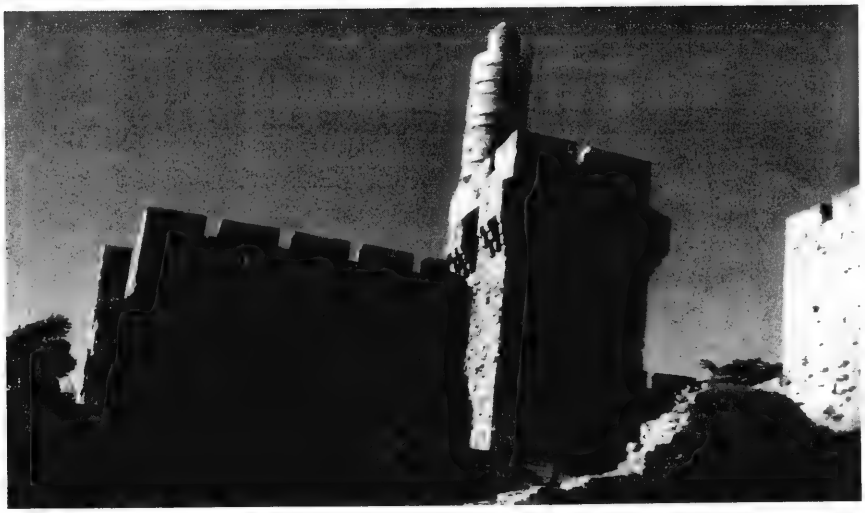

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New day school opens doors in Hamilton

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — The Kehila Jewish Community Day School (KJCDS) is opening its doors this year with an enrolment of 12 children.

KJCDS is not affiliated with any movement or religious group but is a member of the Jewish Community Day School Network, a professional association linking over 50 schools across North America, committed to providing "a superior education in an intensive pluralistic Jewish learning environment."

The school's aim, says principal Hamutal Deckel, is to create "an environment steeped in Jewish values and ethics. We are a community-based school, open to all streams of Judaism."

For the time being, the school will consist of two classes – senior kindergarten, and a combined Grade 1 to 3 class.

KJCDS will be housed on the lower floor of Temple Anshe Sholom, where kindergarten teacher, Adi Bell, and Grade 1, 2 and 3 teacher, Melissa Tabacman, have been unpacking furniture, decorating their bright and cheerful classrooms and preparing teaching materials.

In addition to Tabacman, the class will also have a teaching assistant.

The objective is to foster respect and appreciation for all Jews, Deckel says, and Judaism "will be taught in such a way that students will be able to learn to distinguish between the different streams of Judaism and make informed decisions later."

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Hebrew will be taught as a living language and there will be strong emphasis on the "centrality of Israel in Jewish life."

Teaching methodology will be based on an "integrated curriculum and a multiple intelligence approach" to teaching developed by Harvard psychologist Howard Gardner, with "lots of hands-on activity, art, music and movement," says Deckel.

Recently widowed, Jerusalem-born Deckel comes here after nine years as a media specialist at a Jewish day school in Las Vegas, where she also developed a comprehensive computer literacy program and produced her own educational videos.

Her credentials include service in the Israeli army as a psychometric diagnostician, a BA in literature from Bar-Ilan University and a degree from the Institute of Experimental Open Education in Jerusalem.

She took an extensive program in Israel preparing administrators and teachers in the use of the computer as a tool in active learning environments, spent four years teaching elementary school and worked as a research assistant for the Israeli Ministry of Education.

She says she is excited about the opportunity to be involved in building a new school from the ground up.

RECIPE CORRECTION

In the Food Ideas for Rosh Hashanah article on vegetarian dishes by Edith Rothschild (Aug. 26), the recipe for the Super Rainbow Salad contained an incorrect instruction under the heading: Helpful Hint. The recommended ratio of greens for the salad should be *one part radicchio and Belgian endive to four parts salad greens.*

The CJN regrets the error.

Scene in Ottawa

By
G.K. SIMCOE

Recent media coverage of the political sector has narrowed the ongoing story category to two.

The first is the unchallenged rule of the Liberal government, despite the infighting and the absence of the vision thing. The second is the unending, soap-opera like efforts of "recons" (Reform-Conservatives) to unite the right.

Thus the prospect of a juicy NDP policy convention must have lifted the spirits of political journalists.

Ironically, the NDP borrowed a theme from the recent Liberal caucus meetings in Halifax. The pre-convention hype billed this conference as a contest pitting the tax cutters against the social spenders (sound familiar?). It was touted as a confrontation within the labor movement, the NDP old guard against the grass-roots idealists, and, most significantly, a test of the leader's ability to control the policy direction of the party.

Now that the convention is history, let's assess exactly what was accomplished. The leader won the fight and the NDP platform did indeed slide towards that grey mid-point on the political spectrum that is now claimed by four of the five parties in the House of Commons. So effective was the shift that Tory Premier of Ontario, Mike Harris wrote to congratulate the delegates for their consideration of the tax cut issue!

The Canadian Labor Congress managed to alienate virtually every other significant union in the country, thereby entrenching the pattern of impotency that has attached to the Labor movement's reputation as an agent of social change in Canada.

The gap deepened between the party faithful and its handful of elected members, prompting questions about the value to the party of MPs like the Fab Four (Robinson, Riis, Blaikie and Nystrom), all of whom have been in Parliament for more than twenty years.

The NDP spin-doctors (yes, even socialists have them) explained that the ill will and tension generated at the conference was regrettable 'collateral damage' in a critical and successful attempt to make the NDP more attractive to Canadian voters. The only question is that if this strategy was indeed so effective, how come most Canadians still cannot name the leader of the NDP?

P.S. Her name is Alexa McDonough!

Coast to Coast

Middle East Peace Quilt unites Arabs, Jews

By DAVID J. LITVAK
Special to The CJN

VANCOUVER – The Middle East Peace Quilt, an international community art project produced and facilitated by Vancouver fabric artist Sima Elizabeth Shefrin, will be presented at the Roundhouse Community Centre in Vancouver (181 Roundhouse Mews on Pacific Boulevard) from Sept. 13 to 28.

An exhibit of over 25 quilts will be on display and a variety of workshops will be held, including video nights, Internet drop-in, peace quilt workshops and peace tales.

The run will conclude Sept. 28 with Breaking Bread Together, a vegetarian Middle Eastern meal, followed by a program of Jewish and Arabic music featuring Moshe Denburg and Adel Awad.

The Middle East Quilt Project and Exhibition, sponsored by the Puffin Foundation, incorporates the visions of peace of over 200 individuals from across Europe and North America (including contributions from students at the Morris Winchevsky School in Toronto).

Contributors to the project include people of different ages, neophyte and professional artists, and Jews and Palestinians. Each participant contributed squares to the quilt, which was then sewn together in a series of nine squares.

The quilts are accompanied by statements from those who contributed the squares.

Artist and quilter Shefrin has incorporated Jewish themes into her work in the past, and has shared her passion for peace by conducting a workshop called Stitching for Social Change, the use of Fabric to Build a Better World.

The Middle East Peace Quilt, her latest project, attempts to build a better world by bringing Jews and Palestinians together.

"All over North America, as well as in other places, there are groups of Jews and Palestinians coming together to talk and get to know each other and learn to be friends," she says.

Shefrin created the quilt to accelerate the process and "to provide a venue for friendly dialogue between Jews and Palestinians" as well as "to provide a focus for Middle East Peace education."

She believes the quilt will "give people an opportunity to make these connections and think about the issues in a new way.

"There will also be opportunities to make squares and add to the quilt. It will continue to grow as it travels, providing an opportunity for discussion and creating new friendships wherever it goes."

The Middle East Peace quilt will be on display at the Maltwood Art Gallery at the University of Victoria in February, and at the Kootenay Art Gallery in Castlegar, B.C., later in the year.

For further information on the project, call 604-713-1800 or e-mail quilt@vcn.bc.ca.

McMaster prof named as a Fellow in Royal Society

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Dr. Jack Hirsh, professor emeritus at McMaster University's medical school and a renowned researcher into vascular disease, was one of four McMaster University scientists recently named Fellows of the Royal Society of Canada.

The other three are astronaut Roberta Bondar, Dr. Frank Graham of the departments of biology, pathology and molecular medicine, and chemist Dr. Gary Schrobilgen.

A native of Melbourne, Australia, Hirsh is director of the Hamilton Civic Hospitals Research Centre.

After graduating from Melbourne University, he continued his training in hematology in St. Louis and London and came to Toronto in the mid-1960s, where he worked under Dr. Fraser Mustard.

He returned to Australia for three years and in 1970, returned to Canada as head of hematology at St. Joseph's Hospital. In 1981 he was appointed chair of the McMaster department of medicine, but resigned in 1988 to become director of the research centre.

His research has led to significant advances in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of thrombosis, a major cause of heart disease and stroke.

Hirsh is the recipient of numerous awards, both Canadian and international, and most recently was awarded an honorary doctorate of science at McMaster university's faculty of health sciences spring convocation.

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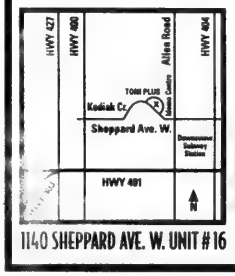

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Israeli consul general Jehudi Kinar hands the Righteous Among the Nations medal to the son of the Veenstra family. Phillip Plas (centre), whom the family rescued, looks on. [Wendy Schneider photo]

'Righteous' Dutch couples were driven by human values

By WENDY GOLDBLATT SCHNEIDER
Special to The CJN

HAMILTON — The families of two deceased Dutch couples who hid Jews during World War II assembled at Adas Israel Synagogue here last week to receive Yad Vashem's prestigious designation of Righteous Among the Nations on behalf of their parents.

The request to honor Hendrik and Theresa Veenstra was made by Philip Plas, who was taken into the Veenstra home as a young child and stayed for two years.

The Veenstras had four children of their own, and despite a serious illness that afflicted Mrs. Veenstra towards the end of the war, they cared for Plas for the war's entire duration.

The Veenstra children were on hand for the occasion, as was Plas, who came from Holland with his wife for the occasion.

Both Plas and a representative of the Veenstra family recalled the years they played together and shared the same dinner table.

Lucas and Aleida Koops were also honored, based on testimony from Miriam Shoshani-Berger of Israel, who was a 15-year-old German Jewish refugee living in Holland when she was taken in by the Koops under the guise of being a nanny for their children.

In addition to Shoshani-Berger, who stayed with the family for two years, the Koops hid two other Jews.

A representative of the Koops family said his parents rarely spoke about what they did during the war, but when pressed, would only say that they were acting out of human values.

He said they even managed to keep from the children the fact that two men were hiding in the master bedroom for an entire year.

Both Mr. Veenstra and Mr. Koops were active in the Dutch underground and were motivated by a sense of inner conviction and religious belief.

The Koops children, meanwhile, are carrying on the family tradition. One of their children welcomed two families from Laos into her home at the height of the "boat people" crisis in the late 1970s.

Representing the government of Israel was consul general Jehudi Kinar, who remarked that this had been the first time during his tenure that such a ceremony was held outside Toronto.

Adding to the poignancy of the occasion was the fact that Kinar himself was a hidden child in the Netherlands during the war. His voice broke with emotion when he recalled that reading the survivor testimonies about what these families had done reminded him of his own story.

Rabbi Morton Green of Adas Israel Synagogue answered the question that was uppermost on the minds of those present when he asked, "What gave these individuals the inner courage to place themselves in such a precarious position and come to the rescue of Jews who were so despised?"

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CJA donors to have say in how money is spent

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Donors to the 1999 Combined Jewish Appeal (CJA) will have a greater say in how their money is spent.

General campaign chair Joel King said that after meeting donors over the past few months, he has concluded that people "want greater input into where their dollars flow."

The only catch is you have to give more than you did last year.

He announced at the kick-off party for the $35-million drive that, for the first time, donors who increase their gift over that of 1998 can specify where the additional portion goes, either all or part.

There are restrictions, however. The donor can choose from seven areas: assisting the poor, including immigrants; caring for the elderly; supporting Jewish education and identity, a broad heading that includes Holocaust remembrance; programs for youth and young adults; services to the Sephardi community; rescuing Jews in peril for resettlement in Israel; and supplying food and medicine to needy Jews in the former Soviet Union.

The funds will be directed to the relevant FEDERATION CJA agency, or, in the case of the latter two categories, to the Jewish Agency for Israel and the Joint Distribution Committee.

Those who have not given in a few years can direct up to 50 percent of the increased portion of their gift to one of these areas.

King also issued a challenge to 1,300 campaign volunteers who attended the launch held at the downtown club Le Medley which featured comedic impersonator André-Philippe Gagnon.

For every face-to-face meeting by a canvasser that results in an increased donation, King said, he and his wife Marlene will contribute $250 to the campaign to a maximum of $100,000.

King wants to encourage greater personal contact between canvassers and the community members. Special pins will be awarded to those who reach out to their "cards" in this way. Those conducting three face-to-face meetings will get a bronze, six rates a silver, and nine garners gold.

The 1999 campaign has the highest goal ever set by CJA.

"The goal is first and foremost raising funds, but the campaign is about more than money. It's about community, people and caring," he said.

King related how as a child, he and his family had benefited from the Jewish community's services. His mother died leaving his father with three young children. Their grandmother helped, but assistance from the community made the difference.

He emphasized that he makes no distinctions between Ashkenazim and Sephardim. "We are one people with one heart and one Torah. Together we are strong."

The evening was light on speeches. People had come to have fun, and didn't leave disappointed.

The atmosphere was youthful, with loud music, roving lights and a trendy setting. The theme was sporty. "Team CJA" chairs were decked out in T-shirts with a big "99" and the formalities were referred to as "the pre-game show."

Gagnon was the main event, keeping the audience agog with the diversity and accuracy of his repertoire that spans dozens of popular singers. The Quebec star's talent is such that he can switch from one very distinct voice to another in rapid succession.

In one memorable skit, parodying the record albums sold on TV that feature singers with little in common, Gagnon ran through Robert Goulet, Alice Cooper, (all of) the Oakridge Boys, the Bee Gees, Midnight Oil, Barry White and Phil Collins.

He did The Temptations, running between four microphones to mimick each's voice; the Rolling Stones, in turn playing a prancing Mick Jagger and the two deadpan guitarists; Julio Iglesias and Willy Nelson doing their duet of *To All the Girls I've Loved*, and even Nat King Cole and daughter Nathalie singing *Unforgettable*.

A segment dedicated to celebrity scandals, Gagnon was Ringo Starr singing for Woody Allen "You're 16, you're my daughter, and you're mine."

Another hit with the standing-room-only crowd was Gagnon's "worst singles of all time." They included Roger Whittaker singing *Stairway to Heaven*, Leonard Cohen droning through the Club Med theme (*Hands Up*), Bob Dylan muddling his way through *Feelings*, pan flutist Zamphir playing *We Will Rock You*, and – the very worst – any American singer trying to sing *O Canada*.

Also appreciated was Gagnon's Bill Clinton on the Arsenio Hall show. Donning sunglasses, Gagnon played the Pink Panther theme on the saxophone, using only his athletic vocal chords.

Gagnon demonstrated just what an ear he has for imitating sounds when he picked a man out of the audience and had him sing a few lines from *The Way We Were*. In an instant replay, Gagnon sang back the painfully off-key rendition.

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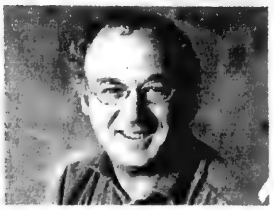

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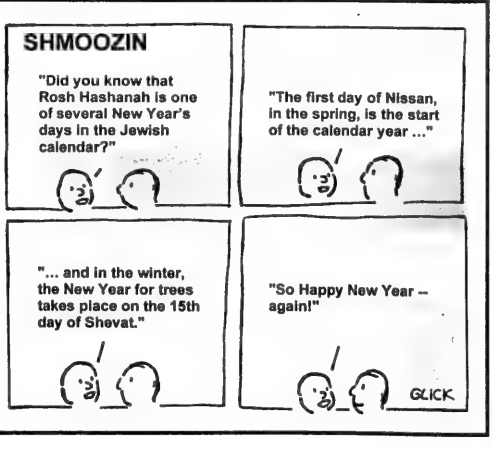
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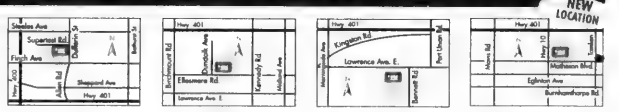

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Hawaii's Jewish presence: Life and faith amid sun, sea

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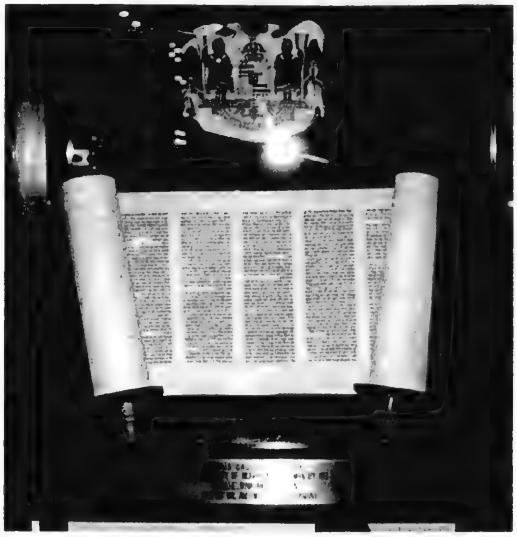

Sefer Torah given to King Kalakaua by Elias Rosenberg.

[Anna Turkienicz photo]

HONOLULU — There probably weren't any Jews aboard Captain James Cook's ships when he landed on the Hawaiian islands in 1778. Or were there?

While there are no reports of Jews on Cook's ships, there were probably Jews on the islands in the early 1800s, said Joseph Morgan, a geography professor at the University of Hawaii.

By that time, Hawaii was recognized as a good place to come and start a business, he said, and many American and British merchants were coming and going. Jews could easily have been among the groups of traders that were then arriving in the islands, said Morgan.

However, there is an even earlier reference to a Jewish presence. In John Mulholland's book, *Hawaii's Religions*, reference is made to the records of a sailor on a whaling ship in 1798. Ebenezer Townsend records that when the Hawaiian King Kamehameha came on board, "he also brought a Jew cook with him."

Some historians, such as David Malo, in his book entitled *Hawaiian Antiquities*, have even presented the possibility that the early Polynesians who settled the islands around the fifth century, may have been "the lost sheep of the House of Israel."

Early Hawaiian history is obscure and vague, Malo writes, because it was passed down by legends and stories based on memory. The Polynesians apparently left no written records of their early history.

However, certain customs that were observed in Hawaii are similar to those of the Israelites. Malo points out that "circumcision, places of refuge, taboos and ceremonies of purification relating to dead bodies and their burial; taboos and restrictions pertaining to women…are customs practised by the people of Hawaii."

While there are many scholars who do not agree with these theories, by 1901 there was a definite Jewish presence and a Jewish benevolent society and a Jewish cemetery were established.

Rabbi Avi Magid of the Temple Emanu-El Synagogue in Honolulu said Jews came to the islands for various reasons.

"Hawaii constitutes the Jewish frontier," said Rabbi Magid. "Jews don't move to the frontier because they are looking for a good corned-beef sandwich.

"Jews may have initially been a part of a group of early traders, and then they became providers of dry goods for sailors."

Rabbi Magid pointed out that Temple Emanu-El houses a Torah and pointer that were brought to Hawaii from San Francisco in 1886 by Elias Abraham Rosenberg, who then presented them to King Kalakaua. A plaque on the temple's walls states that Rosenberg ingratiated himself with the king and became something of a royal soothsayer.

The pointer was presented to the temple by the royal family in 1959 to commemorate the construction of Temple Emanu-El, the first Jewish house of worship built in Hawaii.

The Torah was lost for several years, but in 1972, a Honolulu attorney rediscovered it as part of the estate of a deceased client. He later donated the Torah to the temple.

During World War II, the military establishment brought many Jews to the islands, Rabbi Magid said.

In fact, the Aloha Jewish Chapel was built on military grounds about

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Lack of kosher food a major problem on islands

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25 years ago to serve this continuing presence, said Rabbi Sean Gorman.

Rabbi Gorman, the U.S. Navy's chaplain at the chapel, said it is difficult to put a number on the size of his congregation because the members are coming and going all the time.

"However, we definitely have an eclectic group," he said. "There are a few doctors, a former submarine captain, several combat officers, a nuke [reactor operator], a ground-pounder [infantry], and a first sergeant from the air force."

The group includes a few women. One is in intelligence, and the others are doctors.

Services are held every Friday night and Saturday morning, and approximately 45 percent of the group come with their families. A Torah study group, which usually has eight people, meets once a week, Rabbi Gorman said.

Those meetings are often quite insightful, given the nature of the participants. They seem to be especially interested in the military tactics and strategies that were used in the Bible. It makes for some intriguing discussions, he said.

The most common issue that comes to him, he said, is the need for extra money to buy kosher food. Rabbi Gorman has to vouch for their credibility so that soldiers can qualify.

"Kosher food is one of the biggest problems on the islands today. I am currently working with the Chabad rabbi on [these types of] issues, which are affecting the community."

The rabbis often work together on issues that deal with the whole community, Rabbi Gorman said. There are six rabbis on the island – one Orthodox, three Conservative and two Reform.

Congregation Sof Ma'arav (furthest west) is one of the Conservative synagogues on the island.

"Its name is taken from the Judah Halevi poem," said Sally Morgan, vice-president of the synagogue. (The words are found in a poem by the 11th-century Spanish poet: "My heart is in the east, and I am at the end of the west.")

"We are indeed one of the congregations furthest west," Morgan said.

It important to be innovative if you are Jewish in Hawaii, she said. This is evidenced by the congregation's publication entitled *The When you live in Hawaii you get very creative during Passover cookbook.*

Rabbi Sean Gorman at the Aloha Jewish Chapel. [Anna Turkienicz photo]

Because the Jewish community on the islands is so small and isolated, said Rabbi Magid, it requires an effort on the part of the Jews to be members of their community.

According to Rabbi Magid, each of the islands, except for Molokai, has at least one synagogue and some of the islands have several.

As to whether the early Polynesian settlers were from the lost tribes of Israel, Rabbi Magid said, "The thought makes you pause and smile. While the language and customs are too dissimilar – deep down in your heart you want to believe that the connection is there."

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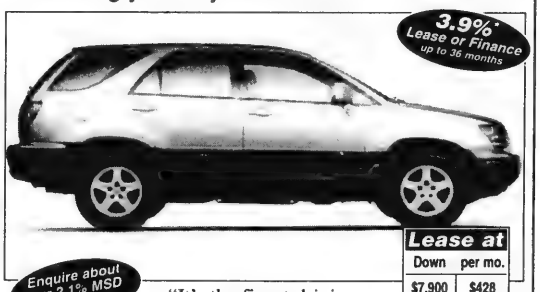

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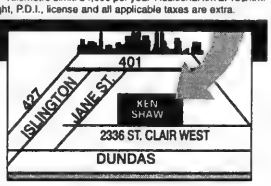

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Canadian Diabetes Association Jewish chapter meeting, 8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Topic: Understanding Your Diabetes. Speaker: **Joanne Bourke**, Public Education and Services coordinator, Canadian Diabetes Association. **Esther Schwartz** 782-2176 or **Shirley Glatt** 225-1989.

Tuesday, Sept. 14

JEWISH CONTINUITY

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood presents **Susan Jackson** speaking on Jewish Continuity into the Millennium, 8 p.m. Guests welcome $3. 633-5500.

Wednesday, Sept. 15

SKIN CARE AND AGING

A session on Skin Care and Changes As We Age with **Dr. Michael Davis**, consultant, Mount Sinai and North York General Hospitals, 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Sponsored by Wellness Education Group of Baycrest Centre. **Judy Chu** 785-2500, ext. 2340.

Thursday, Sept. 16

CHAI SHALOM

Spice and Spirituality, A Musical Delight, a musical interlude conducted by choir director **Charles Heller** and performed by the Zemer Chorale and **Chazzan Aaron Bensoussan.** Dvar Torah **by Rabbi Joseph Kelman,** 7:30 p.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. $5. **Molly Dykopf** 633-1560.

And What Else Is New

THE JOSEPH STORY

Continuing the legend of **Nehama Leibowitz**, **Rabbi Benjamin Hollander,** who teaches her course at the Hebrew University's overseas students' program, lectures on The Joseph Story: A Model of Tshuvah, Tuesday and Thursday, Sept. 14 and 16, 7:30 p.m., at Beth Tzedec Congregation. Presented by Beth Tzedec in conjunction with Kolel: The Adult Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning.

YIDDISH AT U OF T

Yiddish courses at the University of Toronto:

Elementary Yiddish, beginners course in written and spoken Yiddish, Tuesday and Thursday, 2-4 p.m.

Intermediate Yiddish, spoken and written Yiddish, reinforcing reading comprehension, writing skills and conversation, Wednesday 2-5 p.m.

Introduction to Yiddish Literature (in English translation), work by major Yiddish writers of the 19th and 20th centuries. Wednesday 1-3 p.m.

These are full U of T credit courses. For information, Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures 926-2324 or Jewish Studies Program 978-5301. Sponsored by the Committee for Yiddish Studies – U of T, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Canadian Society for Yad Vashem memorial service at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, Earl Bales Park, 10 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 19. All organizations, schools, synagogues and landsmanshafts are invited to participate, 785-1333.

SUPPORT GROUP

Circle of Care's Support Group for adult children caring for parents with Alzheimer disease or related

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BIBLE-TANACH CLASS

The weekly Bible-Tanach class, meeting Thursdays at 9:10 a.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, has resumed. The group begins the study of the Book II of Samuel, with a traditional as well as a critical approach. Newcomers are welcome. The class, led by **Aaron Nussbaum**, is conducted in English.

ISRAELI FOLKDANCING

Classes held at Bathurst Jewish Centre in the Studio Theatre:

New Beginners class 8-9 p.m. starting Monday, Sept. 27, followed by Intermediate class 9-10:30 p.m.

Intermediate/Advanced Israeli dance class, Tuesdays, 8:30-11 p.m.

International folkdancing starting Wednesday, Sept. 29: Beginners 7:30-8:30 p.m., Intermediate 8:30-10:30 p.m.

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BRIDGING COURSE

The School of Women's Studies, York University, offers, at two locations, a 13-week non-credit Bridging Course for women who want to upgrade writing and speaking skills and explore the possibility of university study. Information and registration sessions: Neighborhood Link, Oct. 4, 6:30 p.m., and North York Women's Centre, Oct. 7, 6:30 p.m. $85 plus books. To register 736-2100, ext. 77818.

CHAVEROT BRANCH, NCJW

Chaverot branch of National Council of Jewish Women is looking for women ages 35-45 to join the branch. It meets Wednesday evenings, one or two times a month, in the Richmond Hill, Thornhill and North York area. This is a volunteer service group that also provides fun and interesting programs and lectures. **Jenny** 905-731-9322.

WRITERS TAKE NOTE!

Writers of literary fiction are invited to submit manuscripts and meet to discuss their work with novelist **Cynthia Holz**, as Toronto Public Library presents The Blue Pencil Room. Pick up program guidelines at any branch of Toronto Public Library. For details, 393-7131.

OSTEOPOROSIS PROGRAM

If you're a senior living with osteoporosis, reserve your spot for the fall session of POWER, a six-week wellness program that covers exercise, nutrition and education. A referral from your family physician is required. Classes start in October at Baycrest Centre (785-2500, ext. 2395), North York General Hospital Seniors' Health Centre (756-6050) and Yee Hong Centre (321-6679). Registration fee is $30. Class size is limited, so register early.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service Groups. Registration/information, **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800, ext. 215.

PALS Interactive Social Skills Program to help your child feel better about him/herself, develop strategies to cope with bullying, teasing and stress, for ages 6-14. Programs Oct. 13, 18 and 21.

Parenting: 1, 2, 3 Magic, three-session groups to learn behavior management techniques. Groups are age specific and begin Oct. 5 at the Promenade. Both daytime and evening sessions available.

Widow/Widower Group begins Sept. 22; Living With Your Teen: The Challenges and the Rewards begins Oct. 20; Parenting Alone begins Sept. 21.

COUPLES BOWLING

Jewish Couples Bowling is looking for new members. Group bowls every second Sunday, 7-9 p.m. starting Sept. 12. This is a fun league! **Michel Meijer** 520-1433 or **Harold Sommers** 905-882-0585.

NEED DENTAL CARE?

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FOR SENIORS

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club: Opening meeting, a travelogue with **Stanley Witkin** Oct. 4; *West Side Story* at Stratford Oct. 12; trip to Israel in the fall is in the planning. **Lena** 785-5773. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Sept. 9, **David Shalom** talks (in Hebrew) about his personal experiences; Sept. 16, video; Sept. 23, Hebrew lecture by **Joseph Penk** on political situation in the Middle East; Sept. 30, Sukkot, no program; Oct. 7, lecture in English by **Shura Vorona** on UFO; Sunday, Oct. 10, Simchat Torah dance with Teddy Band, for tickets call **Malka Colla** 630-5771. For information, **Jerry Bengall** 905-707-7334.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Sunday dances Oct. 17 and 31; trip to Leelanau Sands Casino, Michigan, Oct. 4-7. $469 (Cdn) 395-7881.

LZA Seniors Club is taking registration for its Miami trip on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 10 a.m. to noon at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Limited number of rooms available for three, four and six weeks at the Thunderbird Hotel. **Libby** 782-2059 or **Shelagh** 250-1234. Ladies Folkdancing class Thursdays 1:30 p.m. and Cultural Discussion Group Tuesdays 10 a.m. at the Borochov Cultural Centre., Centre is open for socializing Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Young at Heart Seniors winter trip to Florida at the Glatt kosher Saxony Hotel, one, two or three months. Entertainment nightly and more, hotel tax and gratuities included, efficiency double occupancy or single, one month $2,620 (Cdn), plus plane fare. **Helen** 635-6343.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 225-2112.

Florence Baum. Therapeutic Touch practitioner, will give Therapeutic Touch treatments to reduce stress and anxiety, Tuesday, Sept. 14, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. For information, **Joan**.

Hearing Aid checkup with **Barry Katz** 12:15 p.m. Book appointment, ext. 131.

Parkinson's Support Group meets Tuesday, Sept. 14, 1:15-2:15 p.m. **Lisa Ruston,** pharmacy supervisor, Extended Care, Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre presents Overview of Parkinson Disease Treatment. **Ruth.**

Techniques to Improve Your Memory, lecture by a scientist from the Rotman Research Institute of Baycrest Centre Thursday, Sept. 16, 1:15 p.m.

Israeli Club Etrog: Do you speak Hebrew? Join club members every Tuesday at 7 p.m. for movies, lectures, dances, singalongs, bingo. Sept. 14, a lecture. **Anna** ext. 110

BATHURST JC

Bathurst Jewish Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. 636-1880.

World Issues/Current Events with **Doug Haddow** starts Thursday, Sept. 16, 1-2:30 p.m.

Folkdancing for seniors starts Wednesday, Sept. 29, 10 a.m. to noon.

For information, **Teme** ext. 364, Fifty-Five Plus Department of Adult Services.

BLOOR JCC

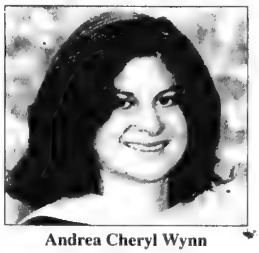
Bloor Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave, 924-6211.

Bloor JCC Seniors Club: Thursday, Sept. 16, 2 p.m., afternoon tea, learn about programs, meet friends, enjoy honey cake, celebrate the New Year; Thursday, Sept. 23, 2 p.m., Seeing Within and Beyond: The Lesson of the Sukkah with **Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich** of Beth Sholom Synagogue. **Judy.**

ABOUT PEOPLE

AWARD RECIPIENT

Torontonian **Andrea Cheryl Wynn** received the Faculty Award for outstanding scholarship at the recent Wurzweiler School of Social Work Block Commencement on Yeshiva University's Main Campus in New York City. Wynn earned her master's degree in social work with an emphasis on clinical casework while working at Baycrest Centre counselling senior citizens.



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Parents urged to discuss dangers of cults with kids

By MERRY MADWAY EISENSTADT
Washington Jewish Week

WASHINGTON — Les and Nora Baker aren't Jewish, but say the story of how their daughter got sucked into a controversial cult operating on the University of Maryland College Park campus should resonate deeply with Jewish parents.

Jewish students purportedly swell the ranks of cults in disproportionate numbers to their representation in the overall population.

As students head back to school this fall, Les Baker says: "Parents, be they Jewish parents or whatever, should address the subject of dangerous groups with their children with the same seriousness and importance that they would talk about sex, drugs or alcohol."

A recent university survey of 366 students found that 35 percent of students had been asked to join a group they thought to be a cult; 21 percent of the students knew a peer who had joined an organization they believed to be a cult.

The new edition of *KAPLAN/ Newsweek's How to Get into College* guide, released earlier this month, includes a section on how "colleges have become prime recruiting grounds for the nation's more than 3,000 cults, which seem to promise security and support to vulnerable students, many away from home and family for the first time."

Baker says he and his wife "knew nothing about destructive groups" or that their daughter, Ellen (the couple has requested that their daughter's real name not be used), was involved in a controversial sect until "we woke up one Sunday morning, and we looked at the *Washington Post*, and there was an expose on the group with a picture. ...And so, we said, 'Oh my God.'"

The Bethesda couple had been uneasy about their daughter, "because we had seen some dramatic changes in her," Baker says. "We knew about this group that she was very interested in.

"And when she would come to visit, every 10 minutes that she would be at home, the phone would ring and there would be another group member talking with her. So we thought that was unusual, but we couldn't put our finger on it."

When the Bakers learned that their daughter was preparing to go to Iran as a missionary and risk martyrdom in the fundamentalist Islamic country, they arranged non coercive exit-counselling during a ski trip.

Former group members came to their cabin to share their findings about the group's finances and the high lifestyle and earnings of the group's leader. "She was free to leave at any time," Baker says. "The intervention was certainly the most gut-wrenching event in our family life. She made the decision to leave the group." The counselling was successful and Ellen is today working and living in the local area.

Then the details of their daughter's recruitment unfolded. At follow-up counselling in support groups, the Bakers heard similar stories from other parents with children at Maryland state universities and learned that other complaints to university officials had gone ignored, Baker says. The couple became angry.

Ellen had been recruited by her college dormitory resident assistant (RA), or adviser, when she sought advice on a personal problem during the fall of her sophomore year in 1994.

ICOC banned from recruiting

Instead of referring their daughter to a university health system counsellor or another bona fide campus employee, the RA brought in a member of an outside group who recruited Ellen into the Upside Down Club, a registered student group.

But Ellen had no idea at the time that Upside Down was a part of the International Churches of Christ (ICOC), a manipulative, "destructive group," according to Mark Powers, executive director of Jews for Judaism, the Baltimore-based, anti-missionary and anti-cult organization.

The ICOC has been banned from recruiting on a number of private university campuses, according to the *Christian Science Monitor*. (The ICOC is not related to the mainstream Christian, United Church of Christ.)

Ellen's RA was still serving in her paraprofessional position despite complaints the previous year to both the assistant director of university resident life and the vice president of student affairs about the RA's proselytizing.

Two articles had appeared in the Diamondback student newspaper, outlining cult recruitment tactics and complaints against the RA. The RA, in fact, had been recruited by her own resident assistant.

While in the group – Ellen was involved for little more than a year – she handed her entire $2,322 savings to the group and her grades plummeted, says Baker. She was submitting a daily and weekly schedule of virtually all of her activities to her RA – her "discipler" – for approval.

She was encouraged to sleep less. And she began feeding group recruiters on her campus meal card. The RA had acted as a scribe during a protracted "sin confession" and passed the document on to group leaders. She also organized Ellen's door-to-door dorm recruiting, which is "unlawful," according to university policy.

The RA, in an interview with the *Christian Science Monitor*, said it was natural for her to discuss her personal interests with fellow dorm residents and that she never unduly pressured students to join in events. A high-ranking church official also said the group deplores deception.

The Bakers have taken their complaints up the long chain of command at the University System of Maryland. Officials have repeatedly refused to investigate his complaints, says Baker, leafing through documents meticulously organized in an alphabetized, thick binder.

University officials note that students and staff have First-Amendment rights to affiliate and participate in any group and may not be denied positions because of any membership.

"The university has a very strongly worded policy relating to the separation of the resident adviser's personal and professional lives," says Warren E. Kelley, executive assistant to University of Maryland, College Park, vice president of student affairs.

Explaining why the university does not ban proselytizing outright, Kelley says, "Trying to tell a student that we are going to prohibit their ability to talk about a topic of personal interest to them just is not enforceable, or practical or desirable. The individual RA also has protections of free speech."

The university's orientation program also warns students about certain sect behaviors without naming specific groups. A brochure, *Friends Are Everywhere*, gives students information on "making judgments about groups" and is handed out at orientation and available at other locations on campus.

Another brochure, *Could this happen to you? A Guide to Making Safe Judgments About Groups*, is distributed on campus through the campus ministries. RAs also receive training on dangerous groups.

"What the university has done with resident assistants now is excellent," agrees Baker. But, he says, when he and his wife complained, they were told that not only was the group membership "a good experience for our daughter, but that they were constitutionally constrained from doing...anything regarding it."

One longtime College Park faculty member, mathematics pro-

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Controversial sect moved in near campus in the mid-1980s

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fessor Denny Gulick, is sympathetic with the Bakers' plight and has carried on his own campaign to sensitize university officials about cult recruitment.

Long before Ellen was approached, Gulick and another student had notified leading campus administrators about cults' targeting of RA jobs for recruiting access to students and about the specific RA in question.

Gulick became involved in cult-awareness efforts in the mid-1980s when a controversial sect, which he declines to name publicly, moved into his neighborhood within walking distance of the campus. Friends and acquaintances warned him that his three young children could be vulnerable.

He began researching cults. "One thing led to another and the more I knew, the angrier I got. I met people who had lost family members to destructive groups. I could see the pathos. I could see the disorientation of ex-members. I could see the lies, the coercion, the deception by cult people," he says.

"So I went to the university and I said, 'Oh my God, there are cults proselytizing on campus' – sort of like the cockroaches in your kitchen. And I thought they were going to say, 'Get them out!' When in fact, they pretended that there was no such thing," he recalls.

"I had proof that they were there and that they had been there. So, it didn't make any sense. So I said, somebody is covering up; there's a crisis here."

'There's a crisis here'

Over time, Gulick's approach has shifted. "Initially, I thought, 'Get them out! Just get the lawyers and get them out.' And then I realized it's not so simple and that isn't the right kind of approach.

"The right kind of approach is to educate people. If they want to join, so they should be able to join. If you tell them, 'Here's a bridge, be careful,' then you've done your job."

Gulick objects to "apologists" who use the euphemism "new religious movements" or "minority religions" to talk about destructive groups. Such groups oppose the term cult, saying it has a pejorative connotation.

"The whole flock of those representing destructive groups say that a cult is a 'new religious movement.' And that's as phony as the day is long," says Gulick.

"One assistant dean told me, 'One man's cult is another person's Rotary Club.' Well, I'm not a Rotarian, but I took great umbrage at that. A destructive group to my way of thinking is a group that has a hidden agenda of controlling the minds and lives of its members," Gulick says.

He believes that during any given semester on the College Park campus, there are between 50 and 100 students involved in destructive groups.

He now gives the College Park campus "a lot of credit for some new procedures," but says, "There still is some room for increased legitimate [cult-awareness] activity on our campus.

"Still, very few staff know anything about destructive groups. The mental health professionals, the counsellors, the campus police force, the financial people who give student loans" need to be better informed.

Although the Bakers never sued College Park campus officials or the university system, they hired attorney David Bardin of the Arent Fox law firm in Washington, D.C. to prepare a demand letter that accuses the university of misconduct and gross negligence for allowing the RA to stay in her paraprofessional, supervisory position despite the record of harassment complaints.

The Bakers asked for about $7,000 compensation for Ellen's squandered savings and tuition during the time she was a group member. The couple also wanted their daughter to be given special consideration for admittance to a selective graduate school program.

Bardin also argued that labor laws, and a court precedent prohibiting supervisors and employees from soliciting in the workplace and creating a hostile work environment should apply in this case.

The university rejected the Bakers' requests. The university's attorney, Diane Krejsa, wrote that "presumably, in devoting her energies and time to the church rather than her studies, [Ellen] received certain benefits in the form of spiritual nourishment, a meaningful life philosophy and/or individual and communal companionship."

Krejsa also argued that the institution has no legal obligation to stand in loco parentis [in the place of a parent] or oversee a student's "choice of activities, including religion."

Baker says he is particularly disturbed by the "front" names groups use on campus: "The group's point is that they are young students and they don't want to be called [a formal organizational name]. They want to be called something a little more hip. But how can you keep up with names that change frequently? You can't."

Disturbed by 'front' names

Baker says students and parents must be made aware of "smooth" recruitment tactics. Groups use the ploy of world harmony-music concerts, peace-run marathons or volley ball games on the quad to lure in unsuspecting students. Fake dates are set up where good-looking students ask out less-attractive peers and heap on the flattery.

Students need to learn how to scrutinize whether praise and compliments seem inappropriately excessive, says Baker.

"It's only a matter of time before we have another Heaven's Gate or Jonestown. We have to recognize that this is an issue that we have to treat seriously. It's not a religious issue.

"It's an issue of how we as parents help educate our children to make good decisions and be sensitive about the groups they choose or choose not to join."

Merry Madway Eisenstadt, a Washington Jewish Week staff writer, has written about her brother's accidental death indirectly related to his involvement in a controversial group headed by guru Sri Chinmoy.

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On Campus

Bullfighting the arena for York U historian

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

York University historian Adrian Shubert has ventured where few academics dare to go.

He has written a book about bullfighting.

It is not a trivial pursuit.

Bullfighting, he claims, was the first form of commercialized mass leisure in Western society and, therefore, is worthy of scholarly scrutiny.

In *Death and Money in the Afternoon: A History of the Spanish Bullfight* (Oxford University Press), purportedly the first work in English on the subject by an accredited historian, Shubert argues that bullfighting was a going concern by about 1750, a century before baseball, soccer or cricket gained a foothold in the mass leisure industry.

Bullfighting has been his consuming passion for years. In 1990, when he wrote *A Social History of Spain, 1800-1982*, Shubert touched on the topic glancingly. From 1994 onward, he delivered a series of papers on the *corrida* in Canada, the United States and Europe.

But with *Death and Money in the Afternoon*, published earlier this year, Shubert has established himself as an indisputable maven on the phenomenon. "It will almost certainly be published in Spain," he said. "I've been approached by several Spanish publishers, although the rights are owned by Oxford University Press."

To Shubert, chair of York's history department, bullfighting, before and beyond all else, is a business. "Its purpose, from its inception, was to make money. The bullfight was a cultural industry which brought together a number of groups with divergent interests. Bullfighters, breeders, promoters, critics and fans presented a kaleidoscope of competing interests and fought among themselves for power and profit."

By focusing on bullfighting, Shubert, one of Canada's foremost authorities on Spain, can examine the evolution of Spanish culture and society through the prism of the West's first spectator sport.

Bullfighting, he explained, is as popular today in Spain as it has ever been. Spaniards consider it an indelible and distinguishing aspect of Spanish culture.

"I am neither a fan nor an opponent of bullfighting," said Shubert, who has attended several bullfights. "But it's the single thing most closely identified with Spain."

Spain has intrigued Shubert, 46, for almost 30 years. In 1971, fresh out of high school, he and some friends hitchhiked around Europe for several weeks.

When he reached Spain, he was bowled over. "I had the common romantic reaction." He was captivated not only by the castles and the monuments attesting to Christian, Jewish and Muslim influences, but by the relaxed lifestyle and the varied scenery.

Returning to Canada, Shubert – the son of a doctor – enrolled at the University of Toronto. By chance, one of his professors was William Callahan, then the only specialist in Spanish history at a Canadian university.

Callahan inducted him into the brotherhood of Spanish historians, and Shubert repaid the debt by dedicating *Death And Money in the Afternoon* to his old teacher. The inscription reads, "To Bill Callahan, for getting me started."

In 1976, Shubert completed an MA degree at the University of New Mexico, submitting a thesis on the nationalization of Spain's oil industry in the 1920s.

Six years later, he finished a PhD at Queen Mary College, University of London. Shubert's dissertation was on a coal miners' labor movement in northern Spain. In 1987, the thesis was published in book form under the title of *The Road to Revolution in Spain. The Coal Miners of Asturias, 1860-1934.*

Adrian Shubert

Since then, Shubert, who began teaching at York in 1985, has written *The Land and People of Spain* and *Spain at War: the Spanish Civil War in Context, 1931-1939.*

In recognition of his contributions to Spanish culture, Spain recently conferred upon him the prestigious Comendador de la Orden de Merito Civil award, which is under the patronage of King Juan Carlos.

Shubert, whose books have been translated into Spanish, visits Spain regularly, usually with his Spanish wife Agueda, who teaches French immersion in a greater Toronto elementary school. They have a daughter and her name is Esther.

Still one of the only historians in Canada whose specialty is Spain, Shubert has often wondered why Canadian academia is so bereft of such specialists.

There is an explanation.

History departments here have traditionally focused on Britain, France and Germany to the exclusion of Spain because it ceased being a great power in the 18th century and thus did not attract much attention.

And due to Britain's former rivalry with Spain, and the existence of anti-Hispanic and anti-Catholic prejudice, Spanish history was underestimated and given short shrift.

To his regret, the status of Spanish studies at Canadian universities is still not what it should be. And for Shubert this is shocking, since Spanish, after English, is North America's most important language.

According to Shubert, Spaniards are increasingly interested in reclaiming Spain's Jewish past and incorporating it into its official history. This interest, he mused, may well be a backlash against the authoritarian Franco era which ended in the 1970s.

Francesco Franco, who ruled Spain for almost four decades, aggressively rejected Spain's Jewish legacy, despite rumors to the effect that his family was of Sephardi origin. He has heard such talk before. "My wife," Shubert said, "claims that most Spaniards have Jewish blood coursing through their veins."

Although Shubert has taken no special interest in the Inquisition or the expulsion of Spanish Jewry in 1492, he believes that the mass exodus of Jews was a factor in Spain's decline as a European power.

Shubert, who was born in Manchester, England, and arrived in Canada as a child with his parents Sydney and Rosetta, has fastened on Baldomero Espartero, a Spaniard, as his next subject of inquiry.

Espartero is certainly an intriguing figure. He was a poor man's son and an army officer who resisted a French invasion in the early 1800s and subsequently defended the Spanish empire in Latin America against Simon Bolivar. Later, he was a general in a Spanish civil war and, finally, he was a deposed regent who, amazingly enough, turned down an offer to be king of Spain.

If Shubert's proposed biography of Espartero is as interesting as his latest work on bullfighting, he will surely do much for the cause of Spanish studies in Canada.

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Health

Israeli organization helps women with breast cancer

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When Nurit Tolnai was diagnosed with breast cancer over six years ago, she realized her needs as a patient weren't being met as well as she would have liked.

She found herself travelling from one city to another in Israel, seeking second opinions, and feeling very much alone, having no friends who had been through the same experience.

"I had a hard time," Tolnai, 52, said during a recent trip to Toronto, where she met with Canadian Cancer Society representatives.

She was in Canada to speak in Ottawa at the World Conference on Breast Cancer earlier this summer, and also spoke at Montreal's Temple Emanu-El Beth Shalom, which runs a small group for breast cancer survivors.

If, as Tolnai says, the situation is now better for other Israeli women with breast cancer, it's likely due at least in part to her efforts as founder and executive director of One in Nine Women for Women with Cancer.

The organization, a grantee of the New Israel Fund, offers information and support. It was established in 1994, following interviews with Tolnai in the Israeli media on the difficulties faced by women with breast cancer. Other women began to contact her with their own stories, advice and frustrations.

The name refers to a statistic – one in nine Israeli women will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

(The same statistic applies to Canada, although the average age at which cancer is diagnosed in Jewish women in Israel is 47, compared to 64 for Jewish women in other western countries.)

Tolnai takes particular pride in her organization's name, which has become a catchphrase in Israel for referring to breast cancer.

"Calling the group One in Nine was a really good idea," Tolnai said. "We're increasing awareness just by having the name."

A graduate of Israel's Bezalel art academy, Tolnai's creative energy – she has a background in ceramics, sculpture and performing arts – eventually led her to develop a program for drug addicts in withdrawal, incorporating movement, bioenergy, a spiritual component and the 12-step recovery model. She gave up the project when One in Nine got off the ground.

After her diagnosis, Tolnai continued to juggle work, single motherhood, her own recovery and the fledgling One in Nine, which she initially ran out of her home.

Her two-year battle with breast cancer included two biopsies, a mastectomy, reconstructive surgery using implants, and further surgery due to complications from the implants.

Tolnai would love to work with Israeli doctors to help them understand their patients' needs – such as access to information, receiving their diagnosis in a sensitive manner and having the right to pursue a second opinion from a doctor of their own choosing – but for now she is focusing on empowering breast cancer patients.

Another issue is that the majority of the Israeli medical establishment does not accept complementary treatment, she said.

While in Toronto, Tolnai was impressed to see that Mount Sinai Hospital's Marvelle Koffler Breast Centre offers Reiki, reflexology and "nice music. They have a more holistic way of looking at things."

Tolnai had her own problems with the medical establishment. Following her original implant surgery, she was convinced something was wrong. She felt unwell and suffered terrible pain. Even breathing was difficult. Her doctor told her, "Anatomically, everything is okay." They weren't even speaking the same language, Tolnai felt.

Other women had complaints about their doctors, too.

They called from all over Israel, and Tolnai discovered they had a need to talk, but limited opportunity. "Some women could only talk ...when their husbands weren't home and their children were sleeping. There are so many situations where women can't talk."

Tolnai established a hotline, which now gets over 100 calls a month. She also set up what was probably Israel's first support group for breast cancer patients, with a social worker as facilitator.

Today, One in Nine operates out of an office in Tel Aviv, with a small staff and 60 volunteers running support and awareness programs.

Nurit Tolnai

Mental health professionals from Israel visit Montreal

MONTREAL — An Israeli delegation of 19 mental health professionals recently visited Montreal to examine social services provided by the Jewish community and the province.

During their week-long stay, the delegates attended workshops on four predominant themes: poverty and employment, immigration and acculturation, services to seniors, and family violence and families and children at risk.

"Both the Montreal Jewish community and the province of Quebec operate a very efficient and serviceable network of agencies," said Esther Amar, co-chair of the Israeli delegation. "We hope to exchange the unique knowledge that both of our communities have acquired in order to better understand the needs of our society."

"This is an unbelievable opportunity for us to combine our shared professional knowledge as a collective," said Irit Inbar, the other delegation co-chair.

The Israelis met with 15 Montrealers who were guests at similar seminars in Beersheva and Bnei Shimon this past June.

"Our experience in Israel has not only influenced the kind of work we do, but has opened new opportunities for collaboration, professional exchange and improved service responses," said Linda Kislowicz, director of Jewish Family Services.

Itzhak Marciano is the honorary chair of the Beersheva-Bnei Shimon Mental Health Professionals delegation, and deputy mayor of Beersheva in charge of social projects.

The mental health exchange is a program of Partnership 2000, an initiative of FEDERATION CJA, which links Montreal to the municipality of Beersheva and the Bnei Shimon regional council to foster learning relationships and opportunities for Jews in Israel and Canada.

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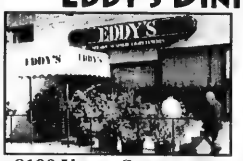

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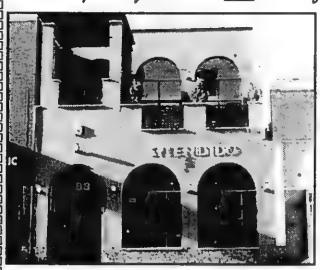

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PA Chairman sells 'well-known merchandise'

World leaders buy Arafat's independence threat

By ALUF BENN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

Time after time over the past year, Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat has sold his well-known merchandise: the threat to unilaterally declare an independent Palestinian state.

Analysis

He sold it to U.S. President Bill Clinton, he sold it to the European Union and he sold it to Benjamin Netanyahu. Now Arafat has found a new buyer: Ehud Barak.

And like all his predecessors, Barak, too, is compelled to give the Palestinian leader something, in order to maintain the status quo and not wake up one fine day to the new reality of an independent state with international recognition.

A senior Israeli source explained recently that Barak's principal achievement in the new agreement, which is on the verge of being signed, is in setting a timetable for the permanent settlement.

"There is no more target date for the unilateral declaration of a state," the senior source said, "and that is in the face of all the American and European commitments."

The source added that the Palestinians are very punctilious about the legal validity of the declaration of their state and will not act contrary to signed agreements or the opinions of the top international jurists.

The Palestinians have agreed that until the permanent settlement is finalized, the Oslo accords will remain in force, and they will take no unilateral steps that would alter the status of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. In return, they received "quality" areas from Barak in the West Bank, which will reinforce the territorial continuity of the Palestinian state, if and when it is established. And they also received other gifts: more prisoners released, the onset of work on the Gaza seaport and the activation of the safe passage routes between the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Arafat had to agree to one demand put forward by the prime minister, namely the splitting of the permanent settlement into two parts: a framework agreement, to be signed this winter, which will declare the termination of the conflict between the two peoples; and a detailed, comprehensive settlement to come afterward. Barak abandoned his original demand, which was to link the framework agreement to the completion of the IDF's withdrawals under the Wye accord.

Barak had no freedom to manoeuvre. He conducted the negotiations with his hands tied by the legacy left him by Benjamin Netanyahu, in the form of a letter of guarantee that Clinton sent to Arafat on April 26. In the letter, which was given to the Palestinians as a reward for refraining from declaring independence, the president set forth two targets: a summit meeting with the prime minister and Arafat at year's end, and intensive negotiations on a permanent settlement, to be concluded "within a year."

Before the elections, the message was taken to mean that the United States' target date for the permanent settlement is May 2000. Following Barak's victory, the Americans loosened the rope a little and announced that, according to their interpretation, the year allotted for intensive negotiations will begin the day negotiations get under way. Barak tried to get this interpretation from the Americans in writing, but he was turned down. The administration stuck to the vague formulation.

The result was that the American formulation was translated into the clauses of the new agreement, which will stipulate that the comprehensive agreement will be concluded "within a year from the start of the permanent-status talks," without setting a specific date. The new target date for concluding the permanent settlement is September 2000. Barak, then, gained four months.

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Historic Jewish cemetery restored in Venice

By RUTH E. GRUBER
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

VENICE — One of the oldest and historically most important Jewish cemeteries in Europe is reopening as a cultural monument after having languished virtually abandoned for centuries.

Just after the High Holy Days, Venice's historic old Jewish cemetery will be formally opened to the public, following an intensive, 1½-year-long restoration and conservation effort.

Mayor Massimo Cacciari and other officials will attend the dedication ceremony Oct. 13, which will be followed by a gala reception at the Doge's Palace.

The cemetery, founded in 1386, is one of the treasures of European Jewish heritage. Nearly 200 years ago, the poets Byron and Shelley used to go horseback riding there and were struck by its haunting desolation.

"Now that the cemetery has been restored, we plan to enable tourists to visit it on a limited basis, perhaps on two or three designated days a week," said a representative of Venice's 500-member Jewish community.

The internationally funded restoration project was directed by the Venice Jewish community and the Superintendent of Monuments for Venice. It was funded through a public-private partnership, with major support coming from Venice's regional government and the private preservation organizations Save Venice and the World Monuments Fund.

The massive effort included the repair, cleansing and restoration of hundreds of centuries-old tombstones, as well as the drainage of swampy areas, clearing of weeds, bushes and undergrowth, and repair of the walls. All tombstones were also painstakingly documented and photographed.

Scores of stones that had lain face down were placed in a standing position, and fragments of monuments have been hung securely on the perimeter walls.

In addition, more than 100 tombstones that had sunk or been buried underground were discovered.

Located at the northern end of the Lido – the long strip of island that protects Venice from the Adriatic Sea – near the church of San Nicolo, the cemetery was founded after Venice's doge (chief magistrate) invited Jews from the mainland to settle in Venice as bankers, following a war between Venice and Genoa.

Its oldest known tombstone, that of Samuel son of Samson, dates from 1389, decades before the earliest identified tombstone in the famous Old Jewish Cemetery in Prague.

For four centuries, the ancient cemetery served as the only burial ground for Venetian Jews. Funerals took place in convoys of gondolas that set sail from the Jewish ghetto, at the northern edge of Venice.

Time and time again, its area was decreased, its walls torn down, or its tombstones uprooted to build fortifications along the Lido shore.

The cemetery was finally abandoned in about 1770, and a newer cemetery, which is still in use today, was opened nearby.

The earliest stones are simple slabs bearing epitaphs, but later ones are lavishly carved with coats of arms, elaborate baroque decorative elements and vivid symbols representing family names or Jewish iconography, including Kabalistic designs.

Many of the decorative elements, such as the heraldic coats of arms, show the strong influence of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews who settled in Venice after the expulsions from Iberia.

There are a surprising number of representations of the human figure, including cupids with wings, representations of Samson, and an apparent family crest showing a woman on top of a tower.

Several carvings show two nude men carrying an enormous bunch of grapes – an illustration of the story from the Book of Numbers in which two spies sent by Moses to investigate the fertility of the Promised Land found a cluster of grapes so big that it took two men to carry it.

Another shows a bird carrying the deceased toward heaven.

One of the historically most interesting markers is a small, simple stone bearing the inscription "Jews 1631." It marks the mass grave of an unknown number of Jews killed in the plague that swept Venice in 1630-31.

Nearby is the tombstone of Rabbi Leone da Modena (1571-1648), one of the most fascinating Jewish figures of the 16th and 17th centuries, whose autobiography gives a vivid picture of Jewish life in Venice at that time.

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Israeli Arab arrested

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM – An Israeli Arab from the Galilee has been arrested in the double murder of an Israeli couple near Megiddo last week.

Police lifted a ban on disclosing details of the case, identifying the suspect as Abdallah Salakh Agbariyeh, 20, of the village of Musheirifa, located not far from the site of the murders.

According to police, Agbariyeh confessed to stabbing to death Sharon Steinmetz, 21, and her boyfriend Yehiel-Shai Feinfeter, 26. Agbariyeh told police investigators he acted alone and had intended to murder Jews.

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JERUSALEM — Sitting opposite a complete stranger, Ilana Kelson is trying to describe her ideal mate. And she's not alone. Tucked away in an Orthodox synagogue in Jerusalem's Old Katamon neighborhood, there are 25 couples having the same conversation.

At the front of this large airy room sit Rosalie and Efraim Eisen, an Oregon couple who specialize in helping Jews find their soul mates.

Who would think it would be difficult for a nice Jewish boy to meet a nice Jewish girl in Israel? But with more than 50,000 unmarried people aged 25 to 44 in Jerusalem, Haifa and Tel Aviv, that is the reality.

On a recent Saturday, Jewish singles – among them Kelson – flocked to the synagogue to participate in a workshop designed specifically for them – Jewish singles looking for a match.

During their introduction to the group, the Eisens say they knew when they met each other, that it was meant to be, that it was bashert – they were soul mates. Now, they've made it their goal to help others find their intendeds.

That an American couple has to come to Israel to help out the local Jewish singles scene may sound a bit silly. But Liaura Zacharie, founder and director of Eden 2000, a Jerusalem non-profit cultural centre that sponsors singles events, including the Eisens' workshop, says the local singles issue isn't being dealt with sufficiently.

"Judaism revolves around family and it becomes an impossible mission to be single and religious and stay here," says Zacharie, a French immigrant who began her seven-year-old organization after so many of her friends started to leave Israel because they couldn't find mates.

"It's not like in the States [and Canada] where you open any newspaper and it will have tens of events for singles. Here you can open all the newspapers together [and only a few events are being offered]. There's nownere for people to meet," she says.

"For the Jewish state, the citizens are the main assets. We don't have gold, we don't have fuel, we have people... We're supposed to care about others, and so little is done."

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"God says it is not good to be alone," Efraim Eisen says in an interview the day before the workshop. Rosalie nods in agreement.

The Eisens, who were both previously married, met in 1991 in Philadelphia at the Jewish Renewal Kallah, a gathering of the Jewish Renewal movement. Concerned about Jewish continuity and about the lack of opportunities for singles to connect spiritually, they developed the Bashert Workshop.

Rosalie and Efraim Eisen [Photo by Viva Press]

For the past seven years they have been presenting it to groups across North America. Though their first workshop was held in Vancouver, they have not been back to Canada since then. This recent workshop was the first one they offered in Israel.

The couple's matchmaking plans came out of the kindling of their own romance. Both were single parents looking for companionship. Both lived in small Jewish communities in Oregon, 180 miles apart.

"People knew we were looking to meet someone," says Efraim, a marriage and family therapist for 18 years. He and Rosalie married just four months after they met. "No one tried to connect us," he said. "We knew it was important to create a new vehicle for people to meet."

Their goal is simple: to help Jewish singles find their bashert – the Hebrew word for beloved, partner, intended, or soul mate. The Eisens believe that everyone has a bashert.

Their workshop combines stories, Torah teachings, music and guided imagery as a means of teaching relationship skills. While it is not aimed at a specific community, most of their participants are from the modern-Orthodox stream.

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Rebecca Auerbach, 32, says she attended the workshop because she wanted to see how the Eisens could help her achieve one of her goals – "to find the right person for me to marry."

To do that, the Eisens say "one must know one's soul to find one's soul mate." Through probing questions and group discussions, the Eisens try to help participants open up.

"We try to help people look beyond physical characteristics, to refrain from the love-at-first-sight myth," says Rosalie.

Auerbach, who classifies herself as modern Orthodox, agrees with their philosophy. "You have to be happy with who you are. If you're always trying to figure out yourself, you're never going to know who's right for you."

"They definitely are focusing on issues that a lot of people don't want to deal with and recognize," says Ilana Kelson, 30, who attended the Eisens' mid-week and Saturday-night workshops.

"A lot of people don't want to deal with the idea that it's not just about magically meeting someone and falling in love, but it's much more about doing your own work, Kelson says. "You've got to be ready to be honest with yourself and with other people."

During the four-hour workshop, Rosalie, 49, and Efraim, 50, ask people to pair up and talk about such topics as a perfect Sabbath, an event one is anticipating, and the most awesome thing that happened in the last year. Then they take a step back "so people can meet each other."

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At the end of synagogue services every Friday night and Saturday afternoon, the streets in the Old Katamon neighborhood of Jerusalem fill with hundreds of young people. The men, in clean, white button-downs and slacks, and women, in long skirts or dresses, stand in small groups, chatting. There are hardly any families among the crowd. This is a group of singles.

It's never announced and it's not planned, but it happens every week. This swarm of people, mainly English-speakers, meet outside Yakar, the synagogue on the corner, as well as at another five or so synagogues in the neighborhood.

While it looks like a friendly and harmless community, Zacharie of Eden 2000, says it's one with a lot of frustration.

"I don't think these people can tell you they're happy. They try to live those years the best they can being alone. [But] they hope the day will come when they won't be single anymore," she says.

Zacharie, and her deputy, D'vora Greisman, a Canadian-Israeli who directs the organization's English-speaking events, say that while the group looks large, it is from here that many people leave Israel to search elsewhere for mates.

"Everyone knows everyone," says Roni Kaplan, 29, who attended the Bashert Workshop. "It's hard to date someone who's already dated five of your friends."

The Eisens believe the singles problem can be overcome if people let down their defences and break down their walls.

"There are so many beautiful people here," says Rosalie. "We're trying to get people to look into each other's eyes."

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Jews rejoice at Torah dedication near Auschwitz

By RUTH E. GRUBER
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BUDAPEST — Almost 60 years to the day after the outbreak of World War II, the shofar sounded and Jews danced with the Torah in the southern Polish town where the Auschwitz death camp was located.

The occasion was an emotional ceremony in Oswiecim on Monday that combined joy, tears, memory and hope, as a Torah flown across the Atlantic from the United States was installed in the only synagogue left standing in the town after the Holocaust.

"It was an extremely emotional ceremony; very emotional for us all," Daniel Eisenstadt, executive director of the New York-based Auschwitz Jewish Centre Foundation, told JTA by phone.

The specially commissioned Torah was brought to Oswiecim by about three dozen members of the Orthodox Cherry Lane Minyan of Great Neck, N.Y., who donated it to the Foundation, which is sponsoring the transformation of the synagogue and an adjoining house into a Jewish study and prayer center.

The Lomdei Mishnaot Synagogue, a small, compact building with arched windows, was built around 1900 and – as one of about a dozen pre-war synagogues in Oswiecim – was used until 1939.

World War II was triggered when the Germans invaded Poland on Sept. 1, 1939.

The Nazis brought thousands of Jews to the synagogue before they deported them to ghettos in 1941. After World War II, it was seized by the Communists and used as a warehouse, and in March 1998 it became the first building returned to the Jewish community under Poland's restitution law.

The dedication ceremony for the Torah was an affirmative symbol for the future as well as a defiant demonstration of Jewish survival.

"We danced in with the Torah scroll under a chupah," Eisenstadt said, "and inside the synagogue we all danced with the Torah for about 45 minutes. It was wonderful."

Women as well as men danced with the $25,000 scroll, which is covered by a red velvet mantle decorated with a tree growing out of a flame.

Then, the Cherry Lane Minyan's Rabbi Marvin Tokayer led the traditional siyum ceremony, which began with a blast from the shofar. Each participant added a letter to complete the writing of the new scroll.

Among those taking part was Moshe Klueger, a Holocaust survivor from Oswiecim now living on Long Island, who had become a bar mitzvah in the synagogue. Klueger's brother Shimon is the only Jew still living in Oswiecim, which before the war had about 7,000 Jews making up more than half the local population.

Moshe Klueger broke down in tears, but also danced joyously with the Torah.

"The last time he had been there was before the war, praying with his father," Eisenstadt said.

Several adult children and teenage grandchildren of Holocaust survivors also took part, as well as about 50 members of the current Polish Jewish community, which has seen a revival in the decade since the fall of communism.

A number of local officials and townspeople also attended the ceremony.

People involved in the ceremony stressed the symbolic meaning of bringing a new Torah to the town whose name has become the symbol of the Holocaust.

"A synagogue without a Torah is just four walls," Tokayer said before the ceremony.

Bridge disaster victims to receive compensation

By AKIVA ELDAR
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — More than two years after the tragic bridge collapse at the Maccabiah Games, the Israeli government announced it would compensate members of the Australian delegation injured in the incident.

The announcement was sent last week to the Haifa District Court, which is deliberating a series of claims against the insurance companies, contractors and other sources. The claims were brought by the families of those killed and injured in the fiasco.

In July of 1997, four participants in the Maccabiah Games were killed when a specially constructed footbridge leading to the stadium collapsed.

The treasury will soon determine the exact amount of compensation, and informed sources have mentioned that the amount will be in the tens of millions of shekels.

The decision was made at a discussion in the office of Finance Minister Avraham Shochat, which was attended by representatives from the foreign and justice ministries.

The Foreign Ministry suggested taking the unusual step of offering state compensation in order to repair relations with the Australian Jewish community, which had complained of the disappearance of those involved in the affair and of evasion of responsibility by Israeli officials.

Ministry sources expressed the hope that the decision would put an end to the procrastination in the bargaining over compensation, and would lead to an arrangement with the insurance companies and other non-judicial actors in the affair.

The decision came in the wake of the suggestion by Judge Shmuel Berliner, who ruled on the majority of claims put forth by the families of those involved. He asked that "the state take upon itself...to pay fair compensation to the victims of the disaster."

Some families (such as those of Sasha Elterman) had to personally finance the medical treatment that their relatives had to undergo.

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The Week in Israel

Aug. 30

• Garbage and broken glass were strewn at the entrance to the Ashkenazi cemetery in Hebron, in what Jewish settlers claimed was the latest desecration of the site by Palestinians. The cemetery is the burial site of the granddaughter of the founder of the Chabad movement.

Aug. 31

• Israel welcomed a decision by Jordanian officials to crack down on Hamas operations in the Hashemite kingdom. "Hamas is not a threat just to Israel. It is a threat to the Palestinian Authority, and to the Jordanians," cabinet member Haim Ramon said. His comment came one day after Jordanian security forces shut Hamas offices in Amman, detained several of the group's activists and issued arrest warrants for four of its leaders.

Sept. 1

• An Israeli computer hacker known as The Analyzer, Ehud Tanenbaum, and three other friends pleaded not guilty to charges of illegally entering the computers of the Pentagon, NASA and American universities. A fifth defendant pleaded guilty and was expected to serve as a witness for the prosecution.

Sept. 2

• Life returned to normal for residents of northern Israel who had spent the night in bomb shelters out of concern that Katyusha rockets could land there after two Lebanese civilians were killed Wednesday. The IDF said the two civilians had been killed by the South Lebanese Army.

• Israel Television's Channel 1 conducted a six-hour telethon to raise funds for victims of last month's earthquake in Turkey. The broadcast was co-ordinated by the Foreign Ministry.

Sept. 3

• Israel announced that the Miami Heat of the National Basketball Association would play an exhibition game in Tel Aviv on Oct. 11.

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Ambassador David Sultan's New Year's greeting to the Jewish Community of Canada

On the eve of our New Year, I would like to wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous year.

This New Year starts with many hopes and expectations for the realization of peace between us and our neighbors. We will pray and we will do our utmost so that these hopes and expectations will not be in vain. As we advance toward peace, fateful and painful decisions must be taken. We will have to face many challenges including the challenge of those who do not want to see the achievement of peace. We will have to muster all our strength to win the battle for peace while maintaining all that is essential for us and all that is dear to us in our homeland and our eternal capital Jerusalem. For that purpose we will need all the strength deriving from the unity and solidarity of our entire people both in Israel and around the world.

Also on our list of priorities will be the effort to promote our internal unity, bearing in mind that all the differences that exist among us, whether in Israel or in the Diaspora, are after all, secondary to what we share and have in common.

We have recently witnessed the resurgence of the ugly face of hatred towards Jews. Acts and expressions that we all thought were part of the past, surfaced again as if nothing in the world has changed. If the world has not changed, the Jewish people have definitely changed. We are not defenceless. The Jewish people are stronger than ever before. We will not be intimidated by hate and crimes of hate.

May 5760 be a year of peace, a good year in every respect for each and every one of you. Shanah Tovah.

Community Rosh Hashanah greetings from Moshe Ronen, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress

On welcoming the New Year, we rededicate ourselves to ensure that our sisters and brothers all over the world lead free, secure and comfortable lives, replete with Jewish fulfilment.

Whenever and wherever their lives fall short of this ideal, we, together with our fellow Jews, will be there for them, spiritually and culturally to uplift and physically to protect and ameliorate their plight. Likewise, because it is the Jewish way, we will make our presence felt where human rights are violated and tragedies strike.

A vibrant, prosperous and compassionate state of Israel sets the example and makes it all the easier for us to carry out these mitzvot. Israel is our beloved beacon. May the coming year at long last be the one which brings the much anticipated peace between Israel and its immediate Arab neighbors, a peace which is just, secure and true to our Jewish heritage.

In Canada, as elsewhere, we have not been immune from the grotesque acts of hatemongers. That is why Canadian Jewish Congress stresses the importance of security awareness and assists Jewish institutions in addressing their security responsibilities. One can never attain full security, but if we all do our part, risks to our community will be that much reduced.

As Canadian Jews we have much to be thankful for. We are the proud citizens of the country which the United Nations itself, more than once, has recognized as having the highest quality of life in the world.

Canada's democracy, its commitment to social justice and the rule of law, and the strength it derives from the diversity of its people through its official policy of multiculturalism, have made it possible for the Jewish community to be one of the most thriving in the Diaspora.

May our community, with God's help, continue to progress and flourish, and may each and everyone of you be blessed with a year of health, happiness and peace.

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Rosh Hashanah Greetings 5760

The Year 5759 in Review

Tishrei

EVENTS

• Due to impending financial and political crises in Russia, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services intensifies its efforts to help resettle Russian Jews in Canada.

• Three separate hate crimes occur in Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto in the span of one week. The attacks range from arson to private property damage. Meanwhile, a report released by the Toronto Police hate crimes unit states that the number of hate-motivated crimes in Toronto increased by 19 per cent to 92 episodes during the first part of 1998.

• Israeli monitors discover a Palestinian children's television show that promotes the destruction of Israel and calls for a holy war. This show is said to be preparing the next generation of Palestinians to hate Israel and the Jews.

• Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warns that if the Palestinians declare statehood it will "cause the complete collapse" of the peace process.

• A bomb explodes at a Jerusalem bus stop injuring one soldier.

•As many as 90 Israeli Arabs are injured and dozens are arrested during a protest in the Wadi Ara area. They were objecting to the conversion of the site into a military training ground.

PEOPLE

• Rabbi Gunther Plaut is appointed to chair the Canadian committee that will distribute roughly $2.5 million from the Swiss banks to aid needy Holocaust survivors.

Cheshvan

EVENTS

• Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority (PA) Chairman Yasser Arafat sign an agreement at the Wye plantation in Maryland. The agreement includes statements on issues such as Israeli troop redeployment and the release of Palestinian prisoners from Israeli jails.

• A total of 87 people are injured after two separate bombings in Israel. The first occurred in Beersheva and the second in Jerusalem. Hamas and Jihad claim responsibility for the bombings. After the second attack the Wye agreement is put on hold.

• After 11 years of discussion, the Vatican apologizes for the Roman Catholic Church's silence during the Holocaust. This apology marks the beginning of the process of reconciliation between Jews and the Roman Catholic Church.

• Some 175,000 Israeli university students go on strike demanding a 50 percent tuition cut.

• Ariel Sharon introduces the security and coexistence plan which focuses on improving Palestinian living conditions. This plan was devised to help end the deadlock in the Israeli/Palestinian peace negotiations.

• United Nations inspectors return to Iraq to monitor weapon production and development.

• The UJA Federations of North America meet in Jerusalem for the first time for their annual General Assembly (GA).

• Russia's lower house of Parliament is accused of fuelling anti-Semitism after a resolution criticizing Gen. Albert Makashov for anti-Semitic comments is rejected.

• CJC sets up a relief fund to aid central American communities in the wake of hurricane Mitch.

• The UJA Federations of North America GA endorses Birthright Israel, a $300 million worldwide initiative to fund educational visits to Israel for Jewish youth.

PEOPLE

• Harry Pachter, former national president of B'nai Brith Canada, dies.

• Carole Pulver, the honorary vice president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, dies after losing her battle with bone marrow cancer.

• Ehud Olmert of the Likud party is re-elected mayor of Jerusalem.

Kislev

EVENTS

• Three Israeli soldiers are killed and four are injured by a roadside bomb in southern Lebanon.

• Jewish officials at an international conference on Nazi gold call for an investigation into the fate of Holocaust-era assets such as artwork, unpaid insurance claims and Jewish communal property.

• A Jerusalem court orders Israel's Interior Ministry to recognize as Jewish 23 people who underwent conversions by the Reform and Conservative movements.

• American President Bill Clinton visits Israel to help mend the damaged Wye agreement.

• The Ontario legislature passes Bill 66, the Holocaust Memorial Day Yom Hashoah Act. This makes Ontario the first jurisdiction in North America to designate an official day to commemorate the Holocaust.

• A plea for more restitution funding for Canadian survivors is rejected by the World Jewish Restitution Organization in Jerusalem.

• Britain and Israel sign a security memorandum regarding defence research.

• Poland, Hungary and Romania promise to return billions of dollars (collectively) in property stolen by the Nazis to survivors.

• Jerzy Buzak, the prime minister of Poland, pledges to remove the 300 crosses erected at Auschwitz by radical Catholics.

• Lucien Bouchard and the Parti Quebecois win the Quebec election with a majority government and 42.7 percent of the vote.

• Minister of Foreign Affairs Lloyd Axworthy participates in the Conference to Support the Middle East Peace Process and Development along with 50 other foreign ministers. This conference demonstrates the international commitment to peace in the Middle East.

• The strike of Israeli university students ends after 44 days. The National Student Union is disappointed with the decision to cut tuition rates only under certain circumstances.

• The UN formally designates anti-Semitism as a form of racism.

PEOPLE

• Ruth Dreifus, a Jew, becomes the first female president of Switzerland.

An IDF assisted Kosovar birth.

However, due to eligibility restrictions and organizational glitches, as well as some governments' attempts to tax the pensions, many payment problems arise.

• Two Israeli Mossad agents, accused of espionage deny their guilt as their trial begins in Cyprus. The two possessed listening devices when they were arrested several months earlier near a Cypriot military institution.

• Israel releases 30 Palestinian prisoners as a goodwill gesture marking the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. The prisoners were serving time for low-level anti-Israel crimes.

• Suspected of planning violent acts in Jerusalem, 14 members of the Concerned Christians cult – eight adults and six children – are arrested.

• Russian police begin implementing special security measures for Jewish institutions due to the rise of anti-Semitism.

• A synagogue in Capetown is bombed.

• 100 Palestinians are injured after a clash with Israeli soldiers during a pro-Iraq demonstration.

The IDF helps in Macedonia.

• Henry Rosenthal, leader of the Canadian Jewish leftist movement and the editor of *Outlook*, dies from lung cancer at the age of 78.

Tevet

EVENTS

• After the suspension of the Wye agreement, the Knesset votes 81 to 30 in favor of holding elections.

• Germany begins making monthly pension payments to Holocaust survivors living in eastern Europe.

• After a second attempt, the Department of Justice fails to strip alleged Nazi war criminal Johann Duek of his Canadian citizenship.

PEOPLE

• Mel Cappe is appointed the clerk of the Privy Council.

• Arnold Fradkin, a key member of the original special prosecutions unit established by the Department of Justice, dies of a heart condition at the age of 57.

Shvat

EVENTS

• Prime Minister Jean Chrétien visits Auschwitz-Birkenau.

• The Dutch government opens an inquiry into what an Israeli jet was carrying when it crashed in 1992, becoming the Netherlands' worst air disaster. The inquiry later clears El Al of wrongdoing in the incident.

• The chief Ashkenazi rabbi of Israel, Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau, protests the massacre in Kosovo and compares it to the Holocaust.

• A federal court judge rules that alleged Nazi war criminal Vladimir Kariuk lied to obtain Canadian citizenship and can therefore be deported.

• Yitzhak Mordechai and Amnon Lipkin-Shahak establish a new centrist political party in Israel.

• Canada announces it is signing a trade agreement with the PA.

PEOPLE

• King Hussein of Jordan dies of cancer.

Adar

EVENTS

• Canada votes in favor of a UN resolution calling for an international conference to discuss the applicability of the Geneva Convention to the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

• Netanyahu meets with King Abdullah of Jordan to ensure continuity of good relations between the two countries.

• Four Israeli soldiers, including Brig-Gen. Erez Gerstein, are killed during a clash with Hezbollah in Southern Lebanon.

• El Al petitions Israel's attorney general to cancel the restrictions on flying during Shabbat.

• Twelve major German companies sign on to a proposed fund to compensate survivors and heirs of the victims of Holocaust who served as slave labor for those companies.

• Canada's International Trade Minister Sergio Marchi visits Israel to promote trade with Canada.

• A report released by B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights notes that over the past five years, anti-Semitic incidents rose by 14 percent and hate crimes by 22 percent; Jews are the second most victimized group after the black community.

PEOPLE

• Rana Raslan becomes the first Israeli Arab to win the Miss Israel competition.

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Rosh Hashanah Greetings 5760

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• Charles Bronfman is named the first chair of the board of the recently merged United Jewish Appeal and Council of Jewish Federations called UJA Federations of North America.

Nisan (Apr.)

EVENTS

• The first interdenominational conversion institute as envisioned by the Ne'eman Committee, opens in Carmiel in northern Galilee, even though it is not recognized by Israel's chief rabbinate.

• Israel offers humanitarian aid to Kosovar refugees and sends a fully equipped and staffed IDF field hospital to the area. Canadian Jewish communities also establish several relief funds to help the refugees.

• British Columbia joins Ontario in proclaiming an official annual Holocaust Remembrance Day

• The Canada-Israel Committee asks the Canadian Government to withhold recognition of a Palestinian state if it is declared in May.

• The European Union appears to challenge the status of Jerusalem as Israel's capital by supporting a claim that it is a *corpus separatum*.

• A Jerusalem court sentences the leader of the Shas party, Aryeh Deri, to four years in prison for taking bribes.

• Russia's largest and best organized far-right organization, the neo-Nazi Russian National Unity movement, is banned from Moscow by a court in the Russian capital. The leader of the group says it will ignore the ban.

• The opening of the renovated Reichstag in Berlin coincides with the official dedication of the new headquarters of the Central Council of Jews in Germany.

• Spurred by the case of Samuel Sheinbein, a Maryland teenager accused of murder who fought extradition by claiming Israeli citizenship, the Knesset passes a law facilitating extradition of Israeli citizens charged with committing crimes abroad.

• Syria agrees to supply military equipment to Iraq.

• Israel and Ukraine sign a defence memorandum which includes co-operation between defence industries and transfers of security information.

• Money for needy Canadian Holocaust survivors distributed from a special Swiss bank fund, is estimated to be approximately $300 per claimant, with roughly 7,000 people qualifying.

• Arafat visits Ottawa.

• 190 Jews from Yugoslavia leave for Budapest following the NATO air strikes against Serbia

• Reports disclose that during World War II, Barclay's, Britain's leading commercial bank, serviced the Nazis, informing them of the bank's Jewish employees in France.

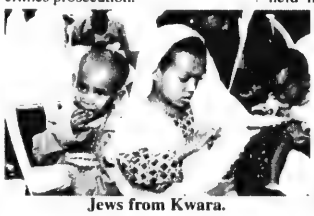
• Indonesia, a Muslim country, contemplates establishing diplomatic relations with Israel.

• The IDF announces that for the first time, women will be admitted to officer training for combat units.

• Yad Vashem launches a campaign to collect names of the three million murdered Jews whose identities have yet to be recorded.

PEOPLE

• Anthony Sawoniuk is condemned to two life sentences for Holocaust war crimes in Britain's first war crimes prosecution.



Jews from Kwara.

• Alleged Nazi war collaborator Waysl Odynsky goes on trial for lying about his war-time activities when he applied for Canadian citizenship in 1948.

Iyar

EVENTS

• More than 100 ethnic Albanian Muslim refugees from Kosovo arrive in Israel. As well, Israel sends 100 tons of medical supplies, basic foods, clothes and bedding.

• Israel's population rises 2.3 percent to 6.038 million.

• Disputes between Christians and Muslims in Nazareth escalate over the building of a mosque.

• Israel and China sign business deals worth $95 million (US).

• An Israeli soldier is killed and four are injured in the southern Lebanon security zone.

• More than 3,000 students, parents and teachers rally at Queen's Park in Toronto to call on the Ontario government to help fund independent religious schools.

• The security cabinet orders the closure of Orient House, the PA's de facto headquarters in Jerusalem after Faisal Huseini hosts a meeting there with 30 diplomats on Yom Ha'atzmaut, and tells them Jerusalem is "the capital of the Palestinian people."

• The Central Conference of American Rabbis in Pittsburgh, PA., approves a new statement of principles for Reform Judaism that emphasizes tradition.

• A U.S. government decision to soften criticism of Iran by dropping that county's designation as "the most active" state sponsor of terrorism, draws criticism from many pro-Israel activists.

• Five major European insurance companies taking part in an international commission make significant concessions that should open the way to progress on World War II-era claims.

• After a bomb attack on a gay pub in London, Jews in the city are alerted to the possibility that as a minority group, they might be in danger.

• Palestinians vote to delay the declaration of statehood until after the Israeli elections.

• Ground-breaking ceremonies are held in Montreal for a new $30 million Jewish community campus.

PEOPLE

• The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue of Montreal, which was founded in 1768 and is the oldest Jewish congregation in Canada, receives a coat of arms.

• Gerald Rose, a leader of Saskatchewan's Jewish community, dies of cancer at the age of 78.

Sivan

EVENTS

• Ehud Barak is elected prime minister.

• The new Knesset is made up of 15 parties. Of the 120 MKs there are 11 Russian immigrants, 14 women and 12 Arabs.

• More than 60 fires erupt in Israel due to a heat wave.

• Talks continue over the possibility of raising the Dakar, a submarine that disappeared 31 years ago.

• Ontario Premier Mike Harris rules out public funding for private Hebrew schools, but he considers possibly funding the non-educational services that are provided in public schools.

• An additional 100 Kosovar refugees are admitted to Israel.

• The Yugoslav parliament accepts a peace agreement with NATO and thus, the bombing campaign ends after 78 days.

• Argentina's Supreme Court rules that members of Hezbollah and the Islamic Jihad were responsible for the 1992 bombings of the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires.

• After losing the election, Netanyahu resigns his Knesset seat.

• Russian immigration to Israel rises 116 per cent in the first quarter of 1999, with 30 percent of the immigrants attributing their reason for leaving Russia to anti-Semitism.

PEOPLE

• *The Ransomed of God: The Remarkable Story of One Woman's Role in the Rescue of Syrian Jews*, a book about Judy Feld Carr and her plight to rescue thousands of Syrian Jews is released.

Tammuz

EVENTS

• The Jewish community asks the government of Canada to help secure the release of 13 Iranian Jews accused of being spies for the Israeli and U.S. governments. Rallies are held across Canada to support those jailed.

• Three Californian synagogues in the Sacramento area are fire-bombed. Anti-Semitic leaflets are found at the scene of the arson.

• Reports suggest that Syria is beginning to soften its stance on peace negotiations with Israel.

• Some 1,833 "problematic" Internet hate sites are discovered by the Simon Wiesenthal Centre.

• It is reported that Iranian President Mohammed Khatami wants to start a secret dialogue with Israel.

• Israel's air force strikes a power station on a hill overlooking Beirut after five Israelis are killed in Hezbollah attacks.

• Ehud Barak forges a coalition government made up of 75 MKs. He appoints 24 cabinet ministers.

The new prime minister

• Jews are among white supremacist Benjamin Michael Smith's shooting victims. His attacks on different minorities in the Chicago area left one black man dead.

• Arafat is criticized by an independent American-European report for not governing democratically or effectively.

• Some 500 Jews from the Kuwara region of Ethiopia arrive in Israel; 3,000 Ethiopian Jews from Kuwara are expected to be rescued.

PEOPLE

• St. Catharines auto worker Serge Kisluk is suspected of being a Nazi collaborator and accused of lying to immigration officers about his past. He faces deportation and the loss of his Canadian citizenship.

Av

EVENTS

• Barak visits the United States and promises to continue the peace process. He and Clinton discuss financial aid and ways of putting the peace process back on track.

• More than half a century after World War II ends, Germany's parliament votes to build a Holocaust memorial.

• The court bans The Lord's Prayer in Saskatoon public schools.

• Barak and Arafat meet to discuss the Wye agreement.

• Barak visits Moscow to discuss the surge in anti-Semitism there and Russia's role in the Middle East.

PEOPLE

• David Berger ends his term as Canada's ambassador to Israel.

• Former Ottawa mayor Larry Greenberg dies of a heart failure at the age of 65.

• King Hassan II of Morocco dies of a heart attack at the age of 70.

• Elinor Caplan becomes Canada's minister of citizenship.

Elul

EVENTS

• A gunman opens fire in the lobby of the North Valley Jewish Community Centre, wounding three children and two adults. Buford O'Neal Furrow Jr., who has a history of involvement in white supremacist organizations, later tells authorities he wanted his actions to serve as "a wake-up call to America to kill Jews."

• 219 headstones are damaged at a Winnipeg cemetery. This is considered to be one of the worst cemetery desecrations in recent years.

• Two Jewish seniors are attacked near the Torath Emeth Jewish Centre in Toronto.

• A severe earthquake hits Turkey killing and injuring thousands. Israeli rescue teams aid in rescue attempts.

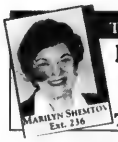
• Pleading guilty to the brutal murder of 19-year-old Alfredo Tello Jr., Sheinbein, the Maryland teenager who fled to Israel in 1997, is sentenced to serve a 24-year-prison term in Israel.

PEOPLE

• Montreal MP Sheila Finestone is appointed to the Canadian Senate.

• Ignatz Bubis, a leader of Germany's Jewish community, dies at the age of 72.

The Year in Review **was compiled and written by Nicole Salama our *CJN* intern.**



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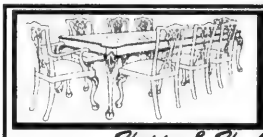

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Ashkenaz

Dance drama at its best

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The art of dance drama at its best was presented at Ashkenaz with *Holocaust Stories*, which included *The Jewish Wife*, based on the play by Bertolt Brecht, and *Magda*, based on two short stories by Cynthia Ozick.

The performance of *Holocaust Stories* at the Premiere Dance Theatre at Harbourfront Centre, choreographed by Gabrielle Lansner, brought a new dimension to the literary art of the two writers.

Through dance and body movements, Lansner was able to illuminate the irony of the Jewish wife in Berlin packing up to leave a Nazi-enamored husband who did not answer his wife's plea, "Should I stay?"

Each in turn, Dee Pelletier as The Wife and Christopher Reade Mattox as The Husband, mimicked the comments of German friends that the wife would no longer be able to play bridge with their foursome or go to the movies with them.

The comments were delivered with a smirk, as the characters were seen through a chair that looked like a TV screen; it was an act of genius on the choreographer's part.

The Wife's understanding of the reality of the situation becomes clear when she tells her husband, "You are the chief surgeon at the clinic and they cut you to your face," and later, "I've already heard you say the percentage of Jewish scientists is not so great. You are always objective at the first."

At another point, the wife asks, "What is wrong with the shape of my nose and the color of my hair?"

The dancers tell the story of the tall, stiff-legged husband and the more compliant wife as they dance in happier times.

But the drama starts with a chilling noise and a Yahrzeit lamp that foretell the unhappy ending and the Holocaust to follow.

In *Magda*, the two women dancers tell the heart-rending story of an aunt who loses her baby in the Holocaust because her niece, who is travelling with her, takes the shawl used for hiding the baby from the Nazis.

The niece (Paula McGonagle) says she needs the shawl for warmth, but the aunt (Gretchen Lee Krich) cries out time and again that it was an act of jealousy.

It is a grim tale, made even more so by the silent screams of the aunt and niece as they watch horrified while a German seizes the baby and hurls it against an electrified fence.

The bare stage and minimum number of props in both plays add to the starkness of events.

Holocaust Stories carried out the Ashkenaz mandate – to stage the best in Jewish art.

Margolin satirizes Jewish life

TORONTO — In her sold-out show at Ashkenaz, Deb Margolin satirized the foibles of Jewish life without going too far, although she came close to it at times.

"I love hanging around Jewish people, it cuts my work in half," she quipped.

Her one-woman show, *O Wholly Night and Other Jewish Solecisms*, which she also wrote, satirized the foibles of Jewish life.

"I love all Jewish professionals, even endodontists," she said.

Her eye-rolling mannerisms, as she imitated the voice of a booming matron, held the audience's interest as she cavorted around the stage, first as a preschooler in a Talmud Torah and then as a mother cuddling her daughter as if her life depended on it.

The Margolin show is an example of cutting-edge humor by an actor who knows that stand-up comedy is not enough for a sophisticated Jewish audience. They want the rationale for the comedy in terms of Jewish intellect.

She did this effectively with the theme of waiting for the Messiah. "Will it be done in one shot, or will we need Messiah boosters?" she asked.

Jewish people sit on a fire escape watching the world go by, waiting for the Messiah, knowing that the Messiah may turn out to be the courier who takes an extra minute or two to deposit his parcels in a convenient spot for the customer, she said.

—B.R.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

RARE BOOKS ON MIDDLE EAST

Sotheby's Auction House of London is preparing to auction off an outstanding collection of some 10,000 volumes about the Middle East and Arabic culture, language, history, exploration, archeology, art and economics. The books belonged to **Dr. Robert Michael Burrell** (1943-1999), a former lecturer on the Middle East at the School of Oriental and African Studies.

The collection includes an assortment of letters by the painter **Sir Robert Ker Porter** as he travelled through the Persian Gulf. It also includes a rare first edition of *Innermost Asia*, describing the third scientific expedition of **Sir Aurel Stein** in 1913-16.

The Personal Narrative of a Pilgrimage to El-Medinah and Meccah records the travels of **Sir Richard Francis Burton**, while *Travels to the City of the Caliphs* describes **James Wellsted's** voyages devoted to surveying the Red Sea, Arabia and Oman between 1830 and 1837.

Each of these volumes is expected to fetch roughly £2,500.

The collection also includes first editions of two famous ninth-century astrological texts by **Albumasar**, which are expected to bring in as much as £10,000.

The sale occurs at Sotheby's London headquarters on Oct. 14.

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Broadway Melody of 1999: Veteran actor **Allan Price**, who has appeared in numerous shows at the Leah Posluns Theatre, is teaming with veteran concert artist **Michael Leach**, a staff member at York University, to offer Broadway Melody, a fall course that focuses on teaching some musical classics of the Great White Way in a relaxed, fun atmosphere.

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Koffler Gallery: A Jewish artist born in post-war Germany and now residing in London, England, **Lily Markiewicz's** art deals with questions of cultural identity and displacement. Her compositions mix architectural structures, large photographic images and audio components.

Her exhibit, Promise, opened recently at the Koffler Gallery where it is on view through Oct. 24. Opening reception, Sept. 16, 7 to 9 p.m. Artist talk, Sept. 16, 8 p.m. 4588 Bathurst St. Toronto 636-1880, ext. 268.

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Shakespearean Video: Actress **Claire Bloom** has performed many of Shakespeare's women during her distinguished career. Lovers of the Bard may enjoy *Shakespeare's Women*, a new feature video in which Bloom discusses the various challenges of playing Juliet, Ophelia, Portia, Rosalind, Imogen, Emilia and Volumnia.

The video, produced by First Run Features, also shows Bloom playing these roles in past performances, and reading many of the soliloquies again.

Also from the same company: *And Baby Makes Two*, a documentary about a group of eight single working women in New York City who decide to have children on their own.

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Vienna Memoirs: Elizabeth Welt Trahan, a Berlin-born American retired educator, has written a memoir recollecting her childhood experiences in Vienna. *Walking with Ghosts: A Jewish Childhood in Wartime Vienna* recalls the nightmarish world of Hitler's Vienna and tells the story of the maturing process of a young girl during those shattering times. $32.95 US. Peter Lang Publishing, 212-647-7706.

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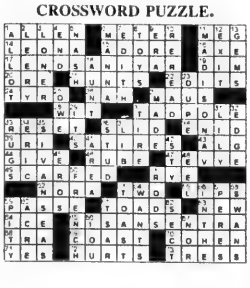
Arts Briefs

• Folk-pop singer **Chava Alberstein**, the first lady of Israeli song, performs a concert, backed up by New York's jazz-funk klezmer band **The Klezmatics**. Roy Thomson Hall, Dec. 1. $46.50-$26.50.

• **David Broza** is a superstar in his native Israel, a modern troubadour of urban folk-rock who has performed with stars like **Sting**, **Paul Simon** and **Bob Dylan**. Hear his compelling, flamenco-influenced guitar music, evocative voice and intensely poetic lyrics at Massey Hall next April 8. $36.50-$26.50.

• Also part of Massey Hall's new season is comedian, singer, actress and writer **Sandra Bernhard**, performing her new critically acclaimed hit Broadway show *I'm Still Here...Damn It!* June 21, 2000. $49.50-$29.50.

ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



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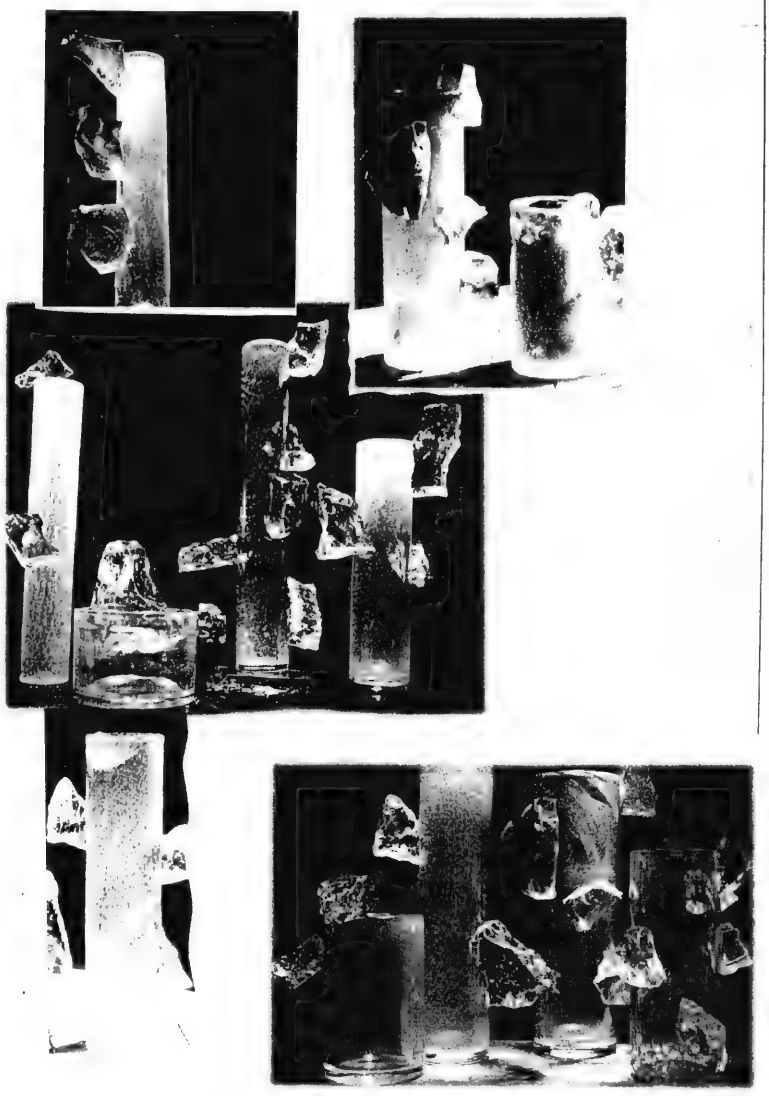

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Travel Talk

BY BILL GLADSTONE

THE PLEASURES OF NEW YORK CITY

In the steeply vertical reaches of the Upper East Side, the blue awninged Fifth Avenue Synagogue is a relatively narrow structure tucked neatly into the sedate and orderly fabric of East 62nd Street.

Boasting Orthodox sanctuaries on several floors – Sephardim on the second, Ashkenazim on the third – this urban temple seems to be organized as efficiently as a department store.

But even in the Ashkenazi sanctuary, the shoebox shape insists upon the Sephardi arrangement of pulpit in the middle, pews on either side facing north and south. During prayer the reverent turn to the East, facing the East River and Jerusalem.

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And the interior? According to Francis Morrone's fine Architectural Guidebook to New York City (McGraw-Hill, 1998), Temple Emanu-El "is the one place in New York that looks most like a set for a Cecil B. DeMille biblical spectacle."

In particular, the mosaics in its auditorium are said to be spectacular. But Emanu-El was always closed whenever I passed by; a sign directed visitors to a small minyan a few blocks further on. (Who says you can always get whatever you want, whenever you want, in New York?)

After an absence from Manhattan of several years, I felt I had to reacquaint myself with the city's unique layout, institutions, buildings and bridges. So I went to Pier 43 (W. 42nd Street at the Hudson River) and boarded a Circle Line cruise ship for the three-hour full Island tour of Manhattan's 35 miles of coastline ($22).

Inspecting this magical island of skyscrapers from its watery circumference is an exhilarating experience. We floated downtown, turned left at the World Trade Centre, and looped back uptown via the East River, sequentially passing Brooklyn, Queens, Roosevelt Island, the leafy heights of Harlem, the Bronx, the Palisades of Jersey and back to the west side.

What history, what personality, is concentrated on this tiny isle! For me, the highlight came when we nosed up close to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty – icons of freedom that are particularly rich with significance for the Jewish world.

I took another perspective of the island by riding to the top of the Empire State Building, which offers a great view from a midtown location 86 stories high. But it's no less crowded and congested in this rarefied atmosphere than down below. The elevators are crowded too, and the line-ups are frustrating and time consuming.

Strolling through midtown one day, I visited a few Judaica stores: Eichler's at 62 W. 45th St., Ziontalis at 29 W. 35th St., and J. Levine Co., a century-old New York institution currently headquartered at 5 W. 30th St. Great merchandise, but the prices? Not bad, but bear in mind that there are no bargains for Canadians shopping in the United States.

Craving culture, I crammed the Museum of Modern Art, the Guggenheim and the Metropolitan Museum of Art into an afternoon. Craving theatre, I saw *Annie Get Your Gun*, an entertaining re-creation of Irving Berlin's Broadway confection of 1946.

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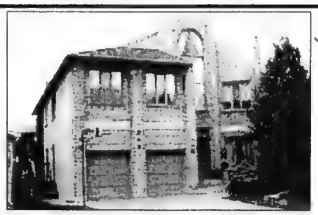

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Increased fan appeal

Team sailing: quicker, with more strategy

By PAUL LUNGEN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Soccer's gone indoors in a bid to speed up the game and attract more fans.

So has football, which is one of North America's fastest-growing sports.

So why not sailing?

Sailing, you say?

No, sailboats have not suddenly sprouted wheels and begun tacking around dingy inner-city arenas. But the sport has taken a page out of the books of well-established fan-favored spectacles, and taken steps to increase its appeal among modern spectators. New rules in team sailing allow for quicker action, more strategy and increased fan appeal – all within sight of the fans onshore.

Adam Bookman loves the new team sailing races – and it's not just because he's good at it.

Bookman, along with three other Canadian sailors, recently finished seventh out of 18 teams at the Indigo ISAF World Team Racing Championships at the Royal St. George Yacht Club in Dublin, Ireland.

New Zealand, USA 2 and Great Britain 1 were the top three finishes in order.

Bookman, 27, enjoys the teamwork and strategy that are an integral part of team sailing.

Unlike more traditional sailing races, the 14-foot FJ boats don't necessarily win because they're the fastest.

Team sailing requires speed but tactical maneuvering and working as a team – "like a chess game on the water" – are crucial, he said.

Bookman knew before leaving for Ireland that the traditional team sailing powers like the United States and Britain, would be tough to beat.

"It's a newer sport in Canada," he explained.

Furthermore, there were the results from the last world championships in Miami to consider. In February 1998, Bookman and the rest of the Canadian team finished ninth. "To move from ninth to third would have been a very big jump," he said. "There are a lot of good teams."

The races themselves are a departure from the image of sailboats taking to the seas and spending hours miles from shore, all to get a slight wind advantage to round a buoy and return to the finish line miles apart. Not exactly a riveting spectacle.

In team racing, "the races are right off shore, they take 15 minutes each and they'll probably do 100 a day," Bookman said.

"You have to change your mentality," he continued. "It's not about your own record. It's about your team record. Self-sacrifice is required."

Teammates will move back in the pack just to be able to get in a position to take an opponent's wind, slow them and prevent their team from accumulating too many points, he said.

It's quick paced, has lots of action and each boat has to have a woman on board – a real sport for the '90s, he added.

Despite his involvement in team sailing at the highest levels, Bookman still participates in traditional sailing races. A graduate of sailing programs at the Island Yacht Club, Bookman has been on Ontario and Canadian championship teams, sailing as a youth in a "byte," a small boat.

Manoeuvering in close quarters. [Adam Bookman photo]

Prior to the last Olympics, he worked out in 470s, a two-person boat, but he and his partner Rob Fear finished fourth in Canada and didn't qualify for the Games.

Since the 1996 Olympics, Bookman has gone into freelance sailing and instructing. He's coached the Canadian and American youth sailing teams and he holds classes in Toronto, Montreal, Boston and at Michigan State University.

He's also coached the Ontario sailing team (16 to 27-year-olds) in the Canadian Youth Championships and at the All-Ontario Championships. He runs clinics for 18 mid-westerns schools in the Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association (the NCAA of sailing). When he's not sailing, he's studying for a PhD in political science at Washington University in St. Louis.

Lately, he's been racing in 505s, a high performance boat that can reach more than 30 knots per hour in good winds.

"It's scary fast. It's for the seasoned sailor. They're completely an extreme sailing boat," he said.

He's also got his sight set on sailing 49s, a new boat that could be headed for the 2000 Games in Sydney.

Getting to sail in the Olympics is Bookman's ultimate dream and if the 49s "go into the Olympics, I'll really try for it," he promises.

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The Inside Back

BACK TO SCHOOL

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About Life

Dear Ella,

This is probably a silly problem and I'm too embarrassed to discuss it with anyone, so I chose to write anonymously to you.

I lost my mother to cancer a few months ago. The High Holy Days are upon us, and although I am not an observant person, I really feel like I want to attend services this year.

I know this will be the first time I will have to say Yizkor and I am petrified. I realize it is irrational, but I remember as a child being whisked out of the sanctuary when Yizkor began and seeing everyone exit after the prayer in tears. It was pretty scary and I have built this image up in my mind and can't get past it. I don't even know what they do, but it always seemed very powerful to get people out in droves only to have them leave in tears. Any information you could supply would be appreciated.

First Timer

Dear First Timer

I'm very sorry for your loss. I understand your apprehension and can identify somewhat with the description of what you witnessed as a child. Without explanation, the entire scene was rather unnerving. So let's separate fiction from fact.

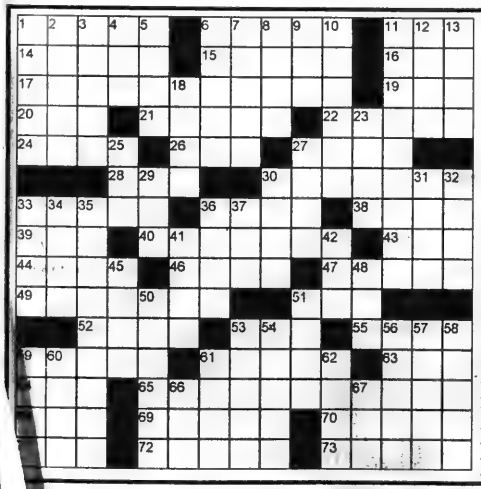
First of all you do not have to participate in the Yizkor service in the first year of mourning. This will prove to be beneficial to you, as it will give you the time you need to acquaint yourself with the Yizkor service.

Yizkor is recited four times a year. It is directed toward remembering and elevating the soul of the deceased. You can see how natural it would be to have people who are remembering their very closest come to tears.

The sheer melody of the prayers tug at your heart, and when you realize that all Jews everywhere are united at the same time, mourning and remembering as you are, there is a comfort and a closeness that is something only you can feel. I suggest that you do some reading and don't be embarrassed to discuss it with a rabbi. Your problem is far from silly.

I'd like to wish you and all our readers a happy, healthy new year. G'mar Chatimah Tovah.

Readers may submit their questions to Ella at The CJN. *But Ella is not a professional counsellor. She brings to the questions posed by readers her unique brand of earthy wisdom. Her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, consult a professional.*



The Canadian Jewish News

A Month of Pundays

By Matt Gaffney and David Bianco (QSyndicate@aol.com)

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

(This week's answers are on page 61.)

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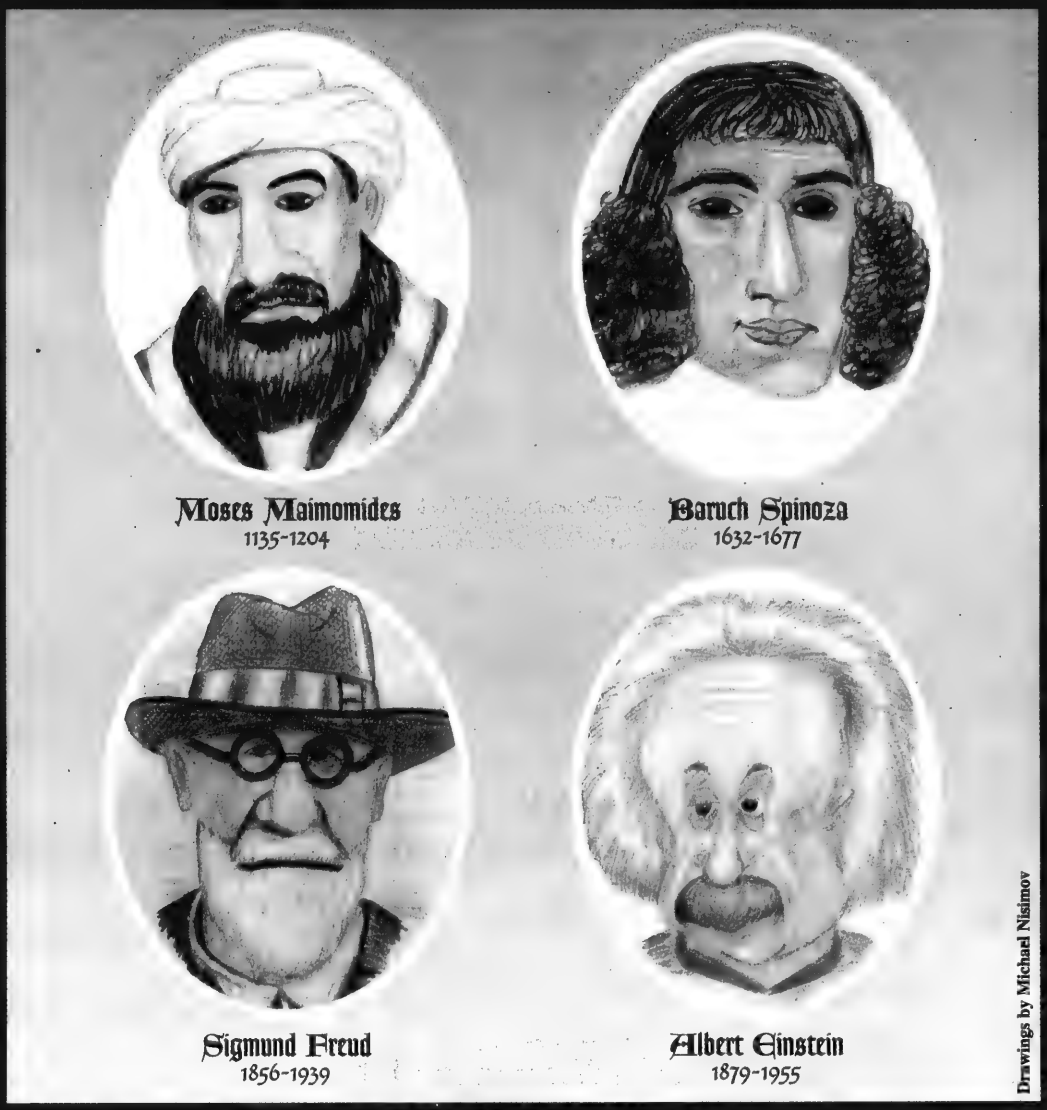

Moses Maimomides
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1632-1677

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1879-1955

Drawings by Michael Nisimov

When he presented his astonishing collection of Incunabula, Hebraica and Judaica to the National Library of Canada in 1981, Jacob M. Lowy said the following: "To speak of the Jewish contribution to world civilization is to examine, in essence, the fate of the Jewish people from the vantage point of world history. Indeed, no other individual history has been involved to a greater extent in...the progressive manifestation of western civilization." In this supplement to our Rosh Hashanah issue, we have asked several writers to explore the remarkable involvement of the Jewish people in the development of western civilization.

The Canadian Jewish news

SECTION B

Editorial

There is so very much to know

The focus of this Rosh Hashanah supplement is the Jewish contribution to the evolution of western civilization over the past 1,000 years.

It is a grand design, and indeed, a grand subject.

Realistically, of course, the following 48 newspaper pages are but the barest introduction to only a small part of the subject.

What is the connection between Rosh Hashanah and an inquiry, of sorts, into the changing of the millennium?

None. The millennium is a Christian calendar marking. It is not a Jewish one. Jews are marking a date – 5760 – that is more than two-thirds between the fifth and sixth millennium on the Jewish calendar.

This supplement is not about the millennium. The changing millennium is merely the excuse, a convenient backdrop. This supplement is about Jews.

Specifically, it is about the astonishing way in which the Jewish people has been involved in shaping the clay that stands today as the remarkable, multi-layered, ever-advancing edifice we call western civilization.

Though the subject is vast, not a great deal has been written about it in a systematic format.

Three works dominate the library shelves: *Jewish Contributions to Civilization, An Estimate*, Joseph Jacobs, Jewish Publication Society, 1919; *The Jewish Contribution to Civilization*, Cecil Roth, Macmillan and Co., Ltd., 1938; and *The Hebrew Impact on Western Civilization*, ed. Dagobert D. Runes, Citadel Press, 1951.

This is where Rashi studied during his adult life in the 11th century–his chapel in Worms, Germany.

Dr. Jacobs, unfortunately, did not live to see his work published. He died in 1916, a proud American Jew who wished merely "to point out the share of the Jews in the world's progress."

Prof. Roth wrote his magnificent work in 1937. Elegantly written and meticulously researched, it provides page after weighty page of eye-opening information. Roth's book is an eloquent, bold, composed response to the hate-filled screeds at the time of the Nazis and their bigoted supporters.

"This work is intended as a contribution towards the settlement of a discussion of long standing, which is now once again to the fore. It is alleged by modern anti-Semites (in order to justify a prejudice which, in these ostensibly tolerant times, they hesitate to base on theological grounds) that the Jew is essentially a middleman, who has produced nothing: that he is an alien excrescence on European life, and that the influence which he has had on western culture, during the pat two thousand years, has been entirely negative, if not deleterious."

Runes wrote his book after the destruction of European Jewry. His work is an anthology of six essays, each written by a different author, not all of them Jews. His introduction is an angry, anguished cri de coeur.

"The Western World has pulled some sordid jokes on the Jew. For almost 2,000 years they stopped him from owing land, and then they accused him of refusing to work it; they stopped him from bearing arms, and then they called him a coward; they kept him from their schools and laughed at his ignorance; they kept him from public office and the right to vote, and then they called him subversive and disloyal; they stopped him from engaging in anything but small trade, and then they referred to him sneeringly as an unmitigated tradesman; and some of the grand lords in the manors of the medieval ages used the Jews to administer their loan business, and then they called them usurers.

"This book will show to those who wish to learn that the Jew is a diligent farmer, an heroic soldier, a loyal servant of his people and an ardent scholar."

His voice virtually lifting off the page, Runes emotionally cries: "Perhaps the world needs to know more about the Jews."

Indeed, that is precisely why we have chosen to focus on the Jewish contribution to western civilization: so that the world, specifically the Jewish world, and more specifically the younger Jewish world, will know more about the Jews.

There is so very much to know. And it is so very important that they know.

We have assembled a strong roster of writers – thinkers, scholars, experts, and enthusiasts – who, metaphorically, only skip their pens across the glass-like surface of their respective subjects.

In a wonderfully poignant and appropriate conclusion to our themed essays, we publish an excerpt from the address delivered by Jacob M. Lowy on the occasion of the opening of the exhibition, some 18 years ago, of the invaluably precious collection of rare Incunabula, Hebraica and Judaica he donated to the National Library of Canada in Ottawa. The Lowy collection is a rare and breathtaking treasure, containing much of the very material referred to in the following essays.

The CJN publicly thanks the authors for their thoughtful and informative essays. Special thanks are extended to Henri Rothschild, president of the Canada-Israel Industrial Research and Development Foundation for contributing an essay and for helping to organize some of the others.

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Rosh Hashanah Greetings 5760

Overview of an epoch

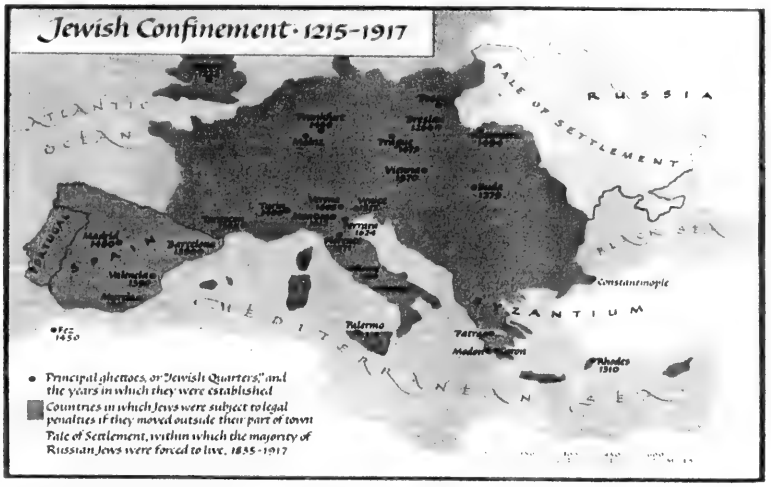
'Bloody bookends' mark millennium for Jews

By GIL TROY

As the western world celebrates the millennium, many Jews may refuse to partake in what they deem to be a Christian fiction. Yet we westerners live in a Christian world. All of us in North America tell Christian time. Even the most pious Jews, the most devout Muslims, the most skeptical atheists, date their current cheques with the secular year, marking 1999 years since Jesus' birth.

We can acknowledge the different calendars – and the arbitrary if clever ways humans tell time; we can reject both the doomsday scenarios and the – dare I say it – "millennial" expectations awaiting the secular new year. Still, as a people so rooted in history, we can benefit by contemplating what these past thousand years have meant for us and, alas, done to us.

Christians await their true millennium, a glorious thousand-year epoch promised in Revelations, when "Christ will reign on earth." In fact, many of Jesus' disciples reigned over much of the planet these past 1,000 years, with spotty results. The Crusades that began in 1096 and the Holocaust of 1939 to 1945 encase these past 10 centuries in bloody bookends. In between is a heartbreaking and outrageous catalogue of anti-Semitic expulsions, massacres, murders, decrees, injustices and insults.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Miraculously, Jews have not only survived but have thrived. The Jewish people have withstood their two recurring enemies: murderous hostility from without and an equally threatening indifference from within. It is a remarkable demonstration of historical fortitude – or sheer obstinacy. It is also a tribute to the Jewish people's secret ingredient for success: a unique and fluid combination of religion, nationalism and ethics that made Judaism transportable and durable. Our nationalism kept us rooted in our homeland and committed to each other; our religion and our ethics gave our community spiritual traction, intellectual coherence, and existential meaning.

We must never forget our ghastly past. And yet, we cannot become so embittered that we grant our oppressors posthumous victories: we cannot let them define our Judaism. The great historian Salo Baron repudiated the "lachrymose" – tear-stained – approach to Jewish history. The greater challenge is to avoid a tear-stained Jewish identity, one built on the perverse refusal to let the murderers win rather than on an exuberant embrace of our values, rituals and ideals. A quick triptych through these past 10 centuries suggests there is much to appreciate, much to contemplate.

In an astonishing array of venues, in all four corners of the world, Jews have carved out a particular role in history. With our strong ethical code, with our prickly insistence on keeping our faith, we have remained perennial outsiders – prophets, social critics, scolds, radicals and innovators. Yet, with our chameleon-like ability to blend in, with our keen instinct for sur-

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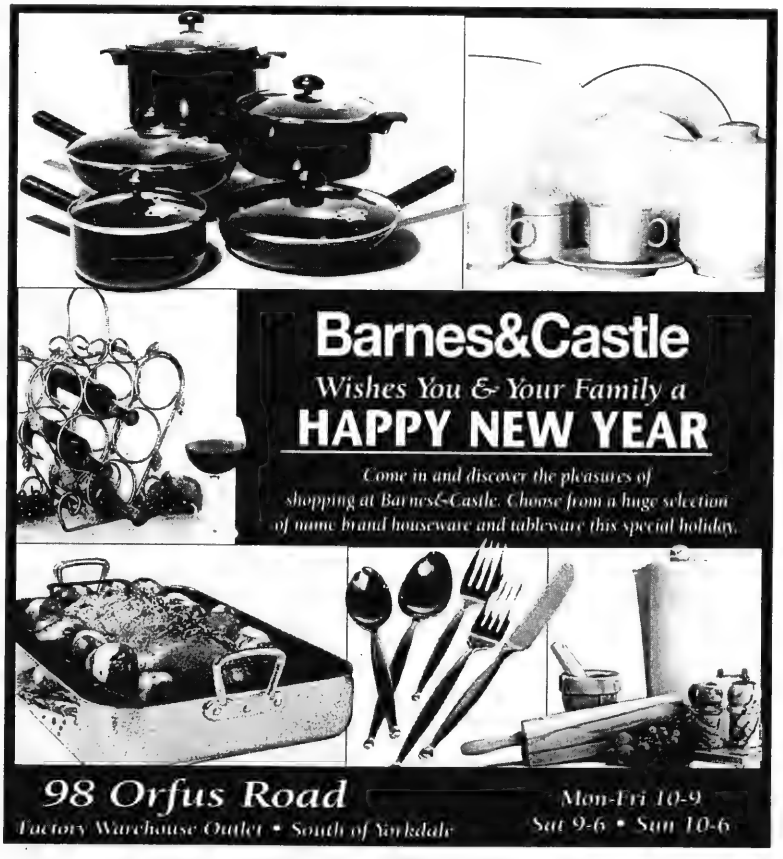
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Jews shared sense of peoplehood

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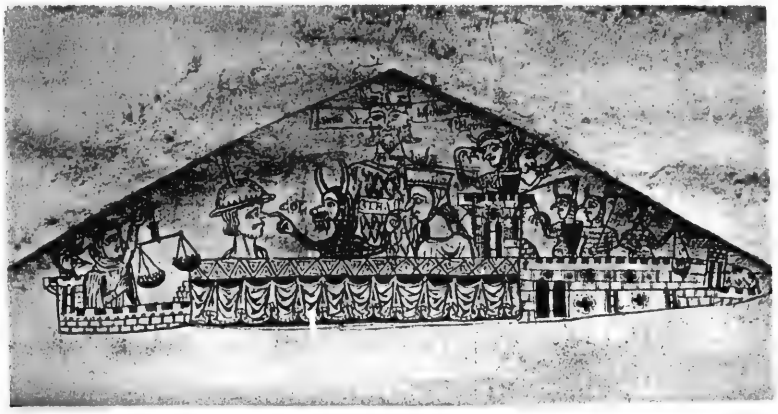
vival, we have also been the consummate insiders – advisors, courtiers, administrators, and careerists.

As a people apart, we have not feared to speak truth to power or break the mold. We have been intellectuals in the face of barbarism, modernists in the face of traditionalism, and, so often today, traditional moralists in the face of contemporary nihilism.

At the same time, as veritable nomads, we have often justified ourselves – and saved our skins – by being useful, by being "more Catholic than the Pope," when necessary. These cross-currents have indeed produced many Jewish geniuses over the millennium. We have not produced, however, "a Jewish genius," one "Jewish" way of doing things, one singular approach.

One thousand years ago, the Jews were a people in exile, scattered around the Mediterranean Basin. Most lived under Muslim rule, but the Arab caliphate was crumbling and Christianity's domain was expanding. The spiritual heart of the Jewish people remained Eretz Yisrael, even though Babylonian Jewry had dominated for centuries, Spanish Jewry was thriving, and the communities of Ashkenaz – roughly contemporary France and Germany – were growing.

Banned from many Islamic villages and the elaborate feudal structure of Christian Europe, Jews tended to live in towns. The kehilah, the community, served as the Jews' guild, offering an independent corporate structure that provided an identity. Jews had a whole range of jobs, but were renowned for their network of trading ties, their talents in administering imperial outposts, and their money-lending.



Caricature showing Medieval English Jews, Exchequer Issue Roll, 1233. Public Record Office, London

Despite the pain of exile, despite the palpable longing for Eretz Yisrael, few Jews doubted God, or God's special relationship with the "chosen people." Along with this abiding faith, Jews shared a common sense of national destiny and peoplehood, which their daily rituals and the outside world's hostility reinforced. Yet Jews, with all their insulation, were embedded in the world around them.

The earliest sketch of a medieval Jew – found in the margins of the Forest Roll of Essex England – caricatures a Jew's bushy hair, hooked nose and thick lips. The Jew wears a badge shaped like the two tablets, a reminder that many medieval communities forced Jews to wear some symbol, despite the canard that they all looked alike. At the same time, this reviled Jew, this supposed stranger, wears a medieval cloak like everyone else, testimony to his and his people's adaptability. This sketch, then, illustrates a central theme of Jewish history, the tension between otherness and belonging, as Jews struggled to remain distinct and join the world, just as their neighbors alternately welcomed and rejected them.

In Ashkenaz, the traumatic Crusades and the periodic expulsions fostered a cult of martyrdom, emphasizing the value of dying *al kiddush haShem* to sanctify God's Name. And the Jews' powerlessness would breed an instinctive obsequiousness and sense of resignation.

But even as the crusading thunder clouds gathered, some rays of light shone with brilliant scholarship, deeds of goodness, innovative ideas. Leading rabbis continued their centuries-old dialogue with the Bible, weaving commentaries, addressing contemporary dilemmas through responsa, and issuing takkanot, ordinances.

Rabbenu Gershom ben Judah (960-1028) "the Light of the Exile," outlawed polygamy and decreed – or is credited with having decreed – that a husband could not divorce his wife unilaterally. These far-reaching decisions harmonized the Jewish way of life with the Christian environment and solidified the monogamous family as the building block of Ashkenazi Jewry.

Ashkenazi culture would become renowned for its piety, its scholarship, its morality, its prosperity. This was a community led by great rabbis and fed by resourceful merchants. Drilling generations of Jews in the back-and-forth casuistic technique of *pilpul*

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Jewish centre shifted toward Christian world

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kept the people of the Book intellectually sharp and uniquely prepared for the mental gymnastics of first, the capitalist era, then, the information age.

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The rise of Ashkenazi Jewry shifted the Jewish centre of gravity toward the Christian world, despite the relatively benign attitude of Islam toward the Jews. As fellow "people of the book," Muslims deemed Jews *dhimmis*, protected people. The Jews established an elaborate communal hierarchy, with the exilarch the only Jewish authority Muslim rulers recognized. Under Islam, yeshivot had thrived, and many Jews had prospered.

The Jews of Muslim Spain did exceedingly well. They were poets, physicians, traders, military advisers, administrators and courtiers.

The poetry of Rabbi Yehudah Halevi (1074-1141), who sighed, "I am in the west, but my heart is in the east," in Israel, still casts its spell and defines the predicament of many contemporary Jews. Unlike many of his descendants, Halevi actually forsook the riches of the Diaspora for the Holy Land, the symbol of the enduring ties the exiled Jews cultivated with their homeland.

Despite its gradual military decline, the Islamic world still crackled with intellectual energy. The great Jewish philosopher and court physician, Moses ben Maimon (1135-1204), was very much a product of the Islamic world. Maimonides tried to reconcile his venerable faith with the Greek philosophy he and other Islamic scholars studied. Maimonides' rationalist approach provoked great controversy, yet still shapes Jewish thought. Nearly 800 years after his death, his 13 attributes of faith – the Yigdal – and his eight steps of charity continue to color what we believe and how we behave.

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Amazingly, such lasting intellectual achievements emerged despite the fragility of medieval life. Lifespans were short. Disease was rampant. The Black Death of 1348-49 decimated Europe and devastated the Jews who were scapegoated for this incomprehensible and uncontrollable epidemic. This turning point in medieval Jewish history would result in mass expulsions from the western lands. Many of the Jews of Ashkenaz would drift eastward toward the Kingdom of Poland and the Duchy of Lithuania, the next great centre of Jewish life.

The Black Death also doomed the Jews of Spain. Life in Christian Spain was less golden than life under the Muslims, though it was still good. But the bubonic plague emboldened the Jews' enemies, who spread lies about Jews poisoning the wells (in addition to desecrating the Host and harvesting the blood of young Christians).

This upheaval eventually spawned the infamous Inquisition and expulsion from Spain in 1492. Alas, as with the Jews of Poland in our own century, the tragic final chapter would eclipse good and important memories of centuries of creativity, prosperity, even power.

Some of the Jews fleeing the Inquisition sailed for the New World – presaging the rise of another great Jewish centre. But most of the Sephardim, the Spanish Jews, ended up living in the expanding Ottoman Empire, which in 1517 would conquer Eretz Yisrael. That Jews in mid-millennium found refuge in the relatively "backward" east from the supposedly more civilized west illustrates that, tragically, progress has not always been good for the Jews.

Painting broad, even gross, brush strokes of major migrations, large communities, leading figures, neglects the fact that life was lived on a small scale, in intimate settings. Most people rarely ventured more than five miles from their birthplaces in their entire lives. And in this pre-nationalist era, Jews defined themselves by their home towns more than by their regions or "countries."

To do real justice to Jewish life then (as now) we need to etch fine portraits of anonymous Jews who regularly set the Shabbat table, lit candles, prayed in shul, and went to the market, worked for a living, raised a family. This was the period in which the Jewish people not only kept the Shabbat but the Shabbat kept the Jewish people, emphasizing the interconnection between what we would now artificially distinguish as Judaism's religious and nationalist components. Most Jews lived Jewish lives. They, like us, yearned for "boredom," meaning safety, stability, regularity.

The Shulchan Aruch offers a lasting public symbol of these private acts of Jewish living. Hebrew for the "set table," this compilation of Sephardi customs reflects the comprehensiveness and timelessness of the Halachah, Jewish law. Compiled in 1555 by

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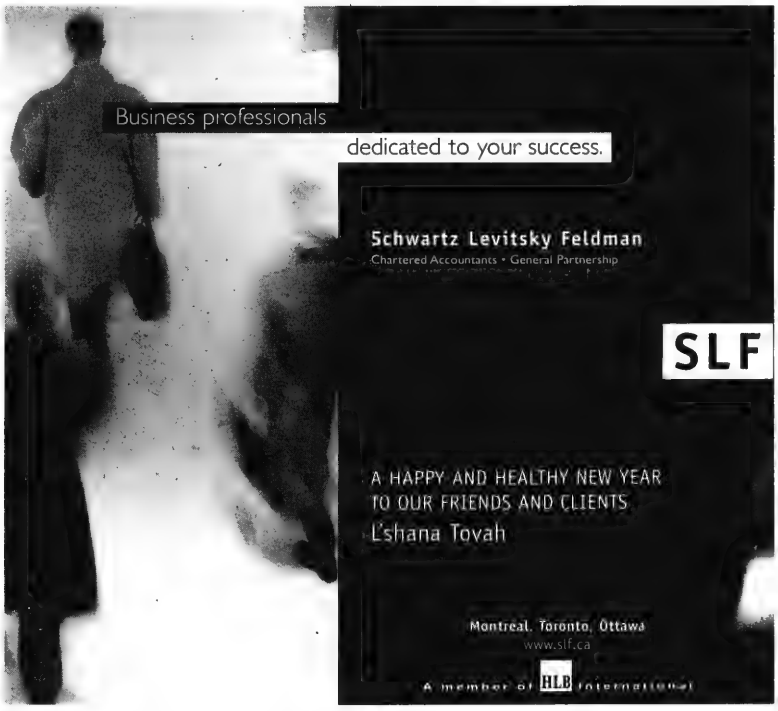

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Caro's *Shulchan Aruch* became the standard text

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Joseph Caro (1488-1575), who was born in the Balkans but lived in the holy city of Safed, the book remains the authoritative source for Jewish ritual practice. Rabbi Moses Isserles, the chief rabbi of Krakow, Poland, catalogued the contrasts between Ashkenazi and Sephardi ritual using Caro's work as his standard.

The resulting *mappah* or tablecloth, spread over the table of the *Shulchan Aruch*, acknowledged Caro's primacy, and was incorporated into subsequent editions for Ashkenazim.

Caro's adopted home of Safed flourished under Ottoman rule. It became a centre for the Jewish textile trade and for the mystical counterattack against Maimonidean rationalism. Kabbalists, mystics like Rabbi Isaac Luria (1534-1572), contemplated the mysteries of creation, of exile, of redemption, while emphasizing good deeds, asceticism and intensive prayer.

For Ha'Ari and his mystics, Shabbat was the weekly attempt to set the world right. Bedecked in white, they would beckon the Sabbath Queen amid the glorious hills of Galilee, singing "Come my beloved," Lecha Dodi, "Come O Bride," Bo'ee Kalah.

The Kabbalists grappled with the mystery of Jewish suffering, while seeking what moderns might call an authentic Judaism. Whatever successes Jews enjoyed, whatever autonomy their individual kehilot, communities, secured, whatever influence *shtadlanim* or intercessors held, all could vanish in a flash, as a result of forces beyond the Jews' control. When Catholicism underwent its own internal crisis during the Catholic counter-reformation of the 16th century, the Jews of Venice ended up in a ghetto, a new and particularly ugly invention.

One hundred and thirty years later, in 1648, when Bogdan Khmelnitski led a populist Cossack revolt against Polish nobles in the Ukraine, he massacred the local Jews. Jews wanted answers, which is why some turned to Kabbalah; they yearned for salvation, which is why some turned to false messiahs, most notably Shabbetai Zevi (1626-1676), who dazzled the Jewish masses until he betrayed them by converting to Islam in 1666.

The twin shocks of Khmelnitski and Sabbateanism shattered the Polish Lithuanian community. This tranquil community of scholars and merchants enjoyed great autonomy. The local governing structures of the kehilah, the community, institutionalized rabbinic authority, collected taxes, enforced order, and maintained schools, mikvot, yeshivot and synagogues. Bringing to life Jewish values of tzedakah, charity and klal Yisrael (Jewish sol-

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Sing-song of yeshiva learning characterized communities

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idarity), the communities looked out for the widowed, the orphaned, the sick and the poor.

During long stretches, throughout many lifetimes, the Jews of Poland and Lithuania led lives governed more by Halachah than by secular law, lives surrounded by fellow Jews and often characterized by minimal contact with the outside world, depending on one's livelihood.

These communities buzzed with the characteristic sing-song of yeshiva learning but began to grow intellectually stale. As the Renaissance, then the early Enlightenment, supplanted the Dark Ages, new ideas swirled throughout Europe. Protestantism nurtured the seeds of individualism, humanism and rationalism – and improved the Jews' lot in the Netherlands and England. As modern thought became centred on man not God, Jews would enjoy more freedom – and more pressure to jettison their own God-based way of life.

One of the first Jews to embrace this intellectual and political revolution was Baruch Spinoza (1632-1677), a Sephardi exile living in Amsterdam. In rejecting Jewish society – and being rejected by it – this creative philosopher did not adopt another religion; he became what so many of his descendants would try to become, a man of the world.

The Ba'al Shem Tov from *Heritage, Civilization and the Jews*

By the 18th century, with the seductions of modernity just beginning to beckon, with the insulated Jewish communities of eastern Europe withering intellectually and spiritually, a great civil war of words not swords ensued. A charismatic folk preacher, Israel ben Eliezer of Miedzyborz (1700-1760) sought to purge Judaism of its elitism, its casuistry, its stiffness. This Master of the Good Name, the *Baal Shem Tov*, captured the imagination of the Jewish masses with a revivalist chassidic movement that was ecstatic, populist, often deliciously primitive.

Opposing the Chassidim were the Mitnagdim, led by the brilliant Elijah of Vilna, the Vilna Gaon (1720-1797), a rationalist polymath who revitalized talmudic study, making it less pedantic and more informed by secular sciences and logic.

For all the bitterness between the Chassidim and the Mitnagdim, both camps remained rooted in tradition. Yet more and more Jews could flourish in the outside world, as the capitalist revolution began to judge people more by their economic skills than by their religious beliefs.

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Many Jews did assimilate

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figure of the Enlightenment, Moses Mendelssohn (1729-1786) shared that passion for renewal without the condescension. In Hebrew, the word for Enlightenment is Haskalah, the intellectual epoch, which emphasizes thought not light.

Hailed by his own people as the third great Moses, linked in a chain of genius with Maimonides and Moshe Rabbeinu, the parlor sophisticates of Berlin society toasted him as the "Jewish Socrates." A Maskil and an Orthodox Jew, Mendelssohn recognized the great intellectual promise of the Enlightenment. He was, however, less cognizant of the secular temptations that could bewitch his people and his own family. Mendelssohn's characteristically modern balancing act was idiosyncratic and not enduring. Two generations later, his grandson Felix, the Romantic composer, was raised as a Christian.

If Enlightenment presaged an intellectual and spiritual renaissance, emancipation promised political and social inclusion. Throughout western Europe, the newfound cult of the rights of man, the cries of liberty, equality and fraternity, invited Jews to join the mainstream.

But this invitation was a double-edged sword. As Jews learned from Napoleon's Sanhedrin of 1807, and throughout the 19th century, most enlightened Europeans expected that once Jews were emancipated from their ghettos, they would free themselves from their backward faith.

Moses Mendelssohn

While many Jews did assimilate – as they had been doing for centuries – most Jewish leaders concentrated on reforming Judaism not abandoning it. The ensuing theological crisis created the reigning trinity of contemporary Jewry: the Reform, Orthodox and Conservative movements.

All Jews today, from the most freethinking clean-shaven secularist to the most fundamentalist payes-wearing haredi, are children of the Enlightenment, balancing modernity and tradition. Most of us have embraced modernity and worship change; those who do not have been revolutionized by the fight against change, despite themselves.

Now, unlike in medieval times, the west was more hospitable to Jews than the east, the Christian world friendlier than the Muslim world – although Sephardi Jews who settled in North Africa and the Middle East were tolerated. Some western Jews now had unprecedented opportunities to shape the secular world around them.

Some, like Benjamin Disraeli of England (1804-1881) and Leon Blum of France (1872-1950) would even become prime ministers of their native lands. Others, like the secular prophets Karl Marx (1818-83), Sigmund Freud (1856-1939), and Albert Einstein (1879-1955) would transform modern politics, science and thought. Judaism delicately balanced the sanctity of the individual and of the community. In breaking out of the traditional structures, modern Jews would help father contradictory ideologies of intense individualism and blind communalism.

Unfortunately, the forces of liberalism, rationalism, individualism and nationalism also unleashed a new, virulent anti-Semitism. With

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New form of anti-Semitism was unleashed

Baron Lionel Nathan de Rothschild, 1835

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a peculiar resistance to any kind of logic, the new anti-Semite condemned the cosmopolitan Jews' enthusiastic embrace of modernity, and the traditional Jews' stiff-necked insistence on remaining distinct; the Jews' rapacious Rothschild capitalism and the Jews' radical Marxist socialism. This ugly movement, mixing elite abstractions with populist resentments, triggered pogroms in the east, and ultimately resulted in the west's signal contribution to the history of savagery, the German-made Holocaust.

The Jews' profound disappointment that enlightened Europe had not freed itself from its irrational Jew hatred, triggered the Zionist movement.

Guided by the reluctant visionary Theodor Herzl (1860-1904), Zionism revitalized the ancient messianic yearning for a return home from exile with a modern injection of liberal democratic nationalism. The result was a powerful but contradictory national liberation movement that established a European-oriented old-new land in the Middle East. The movement succeeded because it combined the legitimacy and intensity of a 4,000-year-old claim with the relevance and passion of a modern revolution.

Ironically, the Zionist backlash against European anti-Semitism triggered an Arab backlash that displaced Sephardi Jewry. In barely a decade, from Yemen to Syria, from Iran to Morocco, Jews expelled after hundreds of years of peaceful and prosperous living in Arab and North African countries found a home in Israel.

The Judaism these Sephardim practised for centuries was often more vital and less arid than the Ashkenazi variety, more focused on actions than abstractions.

The Zionism these refugees brought was less intellectual and more instinctive, less modern and more traditional. Half a century later, Israel is still struggling to synthesize the competing visions and fully integrate the different, occasionally quarrelsome yet ultimately deeply united communities.

The founding of Israel ends this millennium on a miraculous note. The historical wrong of two millennia ago – our expulsion from our homeland – has finally been righted. Modern Israel is an exciting, flourishing, Jewish democracy, the culmination of 4,000 years of civilization. Yet the majority of Jews today have not returned home. Even as Israel shines as the emotional and spiritual focal point of world Jewry, North America offers a competing vision.

If Israel represents the failure of enlightened Europe to accommodate the Jew, North America symbolizes the Enlightenment dream come true. North American Jewry has produced a disproportionate share of all-American heroes, great

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Jews making secular culture more creative

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jurists like Louis Brandeis, munificent entrepreneurs like Samuel Bronfman and influential activists like Betty Friedan.

What would popular culture be without such Jewish creations as Superman, CBS, MGM and Seinfeld? What would the music scene be without Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* and *America the Beautiful*, Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story*, Bob Dylan's *Blowin' in the Wind*? Maybe better, maybe worse, but certainly different.

As with the Golden Age of Muslim Spain, Jews during this Golden Age in enlightened North America enjoyed a creative symbiosis with their neighbors.

By contrast, when Jews enjoyed a golden age in Catholic countries, in Ashkenaz, in Poland, in Lithuania, a separation from their neighbors did the trick.

Under Islam in its heyday, both Jews and Muslims were rooted in a legal and national religious framework and shared a fascination with the outside world. Together, they developed secular arts such as philosophy and poetry, which in turn made Judaism more rationalist and humanist.

Similarly, in North America, Jews have built on the widespread commitment to liberty and equality, at once making the secular culture more creative, more critical, more just, and Judaism more flexible, more liberal, more pluralistic – for better and worse.

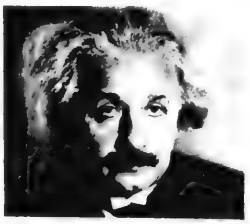
Alas, the power to fulfil this Enlightenment dream threatens to become an American Jewish nightmare. Most of us have shifted our orientation and are more modern than traditional, more secular than Jewish. It is telling that the influential Jews of centuries ago highlighted here shaped our Judaism, while most of the contemporary Jews mentioned shaped our secular surroundings.

The fleshpots of North America lure Jews into surrendering voluntarily what our ancestors risked death to keep: our heritage. One of the great gifts of North America is the opportunity to acquire amnesia, to forget who your people are and join the spoiled masses mindlessly devouring the latest consumer goods and entertainment packages.

This, then, will be the challenge of the next millennium – to maintain this remarkable, venerable, golden chain of ours by choice and not by fiat. We have survived millennia of massacres and mockery by being extraordinarily adaptable and unbelievably unyielding. Our ties to Eretz Yisrael, our faith in God, our sense of solidarity and our oversupply of daily, monthly, yearly rituals kept our Judaism alive. At the same time, as

Theodor Herzl

people of the Book, with a genius for synthesis, we did not restrict ourselves to our own Tanach and Talmud. We zestfully sifted, tasted, confronted, co-opted, revised and reinterpreted the central ideas of each epoch we lived in, each region we occupied. We are at once an eternal people and a historical people, protecting certain ideas, concepts, rituals from change, while also growing, developing, evolving with the natural flow of time.



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As Jews, we use our past to bring meaning to the present. When we study Torah, we hark back to Sinai; when we usher in the Shabbat with Lecha Dodi, we return to Safed; when we shout, "We are one" or save Ethiopian Jews, we reject the Holocaust; when we support the State of Israel, we acknowledge that the Land of Israel has kept and still keeps Jews united.

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Écrivains du XXe siècle

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La présence juive dans la littérature est si immense, si complexe, si diverse qu'il importe, d'entrée de jeu, de procéder à annoncer les limites de cet article.

Pour un Juif qui pratique le Livre, tout est dit dans la Bible et tout écrit postérieur ne peut qu'en être le commentaire ou l'éloge. Or, au cours de leur histoire, les Juifs ont dû faire face à une adversité quand ce n'était pas à une entreprise de haine et de destruction. Aussi, l'écrivain juif, et je m'en tiendrais au siècle qui se termine, a dû tenir compte de plusieurs éléments Parmi les grandes figures qui ont bouleversé la littérature occidentale du vingtième siècle, les Juifs occupent une place éminente. Je songe d'abord à Franz Kafka, puis à Marcel Proust qui, tout en n'étant que de mère juive, a amplement évoqué dans "À la recherche du temps perdu" le milieu juif parisien du début du siècle. Le troisième nom qui me vient à l'esprit est celui de Sigmund Freud. Il est certes reconnu comme le fondateur de la psychanalyse et s'est présenté lui-même comme savant. Cependant, ses écrits sur les civilisations, sur la culture et surtout son livre Moïse et le monothéisme le classent parmi les grands écrivains et penseurs du siècle.

Il y eut des écrivains qui, tout en étant d'origine juive, n'ont point abordé dans leurs écrits des thèmes qui touchent les Juifs ou le judaïsme. En France, ce fut, par exemple, le cas de Tristan Bernard et d'André Maurois.

Parmi les écrivains qui se sont présentés en tant que Juifs et qui ont évoqué le monde juif dans leurs oeuvres, je voudrais citer deux Séfarades: Elias Canetti (Prix Nobel de littérature) et Albert Cohen. Tous deux, chacun à sa manière, ont mis en lumière l'état des choses sans refuser implicitement de proposer une défense et une illustration de la vie juive dans notre siècle. Face à un monde constamment menacé par la barbarie, ils persistaient à affirmer une volonté de vivre. En dépit de la montée des monstres, le judaïsme qu'ils évoquaient refusait de mourir et fournissait des lueurs d'espoir à un monde à la dérive.

La présence juive s'est affirmée dans une diversité de pays et de langues. Mentionnons d'abord les langues où le judaïsme se trouve d'emblée chez lui: le yiddish et l'hébreu. De Shalom Aleikeim à Isaac Bachevis Singer, sans oublier les écrivains de Montréal, les J.A. Segal, Melekh Ravitch et Rachel Korn, tout au long du siècle, ces écrivains yiddish ont révélé aux autres Juifs la vie de leurs sociétés tout en faisant découvrir au monde les figures, les visages qui, dans leur noblesse ou leur misère, expriment un particularisme qui atteint l'universel. Cette littérature appartient malheureusement désormais à l'histoire car la Shoah a emporté cette civilisation et a fait taire la grande majorité des locuteurs de cette langue.

Bien avant la naissance de l'État d'Israël, des écrivains avaient renoué des liens avec la langue de la Bible. Ben Yéhouda l'a dotée d'une grammaire moderne qui lui ouvrait les portes du siècle tout en conservant sa splendeur intemporelle. Bialik, Agnon entre autres furent les bâtisseurs de l'État bien avant sa naissance. Au cours des dernières cinquante années, nous avons assisté à l'éclosion puis à l'épanouissement d'une littérature israélienne qui replace le judaïsme au coeur du quotidien mais aussi au centre des conflits de notre temps.

Dans son implication naturelle dans le judaïsme, la littérature israélienne décrit la vie d'un peuple aux prises avec la modernité, la technologie, un peuple qui subit l'hostilité de ses voisins. Des poètes comme Haïm Gouri, Yéhouda Amichai, des romanciers comme David Shahar, A.B. Yéhochoua, Amos Oz, David Grossmann sont des voix qui, à travers un pays, disent l'humanité.

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Les Juifs dans la littérature du XXe siècle

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nombre d'écrivains juifs de divers pays: Ernst Toller en Allemagne, Jean-Richard Bloch en France, Howard Fast aux États-Unis, sans parler de ceux de l'URSS, Isaac Babel, Ilya Ehrenbourg, Vassily Grossmann, ainsi que les victimes du stalinisme, Ossip Mandelstam, et de nombreux écrivains yiddish.

En France, alors que lors de l'affaire Dreyfus, l'antisémitisme faisait rage, Bernard Lazare et André Spire ont fait entendre la voix des Juifs. Ils furent suivi par les antifascistes Julien Benda et Emmanuel Berl et par ceux qui redécouvraient les richesses de leur héritage, Edmond Fleg, Claude Vigée, et surtout Emmanuel Lévinas qui allait jouer un rôle essentiel dans le renouveau de la pensée juive en France et dans le monde.

Même quand ils expriment leur judaïsme, les écrivains épousent le plus souvent les traditions linguistiques et culturelles de leurs pays. Ainsi, avant sa décadence et sa destruction par les nazis, la culture de l'Europe centrale, ayant comme centre Vienne, avait comme têtes d'affiche des Juifs comme Karl Kraus et Hermann Bloch.

En Grande-Bretagne, avant de devenir le premier ministre de la Reine Victoria, Benjamin Disraéli qui a poussé son intégration à l'Empire jusqu'au point de changer de religion, fut d'abord un écrivain qui ne reniait pas son origine séfarade. La diversité interne du Royaume Uni a permis à des écrivains aussi différents que le sioniste Israël Zangwill, le philosophe Isaiah Berlin et plus tard, les dramaturges Arnold Wesker et Harold Pinter de faire entendre des voix particulières qui s'inséraient dans l'ensemble. Ainsi, même Pinter ne fait pas mention dans ses pièces de son origine juive, ses descriptions de hiérarchies sociales, surtout en ce

Saul Bellow

qui a trait aux niveaux de langue, indiquent une perception qui est, comme dans le cas de nombreux écrivains juifs, un point de rencontre entre une tradition particulière et la culture du pays.

C'est aux États-Unis qu'un tel point de rencontre fut si riche qu'on est tenté de le qualifier comme exemplaire. Au dix-neuvième siècle déjà la poétesse Emma Lazarus a chanté l'accueil de l'Amérique aux pauvres, aux assoiffés de liberté. Il a fallu attendre trois générations pour que ce qu'on a appelé l'école juive de New York atteigne un sommet de la littérature américaine et universelle. Son chef de file, Saul Bellow est un natif de Lachine au Québec. L'un de ses membres, Bernard Malamud, a dit, sans vantardise, que, d'après lui, tout Américain est Juif car le judaïsme est un humanisme qui imprègne l'Occident. Philip Roth, qui est indiscutablement l'un des grands romanciers contemporains, a exposé les difficultés auxquelles l'écrivain juif est confronté. Toute critique qu'il adresse à sa communauté est considérée, par une minorité vilipendée par les antisémites, comme une menace, de l'eau versée au moulin de l'ennemi. La liste des écrivains juifs américains est longue et prestigieuse: Lionel Trilling, Leslie Fiedler, Susan Sontag, Norman Mailer, Cynthia Ozick, liste qui se poursuit avec Jerome Charyn et Paul Auster.

L'importance numérique de la communauté juive américaine joue un rôle dans la présence des Juifs dans la littérature ainsi que dans les divers domaines intellectuels, mais aussi la liberté offerte par ce pays à tous les immigrants d'appartenir au pays sans nier leurs origines explique leur présence.

Au Canada, les écrivains juifs ont connu une même liberté, une semblable ouverture. On peut dire qu'ils n'ont pas failli à leur rôle et ont donné à la culture du pays une dimension supplémentaire. Imprégné de la lecture de la Bible et des lettres yiddish, A.M. Klein était aussi un grand admirateur de James Joyce. Son oeuvre poétique, son roman "Le deuxième rouleau" sont des textes importants de la littérature canadienne. Montréalais, Klein fut l'un des premiers à souhaiter puis à tenter de concevoir, sur le plan littéraire, un Canada qui comprendrait, dans l'égalité, toutes ses dimensions, toutes ses parties, toutes ses cultures et d'abord le Québec francophone, l'héritage britannique et le judaïsme.

Montréal fut un terreau juif de taille. En plus des écrivains yiddish, les poètes Irving Layton, Leonard Cohen, le romancier Mordecai Richler sont des écrivains juifs et canadiens de première importance. Les écrivains juifs furent présents ailleurs au Canada: Adele Wiseman, Miriam Waddington originaires du Manitoba, Eli Mandel, natif d'Erivan, Saskatchewan et longtemps professeur à Toronto.

Jusqu'à récemment, les écrivains juifs du Canada étaient exclusivement de langues yiddish et anglaise mais désormais les portes du français s'ouvrent et les Juifs commencent à affirmer leur présence dans cette langue aussi.

Le philosophe Adorno a écrit qu'après Auschwitz il n'est plus possible d'écrire. La Shoah a emporté la majorité des Juifs européens. On continue certes à écrire mais ce n'est plus de la même manière. Une littérature d'outre-tombe existe et dit en même temps l'impossibilité d'écrire et la nécessité de célébrer la mémoire des disparus. De la part des survivants, rappeler l'assassinat des innocents est aussi une façon de leur rendre justice. Les poèmes de Paul Celan, les textes de Primo Lévi, d'Élie Wiesel, d'Anna Langfus, d'André Schwarz-Bart disent à la fois la tragédie et la mémoire. C'est une littérature qui rejoint la prière aux morts qui, dans le judaïsme, est une prière aux vivants.

La mémoire séfarade existe aussi. Car, sans être massacrés, les Juifs du Moyen-Orient et d'Afrique du Nord furent déplacés, chassés, acculés au départ. Leur mémoire est douloureuse même si le rappel de l'origine recèle le sentiment de perte et s'imprègne de nostalgie. Qu'ils écrivent en français comme Albert Memmi ou en hébreu comme Sami Mikhaël, ils rappellent la disparition de sociétés, de cultures qui, heureusement, se poursuivent ailleurs, en Israël, en France, au Canada en se transformant, en empruntant d'autres avenues.

Pour les écrivains juifs, le siècle qui se termine fut le plus tragique, le plus mouvementé mais aussi le plus riche. En dépit de l'appel des barbares à leur mort, de la volonté des totalitarismes de les détruire, les voix des écrivains juifs persistent et ils ne furent jamais aussi nombreux pour dire le judaïsme, qui est une manière d'exprimer l'humanisme.

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Jews and literature

An immense presence

By NAÏM KATTAN

The Jewish presence in literature is so immense, so complex, so diverse, that it is important, from the outset, to state the limits of this article.

For a Jew who follows the Bible, everything has been said in that Book, and subsequent writing can only be a commentary on it or praise it.

Throughout their history, Jews have had to face adversity, if not outright hatred or destruction. Thus, the Jewish writer in this century has had to take several things into consideration.

Jewish writers are among the distinguished figures who totally changed 20th-century western literature. I think first of Franz Kafka; then of Marcel Proust, whose mother was Jewish and who evoked in *A la recherche du temps perdu* the Jewish milieu of Paris at the beginning of the century.

The third name that comes to mind is Sigmund Freud, who is recognized as the father of psychoanalysis and said of himself that he was a scientist. However, his writing on civilizations, on culture, and especially his book, *Moses and Monotheism*, classify him among the great writers and thinkers of the century.

Some writers, although they were of Jewish origin, did not, in their writing, touch on Jewish themes. This was the case in France, for example, with Tristan Bernard and André Maurois.

Among the writers who did present themselves as Jews and who evoked the Jewish world in their works, I would like to name two Sephardim: Elias Canetti, who won the Nobel Prize for literature, and Albert Cohen. Both men, each in his own way, shed light on the modern world, while providing an illustration of Jewish life in our century. Faced with a world constantly threatened by barbarism, they persisted in affirming a will to live. Despite the rise of monsters, the Judaism they evoked refused to die, and provided glimmers of hope in a world adrift.

The Jewish presence has asserted itself in many different countries and languages. First, there are the languages that are intrinsically part of Judaism: Yiddish and Hebrew. Throughout the century, from Shalom Aleichem to Isaac Bashevis Singer, and including Montreal writers J.A. Segal, Melech Ravitch and Rachel Korn, Yiddish writers have shown other Jews what life was like in their own communities. At the same time, they introduced to the world characters who, in their nobility or their misfortune, express a universal sense of identity.

This literature, unfortunately, now belongs to history, for the Shoah carried off that civilization and silenced the vast majority of speakers of that language.

Well before the birth of the State of Israel, writers had again begun to use the language of the Bible. Eliezer ben Yehudah endowed it with a modern grammar that made it more accessible to the modern world while still maintaining its timeless splendor. Chaim Nachman Bialik and Samuel J. Agnon, among others, were the builders of the state, well before its birth.

In the last 50 years, we have witnessed the birth and the blossoming of an Israeli literature that places Judaism at the heart of everyday life, and at the same time, at the core of the conflicts of our time.

In its natural involvement with Judaism, Israeli literature describes the life of a people dealing with modernity and technology, a people subjected to the hostility of its neighbors. Poets such as Chaim Gouri, Yehuda Amichai, and novelists such as David Shahar, A.B. Yehoshua, Amos Oz and David Grossman are voices that speak of humanity.

The dream of equality and universal justice proposed by Karl Marx, a convert to Christianity and grandson of a rabbi, inspired several Jewish writers from various countries: Ernst Toller in Germany, Jean-Richard Bloch in France and Howard Fast in the United States, as well as those from the former Soviet Union, Isaac Babel, Ilya Ehrenburg, Vassily Grossmann, and the victims of Stalinism, Ossip

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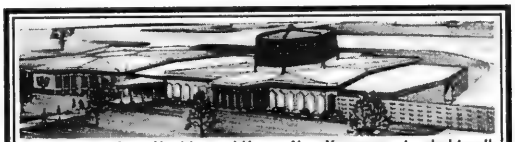

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Writers espoused their own linguistic, cultural traditions

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Mandelstam, and several Yiddish writers.

In France, at the time of the Dreyfus affair, when anti-Semitism was raging, Bernard Lazare and André Spire made sure the Jewish voice was heard. They were followed by anti-fascists Julien Benda and Emmanuel Berl, and by writers who were rediscovering the richness of their heritage – Edmond Fleg, Claude Vigée, and most notably, Emmanuel Lévinas, who was to play an essential role in the revival of Jewish thought in France and in the world.

Even when they were expressing their Judaism, writers generally espoused the linguistic and cultural traditions of their own countries. Thus, before its decline and destruction by the Nazis, the culture of central Europe, with Vienna as its centre, had as leaders Jews such as Karl Kraus and Hermann Bloch.

In Great Britain, Queen Victoria's prime minister, Benjamin Disraeli, who was assimilated to the point of changing his religion, was primarily a writer who did not deny his Sephardi origin. The diversity within the United Kingdom enabled writers as different as Zionist Israel Zangwill, philosopher Isaiah Berlin and later, dramatists Arnold Wesker and Harold Pinter to be heard as distinctive voices that became part of the whole. Although Pinter does not mention his Jewish origins in his plays, his descriptions of social hierarchies, especially with regard to levels of language, indicate a perception that is – as is the case with a number of Jewish writers – a meeting point between a specific tradition and the culture of the country.

In the United States, this kind of meeting point was so rich that one is tempted to use it as exemplary. In the 19th century, Emma Lazarus was already writing about the welcome America gives to the tired, the poor, the "huddled masses yearning to be free."

It took three generations for what has been called the Jewish school of New York to reach the summit of American and universal literature. Its leader, Saul Bellow, is a native of Lachine, Que. One of its members, Bernard Malamud, has said that, according to him, every

Primo Levi

American is Jewish because Judaism s a humanism that permeates the west.

Philip Roth, who is indisputably one of the great contemporary novelists, has described the difficulties faced by the Jewish writer.

The list of Jewish American writers is long and distinguished: Lionel Trilling, Leslie Fiedler, Susan Sontag, Norman Mailer, Cynthia Ozick, as well as Jerome Charyn and Paul Auster.

The sheer size of the American Jewish community plays a role in the presence of Jews in literature, as in many intellectual fields, but another factor is the freedom that the United States gives all its immigrants.

In Canada, Jewish writers have known the same freedom, a similar openness. It can be said that they succeeded in giving the culture of the country an additional dimension. Steeped in the Bible and Yiddish writing, A.M. Klein was also a great admirer of James Joyce. His poetry and his novel, *The Second Scroll*, are important works of Canadian literature. A Montrealer, Klein was one of the first to wish for and then to try to conceive of a body of literature in Canada that would be made up equally of all its dimensions, all its cultures, beginning with francophone Quebec, British heritage and Judaism.

Montreal was a major Jewish centre. In addition to the Yiddish writers, Montreal produced poets Irving Layton and Leonard Cohen, and novelist Mordecai Richler, who are Canadian Jewish writers of primary significance.

Jewish writers have also come from other parts of Canada: Adele Wiseman and Miriam Waddington from Manitoba; Eli Mandel from Erivan, Sask., a longtime protessor in Toronto.

Until recently, Jewish writers in Canada were exclusively Yiddish and English speaking, but now French is also beginning to make its voice heard.

Philosopher Theodor Adorno wrote that after Auschwitz, it is no longer possible to write. The Shoah took the majority of European Jews. We certainly continue to write, but no longer in the same way. There is a literature from the other side of the grave, which speaks at the same time, of the impossibility of writing and the necessity of celebrating the memory of those who have died. For survivors, recalling the assassination of the innocents is also a way to do them justice.

The poems of Paul Celan and the texts of Primo Levi, Elie Wiesel, Anna Langfus and Andre Schwarz-Bart speak at the same time of tragedy and memory. It is a literature that serves as a prayer for the dead, which, in Judaism, is a prayer for the living.

There is also Sephardi memory, for, without being massacred, the Jews of the Middle East and North Africa were displaced, chased, driven away, at the outset. Their memory is painful, even if the recollection of their origin conceals their feeling of loss and is filled with nostalgia. Whether they write in French like Albert Memmi, or in Hebrew like Sami Mikhaël, they recall the disappearance of societies and cultures which fortunately are still to be found elsewhere – in Israel, in France, in Canada – where they are being transformed by borrowing from other avenues.

For Jewish writers, the century that is ending has been the most tragic, the most momentous, but also the richest. Despite the barbarous calls for their death, despite the will of totalitarian states to destroy them, the voices of Jewish writers persist, and there have never been so many to speak of Judaism, which is a way of expressing humanism.

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Jews and art

Inspired by geography, culture

By LEAH GOLDBERG and ELIZHEVA HURVICH

The question of what constitutes Jewish art has puzzled scholars for years. "The conception of Jewish Art may appear to some a contradiction in terms," wrote Cecil Roth in his *Introduction to Jewish Art: An Illustrated History* (1961).

Is there such a thing as Jewish art? Is it the depiction of Jewish subjects? Must there be particular Jewish iconography or symbolism to qualify the art as Jewish? Is it the work of Jewish artists?

Jewish involvement in the visual arts has always been inspired and influenced by the geographical and cultural milieu in which the artist resided. However, it was only in the 19th century that Jews began to emerge as important contributors and innovators in the general development of western art.

A look at the place of art in Judaism must begin with an examination of the second commandment given to the people of Israel at Mount Sinai:

"Thou shalt not make for thyself any carved idol, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth." (Exodus 20:4)

This verse is often regarded as problematic. There are two ways to understand this commandment. It can be interpreted as either a prohibition against creating idols for worship or as a prohibition against representative art in general. This verse has often been used to explain why Jews do not have a long tradition of art production.

In fact, this interpretation of the second commandment is not consistent with the historical reality. Indeed, there is no evidence of a comprehensive ban on the production of art by Jews. Throughout the ages, Jews have been active, to some degree, in the creative arts.

Mezuzot, Torah curtains (*parochet*), kiddush cups and spice boxes are just a few examples of Jewish art objects used to adorn and enhance Jewish ritual practice. We call these objects, which are employed in the home and in houses of worship, Judaica. Judaica has been produced continuously for centuries by communities around the world and is easily recognizable as Jewish art.

Another well-known form of Jewish art is manuscripts, including Passover Haggadot, ketubot (marriage contracts), and scrolls of Esther. These works are frequently elaborate, with decorative lettering, illustrations or illuminations. All of the above examples of Judaica were produced both for utilitarian purposes and for the sake of *hiddur mitzvah*.

Hiddur mitzvah involves the design, creation and use of beautiful and artistic objects in the active observance of God's commandments. Two biblical sources that discuss hiddur mitzvah include Moses' song in Exodus 15:2 and Psalm 29:2. It is also discussed in the Talmud in Shabbat 133b and Sukkah 11b which explain that one should use a beautiful sukkah, etrog, lulav, shofar and tallit; and a Torah scroll written with fine ink, with a good pen, by a skilled scribe, and bound in fine silks. The effort to create attractive ceremonial objects for use in the observance of the commandments has inspired artists throughout the ages.

Judaica is an esthetic expression of material culture, the material evidence of our physical circumstances, or the "stuff" of everyday Jewish life. Just as archeologists reconstruct and explore the lifestyles, habits and culture of peoples through the material goods found in excavations, art historians can examine the diversity of Jewish material culture by examining the objects found in various Jewish communities.

But material culture is not restricted to Judaica. It also encompasses the broader study of Jewish identity and ethnography. It includes, but is not limited to, Jewish newspapers, recipe books, bar mitzvah invitations, wedding dresses and ephemera (paper tickets, invitations, programs and playbills) from Jewish cultural events.

While the Jews have a rich tradition of Judaica and material culture, the field of Jewish fine art is arguably the least definitive and the most difficult to discern. To do so, one must explore the historical development of the Jewish contribution to the fine arts.

Moritz Oppenheim (1800-1882), is generally regarded as the first modern Jewish artist. His painting, *Return of the Jewish Volunteer from the Wars of Liberation to His Family Still Living According to the Old Customs*, (1833-34), is a historical genre painting.

Like many of the paintings produced in this time, Oppenheim's work shows a detailed view into a

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Moriz Oppenheim's *Return of the Jewish Volunteer from the Wars of Liberation to his Family Still Living According to Old Customs* (1833-1834)

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Jews began to revive ideal of Jewish nationhood

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private home and the use of the popular theme of the army volunteer. Oppenheim elaborates on the prevalent style among his contemporaries, but infuses conspicuously Jewish subject matter. The hanging Sabbath lamp (the *Judenstern*), the Kiddush cup, boys wearing kippot and the father's open prayer book identify this scene as a Jewish home. The sense of pride in Jewish participation in the military efforts of their country of residence is seen in the father's face, as he looks at his son's iron cross.

The fusion of secular and Jewish iconography in this painting attests to the artist's conviction that Jews were capable of dual allegiance. Accusations surrounding "dual loyalties" had been used historically by authorities to prevent Jews from attaining full legal and civil rights.

"Oppenheim's portraits mirror the choices open to the Jews in Germany during this period, and show his involvement with those who made these choices," writes art historian Gabrielle Sed-Rajna in her comprehensive work, *Jewish Art*, published in 1997.

In fact, Oppenheim's work also appealed to a broader audience. According to Sed-Rajna, "Christians were curious about the mores and religion of those *exotic* Jews who were occupying an increasingly important role in German public life." Thus, Oppenheim's art aptly captured the mood of the political and ideological movements, Enlightenment and Emancipation, which removed traditional restrictions against the Jews.

No longer were Jews confined to their ghettos and self-contained kehilot, they were now permitted to enter into mainstream society. This work visually records the convergence of the Jewish and secular worlds and reflects the Jews' increasingly important status in German society, thus marking the introduction of a new modern period.

The challenge of defining Jewish art re-emerged in the late 19th century. Under the influence of the prevailing nationalist spirit in Europe, Jews began to revive their own ideal of Jewish nationhood in Eretz Yisrael.

The answer to the call by Jewish leaders to express the revived Zionist spirit and to unite the ingathering from the disparate Jewish world, came from the Russian sculptor and painter Boris Schatz (1866-1932).

Boris Schatz

Schatz left his professional post in Bulgaria, where he had worked to revive Bulgarian arts and crafts, to pioneer a new Jewish art. In 1903, Schatz met with Theodor Herzl to propose the founding of a national school for Jewish art. He was instrumental in the founding of the Bezalel School of Arts and Crafts which opened in 1906 in Jerusalem.

Named after the biblical artisan who was entrusted to build God's Tabernacle, this school provided visual expressions of the Zionist ideal of the Jewish return to the homeland. The Bezalel school also trained workers with useful craft skills to enable them to bring money into the impoverished Jewish settlements.

Workshops conducted at Bezalel included carpet weaving, wood carving, embroidery, decorative painting and Yemenite silver work. Iconographically, the school advocated the depiction of biblical scenes and images of the flora and fauna indigenous to the Holy Land. Modelled after Islamic arabesque and European Art Nouveau, the Hebrew alphabet became a popular decorative motif.

The works of artists from the Bezalel school were a new form of Jewish art.

During the second half of the 20th century, many American Jews were a visible presence in the art world. Some of the more prominent artists include Mark Rothko, Helen Frankenthaler, Morris Lewis, and Franz Kline.

Jewish figures also emerged as leading critics and scholars, such as Meyer Schapiro, Harold Rosenberg and Clement Greenberg.

Greenberg was a major figure in the history of modern art criticism. With the rise of Abstract Expressionism in the 1950s, this American Jew became a critical voice for form above content, which is to say that the materials, the paint and the canvas, the shapes of the images, the sheer energy of the colors and forms became the significant aspect of the work, not the story or the psychological truths they might reveal.

Although Greenberg was a Jew, he did not concede that Jewish artists needed to produce anything particularly Jewish. Greenberg addressed issues of self-criticism in modern paintings. He did not deal with his own Jewish background nor with Jewish art in general. Instead, he asserted an assimilationist position which was very popular among Jewish artists and historians of the time. It has been suggested that this conscious

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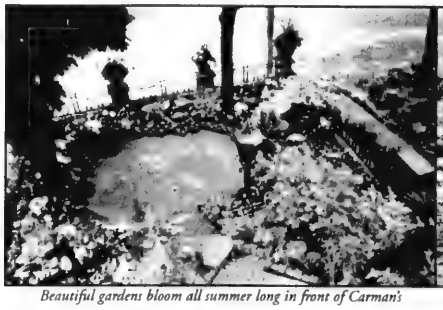

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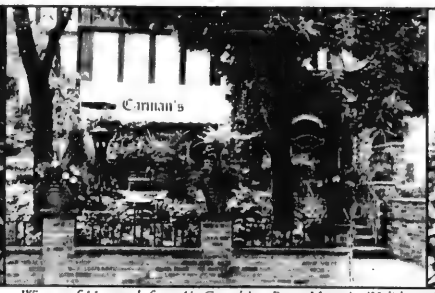

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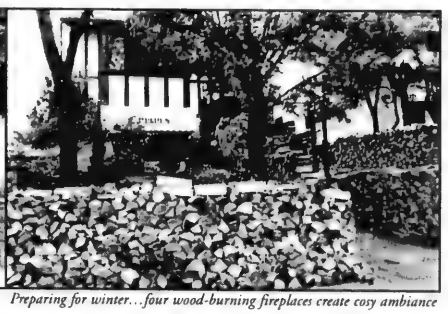

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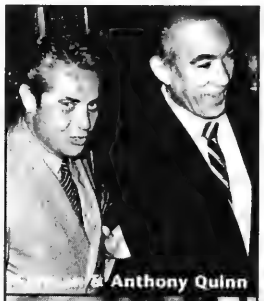

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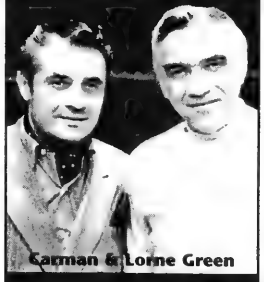

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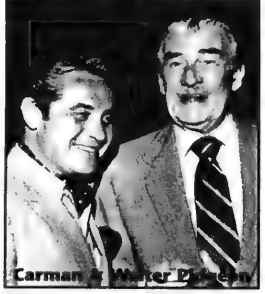

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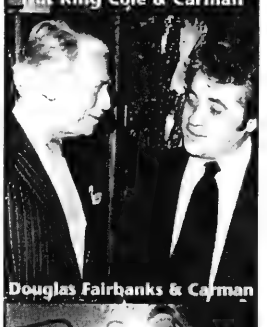

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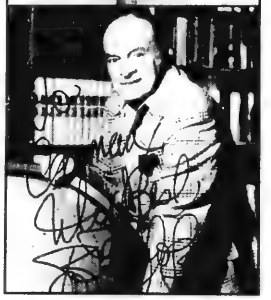

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Jewish involvement in the fine arts

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omission conformed to the post-Holocaust model of Jews trying to demonstrate their American rather than their Jewish identity.

The discussion of Jewish involvement in the fine arts is not restricted to painting. There are numerous examples of Jewish sculptors, lithographers, engravers, filmmakers, and artists in various other media.

One famous photographer was Diane Nemerov Arbus (1923-1971). From the 1960s on, Arbus became preoccupied with photographing freaks, social misfits, the disturbed and the physically deformed. *The Jewish Giant at Home with His Parents in the Bronx, 1970* is an example of Arbus' subject matter.

In the last decade, exhibitions such as *Too Jewish? Challenging Traditional Identities* at the Jewish Museum in New York in 1996 have facilitated the renewed discussion of who is a Jewish artist and what is Jewish art.

Recently, art historian Catherine M. Soussloff edited *Jewish Identity in Modern Art History* (1999), a comprehensive study of Jewish identity and its meaning for the history of art and its related discourses.

Marc Chagall

To train a new generation of scholars and curators in this exciting and blossoming field, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America has devised a multi-disciplinary graduate program. In partnership with the Jewish Museum and Columbia University, students engage in rigorous scholarship in the areas of Jewish studies, Jewish art and material culture, and art history, and are afforded practical training in a museum setting.

The broad study of Jewish art is intimately connected to and dependent on an understanding of the history of the Jews and of art history in general. Over time, Jewish art has moved from hiddur mitzvah, the beautification of the performance of the mitzvot, to expressing the multiplicity of hopes, dreams and experiences that comprise Jewish life.

As a testament to the acceptance of Jews into mainstream society over the last two centuries, Jews have made many significant contributions to western art as patrons, artists, historians, dealers and critics. Looking towards the future, the world of Jewish art will assuredly continue to enrich Jewish lives, challenge existing conventions and boundaries and expand in its scope and influence.

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Jews and modern thought

Ideas entered the west indirectly

By RABBI SOL TANENZAPF

Western civilization in general, and western philosophic thought in particular, have been profoundly influenced by the Jews and by the Greeks. Matthew Arnold wrote, correctly, I think: "Hebraism and Hellenism – between these two points of influence moves our world."

It is difficult to sort out the Jewish influence from that of the Greeks, because Jewish ideas reached Europe in Greek translation. The ideas of the Greeks entered western thought indirectly, through the Romans and the Christians. The ideas of the Jews entered western thought indirectly, through the Christians and the Muslims. The ideas of the Jewish Bible about God, about human nature and human destiny, about the structure of the physical universe and about the meaning of history, are foundational to European civilization, as are its ethical ideals of justice and kindness, of the rights and dignity of the individual, and of equality before the law. However, the concept of a single cosmos and of an orderly universe, of nature governed by laws that can be grasped by the human mind, derives from both sources.

It would be somewhat artificial to separate these two strands into what was originally Greek and what was originally Jewish, since much of western thought is an attempt to weave the two strands together. Alfred North Whitehead said, "Subsequent speculation moves between these two extremes, seeking their reconciliation." In this, as in most other matters, the history of western thought consists in the attempted fusion of ideas that in their origin are predominantly Hellenic, with ideas that in their origin are predominately Semitic.

It is easier to talk about the influence of individual thinkers on the development of western philosophical thought than it is to talk about the impact of foundational ideas.

The two Jewish thinkers who most influenced the history of western philosophy in ancient and medieval times are undoubtedly Philo of Alexandria and Rabbi Moses Maimonides. These are Jewish thinkers, not just Jews who philosophize: both Philo and Maimonides write from within the circle of Jewish faith, and from within the circle of the Jewish community.

When talking of modern times, it is more difficult to specify the influence of Jews on western philosophical thought. With the exception of Martin Buber, Jews who decisively influenced modern philosophy were often not writing as Jews. Baruch Spinoza, Sigmund Freud, Albert Einstein, Ludwig Wittgenstein and A J. Ayer were not writing as Jews, nor were they interested in reconciling Jewish ideas with the ideas of the general culture.

Interestingly, none of these thinkers renounced his Jewish identity. But clearly Spinoza and Freud, Wittgenstein and Ayer are engaged in deconstructing the ideas and ideals of the biblical world-view and in replacing them with an alternative world-view and ethic.

Einstein's impact on our conception of the natural world is enormous, but it is uninfluenced by his Jewish commitments. By contrast, Karl Marx is one of the most influential thinkers in the history of western philosophy: he proved, as no one else had done, that philosophical ideas have political consequences. But he did not think of himself as Jewish, despite the fact that both those who admire the Jews and those who hate the Jews readily think of Marx as Jewish and of his utopian ideals as

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Philo of Alexandria's paradoxical influences

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a secularized version of Jewish messianism.

It seems very strange to me to describe someone as Jewish who has renounced his or her Jewish identity. Consequently, I would not list Karl Marx as a Jew who influenced western philosophical thought.

When we examine the influence of Philo of Alexandria (20 BCE-50 CE) we are confronted with a number of paradoxes. First, Jews did not preserve Philo's writings nor study them until comparatively recent times; it is the Church that preserved Philo's writings. Second, his influence on western thought is indirect, mediated by Clement and Origen (both of Alexandria), and through them by St. Augustine (who is arguably Christianity's most influential thinker).

Finally, Philo was not a teacher of philosophy; he was a preacher who delivered sermons on topics in the Jewish Bible. These sermons are similar in structure to rabbinic midrashim, but not in content. Philo presented the ideas and ideals of the Jewish Bible in the form of a coherent system of thought, a system which was also consistent with the well-established ideas of science and philosophy in his time.

Harry Wolfson coined the term Philonic philosophy to describe this effort to reconcile scriptural beliefs and values with the beliefs and values of pagan Greek philosophy. Philo was one of the first thinkers to "do" religious philosophy in this sense. One can trace Philo's ideas in the religious philosophies of the Middle Ages, in the writings of Maimonides, Ibn Sina and St. Thomas Aquinas, although Philo's ideas reached the medieval writers indirectly.

In modern times, the philosophers who attempted to dismantle the medieval system of thought are still wrestling with Philo's ideas; only they are trying to disprove them. This is especially true of such secular thinkers as Baruch Spinoza, David Hume, Immanuel Kant, John Stuart Mill and Bertrand Russell.

The basic ideas of Philo's thought are (a) that the knowledge of God can be acquired in three ways: through human reason, historical revelation and personal mystical experience; (b) that God is in essence unknowable, although some knowledge of God can be acquired through God's effects in the universe; and (c) that God is infinite in goodness and in power.

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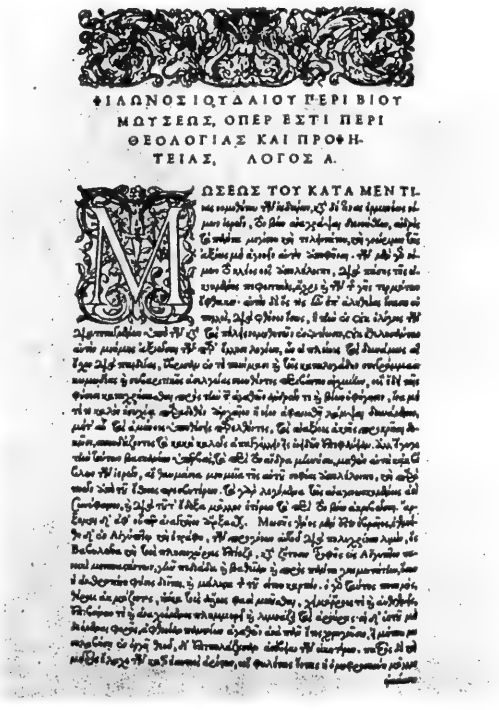
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Philo Judaeus of Alexandria, ca. 20 BCE-50 CE JMCL No. 67

Maimonides dominant figure

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It was Philo who introduced the ideal of benevolence into western ethical thought. In *The Special Laws*, Philo subsumes all religious and ethical duties, all the mitzvot, under two rubrics: duties towards God and duties towards human beings. This classification is arrived at independently by the rabbis and appears in rabbinic writings after Philo's time. Philo further classified all of our ethical duties, duties towards human beings, under two headings: the virtues of justice *(dikaiosyne)* and benevolence *(philanthropia)*. The term philanthropia appears for the first time in the writings of Philo.

Most scholars argue that Philo introduced the term philanthropia in order to allay the mistrust of the Jews on the part of Greeks, Romans and Egyptians who accused the Jews of being people who hated other people, of being misanthropes. Jews were seen in the ancient world as hating humankind largely because they maintained their separateness and refused to join civic ceremonies worshipping the deities of the cities and of the empire. The symmetry of the two terms, philanthropia and misanthropia certainly supports this explanation.

In my opinion, Philo introduced the concept of benevolence (philanthropia, love of humanity) in order to make sense of those biblical laws or mitzvot that require Israel to go beyond the demands of justice and to care for the fatherless and the widow, the poor and the debtor, the alien and the slave.

These are duties of benevolence towards persons who are inferior or vulnerable, who are not one of us, who have no claims on us in courts of law. In the *Ethics*, Aristotle had made justice *(dikaiosyne)* and friendship *(philia)* the two central virtues.

Aristotle's concept of *philia* differs from Philo's concept of philanthropia in two significant ways: *philia* (friendship) can be obtained only between equals; and *philia*, like justice, stops at the boundaries of the city state. Neither friendship nor justice extends to aliens outside the state or to slaves within the state. Philanthropia (benevolence), on the other hand, is extended to those who are inferior to you and it applies universally to all humankind.

During the Middle Ages, the dominant figure is, of course, Moses Maimonides (1135-1204). His impact on western philosophy, like Philo's, is indirect and it is also mediated through Christian thinkers, especially St. Thomas Aquinas. St. Thomas agrees with Maimonides on certain essential points; he acknowledges Rabbi

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Spinoza had major impact

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Moses of Egypt as the source of many ideas. St. Thomas' key argument to prove God's existence, *The Third Way, the Argument from Contingency*, is a reformulation of Maimonides' argument.

St. Thomas sets out to demonstrate the harmony of faith and reason by means of the same arguments that Maimonides used. He also agrees with Maimonides that reason has limits, that certain beliefs are learned only through revelation (for example, that the universe is created). St. Thomas insists, as did Maimonides, that the essential nature of God is beyond the grasp of human reason: human beings can know that God is, but cannot know what God is.

Baruch Spinoza (1631-1677) stands at the dawn of the modern period in philosophy; his impact on the subsequent development of philosophy is second only to that of Rene Descartes. Spinoza, like Descartes, wanted to dismantle the medieval synthesis of faith and reason in order to free the new sciences from control by religious authorities.

Spinoza initiated the modern critical study of the Bible, and was one of the first thinkers in the west to defend democracy as a viable form of government and religious tolerance as an ethical and political ideal.

No doubt, his being a Jew and a descendant of Portuguese Marannos provides a partial explanation for why he included these particular ideas and ideals in his system of thought; but the rapid developments in mathematics, in astronomy and in the laws of motion, together with his own experiments in optics, had even more to do with the formulation of his system of thought.

Baruch Spinoza (1631-1677)

Less obvious but no less important is the influence of Maimonides on Spinoza's system of thought: in particular, on his espousal of the intellectual love of God as the highest ideal to which human beings can aspire. I am certain that Spinoza's concept of the intellectual love of God is derived from Maimonides' argument that the love of God is higher than reverence for God, that both the mitzvah to revere God and the mitzvah to love God can only be fulfilled by acquiring what knowledge of God is possible by reasoning from the effects of God's action in nature and Torah. Therefore, in order to fulfil the commandments to revere and love God, one must study science as well as Torah.

A ban *(cherem)* was issued against Spinoza by the rabbis of Amsterdam on July 27, 1656. Spinoza was condemned both for his ideas and for his conduct, for wrong opinions and behavior, and for the horrible heresies which he practised and taught. The rabbis of Amsterdam understood very well that Spinoza was rejecting the basic beliefs of the Jewish religion first formulated by Philo of Alexandria.

In addition to these three thinkers who have had a major impact on the development of western philosophy, Philo, Maimonides and Spinoza, there were innumerable Jewish thinkers who

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Buber, Rosenzweig, Heschel, Soloveitchik

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over the centuries attempted to provide a philosophical defence of Jewish belief and practice. They were engaged in doing religious philosophy, or Philonic philosophy (to use Wolfson's term).

These thinkers largely relied on others to do the science and formulate the systems of philosophy that they would use in explicating and defending Jewish belief and practice. They did not make original contributions to science or to philosophy. This prompted Julius Guttmann to say that Jewish thinkers borrowed their philosophy from the general culture and had nothing distinctive to contribute to western thought.

"The Jewish people," wrote Guttmann, "did not begin to philosophize because of an irresistible urge to do so. They received philosophy from outside sources, and the history of Jewish philosophy is a history of the successful absorption of foreign ideas which were then transformed and adapted according to specific Jewish points of view."

In my view, Guttmann underestimates the extent to which thinkers like Philo, Maimonides and Spinoza altered the ideas they appropriated from their predecessors. It happens that the three most influential Jewish thinkers were also the most original in formulating systems of philosophic thought.

Moreover, it is in our own century that a number of Jewish thinkers, especially Martin Buber, have begun to reverse the process that Guttmann describes. The dominant trend in western philosophy since the beginning of the modern period has been to reject revelation and mystical experiences as sources of knowledge, and to limit all knowledge to one source alone; that is, to scientific theory-formation. All claims to knowledge, beyond logic and mathematics, must be presented as the most adequate explanation of the facts of observation and must be tested by means of predictions.

Martin Buber has been enormously influential among thinkers studying religious philosophy or Philonic philosophy precisely because he has reintroduced revelation as a source of knowledge.

I keep being surprised by how often Buber is cited in the writings of such important contemporary thinkers as Paul Tillich, Hans Kung and John Hick. *I and Thou* is, of course, about human relationships, but it is also about the relationship between human beings and God. It presents a radically new concept of revelation as mediated through our relationships to subjects in the natural world, through our relationships to persons and our relationships to art and literature. Here is a philosophy, grounded in the circle of Jewish faith and in the circle of Jewish community, that challenges Western philosophy to take revelation seriously again.

Recent developments in Jewish religious thought in the writings of Buber, Franz Rosenzweig, Abraham Heschel and J.B. Soloveitchik mark a turning point in Jewish intellectual history. Distinctively Jewish ideas and ideals are being made known to the wider scholarly world. Basic Jewish beliefs and practices are being formulated and defended without the distortions caused by trying to fit them into molds derived from other cultures.

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Jews and science

An astonishing array of great minds

By HENRI ROTHSCHILD

The early achievements of Egyptian and Greek civilizations, together with the remarkable developments in mathematics and astronomy during the Golden Age of Islam, created the basis for the era of modern science that began in earnest around the middle of the last century – primarily in Europe.

And it was for most of the period between 1840 and 1940 that the achievements were greatest in the German-speaking parts of Europe, the area that was also the region where the emancipation and assimilation of European Jewry was the most pronounced.

During that period, the Jewish community of Europe contributed, in both quality and quantity, an astonishing array of great scientific minds in all fields of research. In mathematics, medicine, physics and chemistry, Jewish scientists – or those of Jewish origin – dominated to an extent that by 1935, 50 percent of all of the Nobel Prizes awarded to "Germans", were, in fact, received by scientists whose origins were in the Jewish community.

Considering that Jews constituted only one percent of the total population, that not all of that community had entered the "secular world", and that enormous restrictions were placed on Jews in universities and institutions – the achievements are nothing short of miraculous!

In England, Italy, Hungary, France, and later Russia, Jewish contributions (or, for that matter, overall contributions) were not as spectacular – they were merely exceptional. For example, the four most illustrious scientists that had come out of Hungary by the 1940s – Edward Teller, Eugene Wigner, Leo Szilard and John von Neumann – were all Jews. And as the torch of scientific leadership was passed from Europe to the United States during the 1930s and 1940s and the remainder of this century, the role of Jewish scientists was prominent in both the European scientific migration and in the rise of American science.

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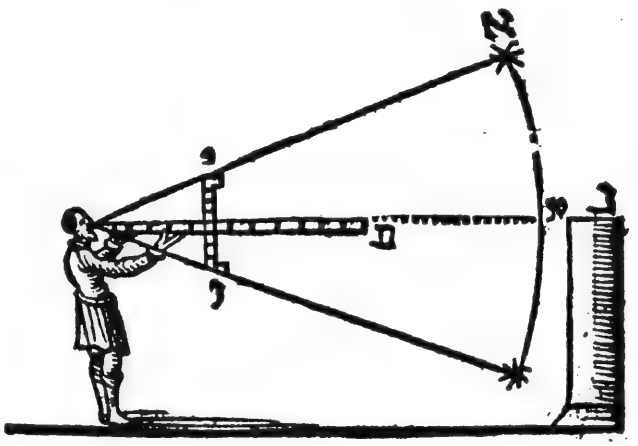

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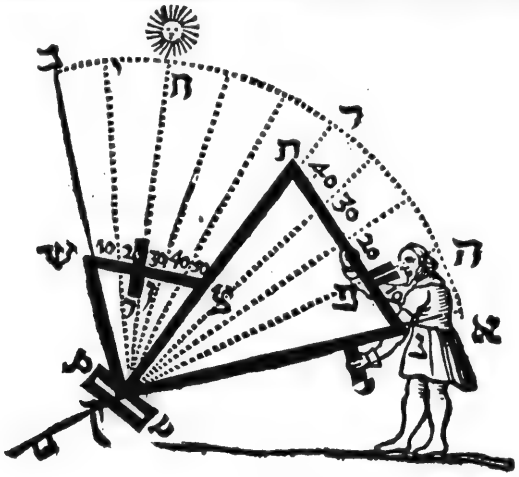

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Scientists often kept Jewish identity to themselves

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This article would not do justice to the thousands of Jewish contributors to the world's scientific progress by listing only a few of the obvious giants. Nevertheless, two points are worth noting. First, it is impossible to have "empirical" evidence on the overall contribution of Jews to science and technology because such statistics have never been collected, nor could this have been possible, even assuming its desirability. One must remember, that in the 19th century and the first half of this one, the "intellectual professions," while still very restricted, were the best door of entry for Jews into the middle class world.

Conversely, it was a way out of the ghetto, and for this reason – as well as to overcome prejudice and institutional restrictions – Jewish aspirants to academic appointments often kept their identity to themselves or even converted to Christianity in order to pursue their scientific careers. One can, however, infer from the number of well-known Jewish "giants" of science that these represented the tip of the iceberg of Jewish performance.

The second point refers to the contribution of the giants. One could argue convincingly that scientific progress occurs in two manners. The first is the slow process of incrementally building, layer-by-layer, on the level of knowledge within the scientific disciplines. The vast majority of research scientists make their contributions in this way, as well as in developing their younger colleagues-to-be. However, scientific progress also occurs in "quantum leaps" when outstanding contributions are made by individuals who are responsible for breakthroughs in the way we look at the world around us. Galileo, Isaac Newton, Charles Darwin, Louis Pasteur, Albert Einstein and Sigmund Freud come to mind.

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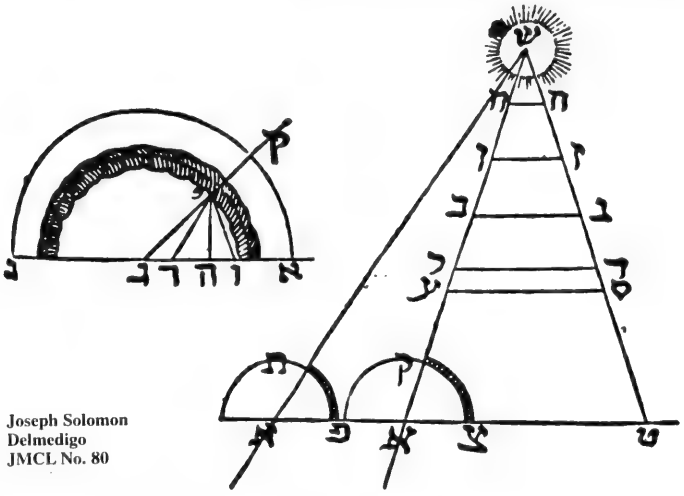

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'Chance will favor the prepared mind'

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play a role in such breakthroughs (i.e., if Darwin had not had the means to travel the globe and collect his specimens and data, it is unlikely that he would have come to his remarkable observations), it is worth noting a quote from Pasteur who said, "in the field of observation, chance will favor the prepared mind."

Not all of the leaders of science can be said to be of the status and importance as those mentioned above, however, amongst the other great names of science, the number of those who are Jews is striking. The following paragraphs include a sample of only a few of these individuals, and are drawn from an excellent analysis, entitled *The Jews in Modern Science* written almost 50 years ago by the Canadian writer A.A. Roback for a compendium edited by Dagobert D. Runes called *The Hebrew Impact on Western Civilization.*

It is not by accident, that among the great scientific minds of the pre-19th-century era, there are few, if any, Jews to be counted. While Maimonides and Ibn Ezra were learned in medicine and mathematics respectively, neither can be said to have advanced their respective fields of interest to the degree that the later day parade of eminent scientists did. The reasons why no Copernicus, Galileo or Newton emerged from the Jewish world are obvious. With the noted exception of the Golden Age in Spain under Muslim rule, at no period in Diaspora history was there opportunity for Jews to pursue anything but subsistence living outside of academe and trades.

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Jews were drawn to math and medicine

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To be fair, the same could be said of most of the European population where learning and intellectual pursuit were reserved exclusively for the upper clergy and the nobility. All this began to change with the liberalism that swept through Europe following the French Revolution and the Napoleonic Era. For Jews, it meant that the ghetto walls began to come down, and while discrimination was still overpowering, the structural barriers preventing their participation in academic life had clearly been removed. And the results were truly astounding!

Roback makes the observation that it was in two general fields of science that newly emancipated Jews began to excel – medicine and mathematics. This is interesting, because mathematics is the most theoretical or philosophical of the sciences, whereas medicine is clearly the most practical. It is beyond the scope of this overview to speculate on the reasons for this, assuming that the observation is correct. Medicine is dealt with separately in this supplement so we will begin with the field of mathematics, later covering physics and chemistry to reinforce the point.

One of the mathematicians of note in the 19th century was Carl Gustav Jacobi, who despite his brief life (he died in 1851 at the age of 46) made important developments in various aspects of mathematical theory. His works were published in seven volumes by the Prussian Academy of Science after his death. His contemporary, F.G.M. Eisenstein, who died at the even younger age of 29, wrote extensively on algebra and numbers theory. The illustrious German mathematician Carl Gauss wrote that Eisenstein "belongs to those talents who are born but once in a century."

Gauss, undoubtedly the greatest of German mathematicians, edited and published Eisenstein's collected works. Russian-born Hermann Minkowski (he, too, by sad coincidence died at the young age of 45) is often included among the ranks of theoretical physicists but only because his novel mathematical formulae were of vital importance to Albert Einstein (one of his students) in developing the basis for his early work on relativity.

In England, the name of James Joseph Sylvester (1814-1897) ranks as one of the greatest mathematical minds produced by that country. Sylvester's work covered a wide range of mathematical fields. The Royal Society in London struck a medal in his honor to commemorate his exceptional service to the field of mathematics (the first recipient of the Sylvester medal, Georg Cantor, was also Jewish.) The Cambridge University Press published seven large volumes of his collected writings even though Cambridge University did not award him a bachelor's degree until long after he had been a professor in several universities.

Apparently, the only reason for this neglect was that Sylvester was a professing Jew.

It is, however, in Italy that the contribution of Jewish mathematicians was particularly exceptional during this period. Italian Jews, who constituted slightly over 0.1 percent of the total population produced over 50 percent of its leading mathematicians. Of note were Luigi Cremona (1830-1903), a geometrician and Vito Volterra, a leading major in the field of mathematical physics. Tullio Levi-Civita (1873-1942) provided major contributions in the area of absolute differential calculus, and like Hermann Minkowski, did much of the mathematical groundwork for Einstein's theory on relativity. Levi-Civita and

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Physics key scientific area

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Volterra were the only Jewish members of the Pontifical Academy of Science – not a small feat in the Fascist Italy of the 1930s. It is remarkable that so many of Italy's illustrious scientists were of Jewish descent. In addition to the mathematicians already mentioned, the Nobel laureates in the biosciences in post-war Italy, Rita Levy-Montalcini and Salvadore Luria come to mind, as does the great chemist and author Primo Levi.

In the post-war period, the prominence of Jewish Americans in mathematics at leading universities is equally amazing. Their contribution to the rise of American science is equalled only by those involved in physics and medicine – and they are too many to mention as individuals. In Canada, one should note the work of Leopold Infeld at the University of Toronto, particularly because of his collaboration in the field of mathematical physics, with Albert Einstein.

It is perhaps in the area of physics that one commonly associates the role played by Jewish scientists during this century. This is due, in part, to the stature of one great man, Albert Einstein, and to his undeniable Jewishness. It is also due to the well-documented emigration of a large number of other eminent Jewish nuclear physicists from the Third Reich to the Allied countries, mainly the United States, and to their involvement in the development of the atomic bomb.

Other Jewish contributions to 20th-century physics are not as well known. Gabriel Lippmann (1842-1919) was one of France's first science Nobel laureates. A professor of mathematical physics at the Sorbonne and member of the Academie des Sciences, his textbooks on thermo-dynamics and light were standards in French academia for a generation. Lippmann's Nobel Prize was awarded in 1908 for his pioneering work on the process of color photography.

Over the next several decades, Jewish eminence in theoretical and mathematical physics was such that Nazi ideologues disdainfully referred to it as *Judenphysik*. James Franck, Max Bernhard Weinstein, Paul Ehrenfest, Phillip Franck, Wolfgang Pauli and the eminent Max Born are but a small sample of this prominence (Franck, Pauli and Born were all Nobel laureates). But, as already noted, it was in the area of atomic physics (and later sub-atomic physics) that the involvement of Jewish scientists is best known.

Lise Meitner, originally from Vienna, was the more junior of the three scientists, along with Hahn and Strassmann, who conducted the groundbreaking experiment in Berlin in 1938 which culminated in the recognition that some atoms could be split by neutron bombardment. Shortly thereafter, she and her nephew, Frisch, joined the stream of Jewish scientists fleeing the developing horror in Europe. It is doubtful that history has ever been witness to such a massive translocation of brainpower in such a short period of time (with the possible exception of the recent aliyah of Soviet Jews to Israel).

Frish, as eminent a scientist as his more famous aunt, joined Hans Bethe, Wigner, Teller, Szilard and Victor Weisskopf in the U.S. scientific effort, under J. Robert Oppenheimer, to end the war.

The rise of post-war U.S. physics was due, in no small measure to this band of Jewish émigré scientists. But indigenous American prowess had already begun to rival that of middle Europe. The first American recipient of the Nobel Prize in physics was German-born (but U.S.-educated) Albert Abraham Michelson of the famous Michelson-Morley experiment. In the finest

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Advances made in chemistry

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scientific tradition, he was not only an eminent and productive researcher, but virtually all of the earlier U.S. recipients of the award were either his associates or his students. By the late 40s, 50s and beyond, in the U.S. alone, the names of I.I. Rabi, Murray Gellman, Julian Schwinger, Leon Lederman, Richard Feynman and Sheldon Glashow are names to be added to this glittering array of Jewish brilliance (all Nobel laureates).

As in physics, advances in chemistry were in the pre-World War II period, most prevalent in Germany, both as a result of their world-class universities and due to the German leadership in industrial and fine chemical industries. One of the greatest chemists of his day was Fritz Haber, a convert to Christianity, who held steadfast to his German ultra-nationalism until Nazi pressure forced him into exile.

Haber and Richard Willstatter – both Nobel Prize winners in chemistry, were major innovators in inorganic and organic/biochemistry, respectively. Again, as in the field of physics, one could fill the pages with names of illustrious contributions from Jewish researchers. Otto Wallach (1847-1931) - also a Nobel Prize laureate did innovative work in alicyclic compounds, as did Jacques Loeb in both colloid chemistry and physiology.

In England, Raphael Meldola (1840-1915) of Portuguese-Jewish ancestry, was a leading photochemist of his day. Ludwig Mond (discoverer of the Mond gas and nickel carbonyl) was a major player in the English industrial chemical industry. And of course, an important contributor to the British effort in World War I was none other than Russian-born Chaim Weizmann who, in a way, was one of the first bio-technologists to use micro-organisms in the synthetic production of chemicals.

Because this article is, in fact, a summary, the discussion on chemistry will not include the later years and the major players in Russia and North America, despite the fact that the significant beginnings in Ger-

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many and England are, to say the least, equalled in these other domains. And as chemistry and biochemistry lead to physiology and other bio-medical sciences, prominent Jewish scientists, Jacob Henle, developed here as well.

Only three general areas have been mentioned in a very superficial manner and over a restricted time period. This is to make the following point: The Jewish contribution to the advancement of science has been nothing short of outstanding. One might even make the additional point (although it is impossible to prove) that in no area of human endeavor have Jews made such a dramatic impact, despite their well-known – and indeed, better known – achievements in other fields, like law, business and the performing arts. To some degree, this is why such an account is desirable, despite the risk of sliding into ethnocentricity, and also in light of the fact that men and women of science often eschew nationalism and other collective affiliations. Why then make the point?

First, the point itself, is a remarkable one. Not making it would be an exercise in denying an amazing story of human achievement. Actually, neither Jewish history nor science history tends to treat the subject with the attention it deserves, almost as if it were a blind spot in their respective fields of vision. For example, the recent publication *Servants of Nature* by Lewis Pyenson and Susan Sheets-Pyenson, an otherwise excellent account of science history, does not say a word on the subject. To some degree, it is because all of the names mentioned above, and countless eminent others, are associated with their country of nationality. And from the Jewish perspective, many, if not most, of these eminent scientists were either unaffiliated with Jewish religious or secular

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3,000 years of learning

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society, or even converts for career or other reasons. Consequently, to some, this would make it inappropriate to have them considered as part of Jewish history.

In a sense, therefore, the issue has fallen between the cracks of two worlds that do not easily intersect. Of course, a lack of science awareness and of science history is characteristic of most societies. Many papers on Canadian science policy have raised this as a key issue in overall public policy, and as one of several impediments to the development of a truly knowledge-based society and of a proper valuation of the role played by science and research.

It is doubtful that any other group can claim the kind of impact in science that Jews have had. The reasons that help explain this overachievement are certainly complex and diverse, well beyond the scope of this article. One can easily speculate that a 3,000 year tradition of learning did not hurt! That, and the coincidence of the timing of Jewish emancipation with the rise of modern science and perhaps even the anti-dogmatic tradition of the Jewish religion, especially through the study of the Talmud, are to be included in a set of conditions ripe for the potential scientific mind to flourish, bringing us back full circle to the quote by Louis Pasteur, "In the field of observation, chance will favor the prepared mind."

Of the sample of great minds mentioned in this article, it is unlikely that many will be familiar to readers. Take a look in an encyclopedia. You will get yet another perspective on what we have lost, because the conditions in Europe that gave rise to this golden age for science will never again re-appear. The brutal destruction of virtually all of middle-European Jewry, along with its rich, mostly Yiddish culture, makes that impossible. The central role that *gelerenkeit* played within that community and indeed throughout Jewish history, and the results in scientific and cultural outputs, is part of their legacy to human civilization.

All nations and communities take justifiable pride in the accomplishments of their scientists and scholars. They tally up their Nobel Prizes and publications and lay claim to great discoveries and innovations. They hold all of them as examples to their youth. This is yet another reason to have a complete and honest understanding of science and Jewish history and their path of intersection. Also, this story continues to this day. As the torch has been passed from Europe to North America – it has also been kept alive in Israel, where science and research is playing a central role.

It is a continued reflection of the importance that Jews attach to science and learning that the establishments of research centres in Israel predates the creation of the state. Indeed, the Yishuv was active in this field in the early days of the British Mandate with the establishment of the Technion in 1924, the Hebrew University in 1925 and, in 1934, the Daniel Sieff Institute – renamed the Weizmann Institute of Science in 1946. Despite the fact that it takes generations to put together the necessary infrastructure that enables scientific research to flourish, Israel has, in its brief history, established itself as a world class national performer. It is among the leaders in almost all of the key indicators of scientific output; number of publications per capita, citation index, scientists and engineers in the labor force, numbers of major discoveries and innovations, etc.

Jews from around the world have played a significant role in Israel's science achievements. Hundreds of endowments and foundations have been established to provide the financial means and fa-

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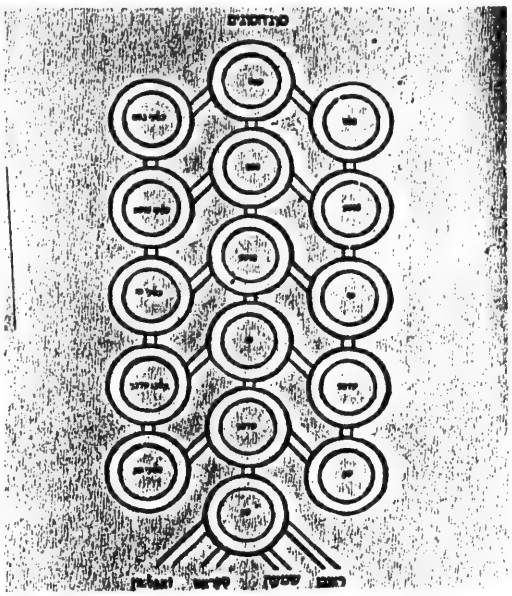

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cilities for conducting research. In this, Canadian Jews have been especially prominent. And in the past decades, the influx of almost 900,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union has bolstered Israeli capacity even further. Consistent with Jewish performance elsewhere, an astonishing 69 percent of the adult component of this latest aliyah have post-secondary education and include key leaders in Russian science and engineering. One measure of their impact, is that almost overnight, Israel has been transformed into a powerhouse in mathematics and physics. The new arrivals are contributing hugely to Israel's scientific standing as well as to its potential for even further success in high-tech industries.

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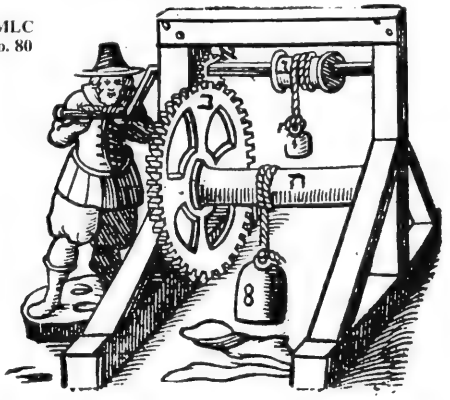

It has been said many times that we are living in an age of accelerating technological advancement. This is brought about by a degree of scientific progress never before witnessed in human history. We are poised to map the human genome, and with it comes the promise of treating diseases associated with genetic aberrations. We are developing tools of computation and communications that stagger the imagination. Science-based innovation has become one of the most important assets for nations in preparing themselves for economic and social development in the new millennium. In Canada and in most industrialized countries, the importance of science and technology to our future is recognized as never before. The term knowledge-based economy has been coined to express the importance of education, learning and science to the generation of wealth and prosperity – and to the improvement of the human condition. Nations that fail to invest in knowledge will not realize their full potential.

Conversely, those who have invested are reaping the benefits. The incredible economic achievements of Israel in the last few decades is one of the most compelling example of this fact. With no material resources, no significant domestic market and many other well-known handicaps, Israel – one of the most educated and science-based nations of the world, has attained an economic and social standard of living that – after only 50 years of turbulent nationhood – is equal to that of western Europe.

As the century draws to a close, it is fitting that Israel has emerged as an unqualified performer in science and knowledge-based industries. The torch has indeed been passed from the remarkable performance of Jews worldwide to the Jewish State. In a way, this is a wonderful tribute to the many thousands of Jewish men and women of science who did so much for the advancement of knowledge throughout the world.

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Jews and medicine

From antiquity to modern times

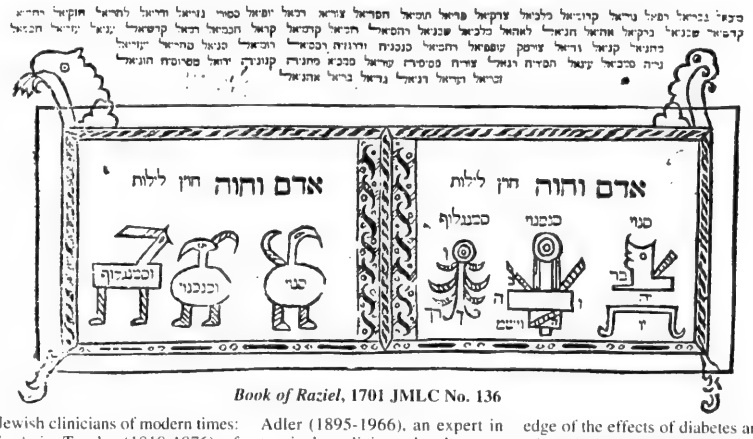
By SUSAN LIGHTSTONE

I'm proud to say that I was the first Jew to study medicine at the big medical cave. My parents were so proud. My mother was the first one in history to say, "This is my son, the doctor." She coined that phrase.

- The 2,000 Year Old Man in the Year 2000, Mel Brooks and Carl Reiner

We laugh at the truth in this joke. The special relation between Judaism and medicine has made the medical profession one of the most esteemed and honorable for a Jew to pursue. Today, on the eve of a new millennium, many Jewish parents are just as proud to say, "This is my daughter, the doctor."

"The essential service of the Jew to humanity was to be a Jew," wrote historian Cecil Roth in *The Hebrew Impact on Western Civilization.* Published in 1951, the book celebrates and catalogues, among many other achievements, the astonishing array of contributions made by Jews to modern medicine as creators, pathfinders, discoverers, systematizers, teachers and leaders.



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We read about one of the earliest Jewish clinicians of modern times: Ludwig Traube (1818-1876), of Silesia, the first to introduce the thermometer into practice for regular checking of the temperature of patients; Ferdinand Cohn (1828-1898) of Breslau, the father of bacteriology; Ernst Boris Chain (1906-1979), who studied in Berlin and later became a governor of the Weizmann Institute and recipient of the Nobel Prize for his role in the discovery of penicillin; and Saul Adler (1895-1966), an expert in tropical medicine who deserves much of the credit for the broad-based modern scientific inquiry and practice for which Israel is known today.

The book also gives us a brief introduction to the Friedenwald family of Baltimore – three generations of ophthalmologists, including Harry Friedenwald (1864-1950) who achieved acclaim for his important contributions to the knowledge of the effects of diabetes and tuberculosis on the condition of the eye.

Friedenwald is renowned for another exceptionally important role. His love of Judaism and medical history led him to fill a void. His three-volume *The Jews and Medicine,* together with his collections of books, incunabula and manuscripts, are the sources of much of what we know about the connection between Judaism and medicine, explaining the social and historical reasons for the disproportionately high number of Jewish doctors in almost all the Muslim and Christian countries from the Middle Ages on, and the significant contributions many of those doctors have made to the profession. And Friedenwald personified what is perhaps most interesting about the medical profession to Jews across history – the capacity of medicine to weave together elements of philosophy, culture and religion.

"No one can read Leviticus without amazement," wrote Friedenwald, "for the rules to avoid the spread of contagious disease and contamination are given in so detailed and definite a manner as to leave no doubt as to their purpose and effect."

He traces two of the greatest foundations of medicine to the Bible – the weekly day of rest and the direct prophylaxis of disease – and points out that this "medicine" was, at the time, unique in the world. In fact, of the 613 commandments, some 213 can be interpreted as health rules, relating to preventive medicine.

The biblical relationship between

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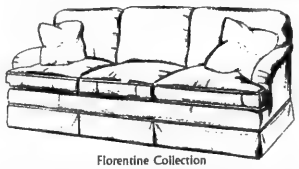

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Influenced by surroundings

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the physician and religion, however, was a complicated matter although the question was simple: Is it permissible to call on physicians for relief in illness and not to rely on God alone? Does a recourse to medicine show a lack of trust and faith in divine assistance?

By the time of Ben Sira (ca. 150 BCE), the physician had obtained a position of importance. "Honor the physician," he instructs. "From God a physician getteth wisdom." In other words, the physician is the servant who carries out the will of the Master. Friedenwald relates a late midrash: "Just as the vine without care and preparation will not grow and bring forth its fruit, but will die; so it is with the human body. Man requires herbs and medicine and the tiller is the physician."

Jewish physicians of the ancient world were profoundly influenced by the world around them. For example, the Talmud reflects the influence of Greek, Babylonian and Persian medicine.

The Talmud also set high ethical standards for the physician. "No people," wrote Friedenwald, "have laid greater emphasis upon the sacredness of life than have the Jews." One of the highest duties was to visit the sick, and this duty, according to the Talmud, must be performed equally for Jew and non-Jew, rich and poor.

Although the Jewish physician had to show special consideration for the poor, it was regarded as proper that the physician should receive adequate compensation for services. "A physician without pay is of no use," the Talmud tells us.

The tradition of the rabbi-physician began during this period, a combination that afforded a means of livelihood to those studying and teaching the word of God. Medicine, so closely aligned to religion and culture, was a natural fit for the rabbi.

The physician, who was instructed not to practice until well trained, was always expected to act

***Ma'aseh Tuviyah* by Tobias Ben Moses Cohen (1652-1729). In the illustration, the body is compared to a building [JMLC]**

in a humane manner. This is explained in a passage in the midrash: "Even when the physician sees that death is approaching, he still says to the patient 'Eat this and abstain from that, drink this and not that,' but he does not say 'Your end is near.'" Interestingly, the duty to treat in a humane fashion was interpreted by the most renowned rabbi-physician of the Middle Ages, Moses Maimonides (1137-1204), to permit the use of amulets, an integral part of folk medicine. In his *Guide for the Perplexed*, he says "Do not be led astray by the madness of writers of amulets, by what you may hear or read in them." However, he permitted an exception to be made in cases of dangerous diseases, allowing their usage "lest the mind of the patient be too greatly disturbed."

Although Maimonides and other rabbis condemned reliance on incantations and amulets, their usage

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Jewish doctors persecuted

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never disappeared among the Jews. Even today, folk medicine, employing incantations, prayers and amulets, often together with natural remedies, has its place. Commentators report an upsurge in interest in Jewish folk medicine in Israel, for example, where folk healers are seen as mediators with the supernatural world.

But, as Friedenwald reminds us, "if there was one characteristic excellence in Jewish medicine in the Middle Ages, it was precisely in its dependence, not on authority or mystery, but on actual trial or experiment."

"Do not apply a remedy which thou hast not thoroughly tested," wrote Judah ibn Tibbon (1120-1190) for his son's guidance.

The great rationalist, Maimonides, wrote "Most men know that [medicine] is a craft which requires experience and scientific study..." Maimonides, who wrote his medical works in Arabic, was, like those before him, influenced by the culture that surrounded him.

Born in Cordoba, he fled Africa, settling in Fez. Problems there led to flight to Palestine and on to Cairo, where he became physician at the court of Saladin and his sons. But Maimonides also embraced all aspects of religion, philosophy and science, producing monumental halachic and philosophical works. (A great believer in prophylactic medicine, Maimonides also recognized the therapeutic efficacy of chicken soup early on. In his *Medical Aphorisms of Moses*, he recommends chicken soup as, not only an excellent food, but also as a medication which fattens the body of the emaciated and those convalescing from illness.)

Medieval Jewish physicians also made a substantial contribution as translators and authors. Through Hebrew translations of Arabic versions, ancient Greek medicine, along with contributions of Arabic medicine, was transmitted to western Europe.

Commentators of the day, such as Petrus Mosellanus, the rector of the University of Leipzig in 1518, noted, "Since diseases are common to men of all nations, remedies for these have been handed down in various fashions according to the different nature of languages...Has not this art [of medicine], like all others been learned first of all by the Jews and thence written down in the Jewish language?" These Jewish physician authors and translators also helped lay the groundwork for modern medicine by developing a scientific vocabulary in Hebrew.

The dawning of the modern era was a difficult time for Jews, and Jewish physicians were not exempt from persecution. Many European universities were closed to them. If they did graduate, they were often forbidden to treat Christian patients. The de Castro dynasty of physicians provides numerous examples of the difficulties Jewish physicians endured.

The de Castro name is found in northern Spain as early as 1079. Many members of the family met their deaths burned at the stake during the Inquisition; others fled persecution, scattering the flock across the world.

Benedict de Castro, born in Hamburg in 1597, wrote *Apologia*, one of the most important defences of Jewish physicians of the day. We know that Jacques de Castro (1802-1876), following a Parisian education, served as the consulting physician to the sultans of Constantinople.

By Jacques de Castro's time, the world began to see an increasing interest in the natural sciences, revolutionizing the practice of medicine. As universities began to open their doors to Jews, they were able to participate in this transformation.

Until the 1930s, the main developments in medicine took place in Europe, particularly Germany. The racial laws introduced in Germany in the mid-1930s provided the impetus for many Jewish physicians to emigrate to England and North America. This coincided with the emerging prominence of American medicine.

Otto Loewi provides an apt example of this move. Awarded the Nobel Prize in 1936 for his discoveries relating to chemical transmission of nerve impulses, Loewi was one of those who left Europe.

After being imprisoned by the Germans for two months and stripped of his possessions, he left Austria in 1938, ultimately settling in New York. (The mention of the Nobel Prize cannot be left without noting that, since its inception in 1899, over 40 Jews have been honored with the award for their contributions to biological and medical research, including: Rosalyn Yalow for the development

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Often faced restrictions

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of radio-immunoassay for the peptide hormones; Rita Levi-Montalcini for her work in cell biology; Selman A. Waksman for his discovery of streptomycin, the first antibiotic effective against tuberculosis.)

In the modern era too, much like the days that preceded it, the contributions of many Jewish physicians were still closely tied – limited, some might say – to their being Jews. Jews were often restricted in where, what and how they could practise medicine.

Early Canadian history provides an example of the difficulties faced by Jewish doctors in the person of Dr. Aaron Hart David (1812-1882), one of Canada's first Jewish physicians and a member of one of Canada's first Jewish families. Active in Montreal's Jewish community, he founded and later became dean of the faculty of Bishop's College, which opened in 1871. Back in 1840, however, David was forced out of Montreal to a new practice in Three Rivers because anti-Jewish prejudice made it impossible for him to make ends meet. "I was...without any prospects of my practice increasing sufficiently to enable me to meet the required expenses of an increasing family; the reason for which I attribute to religion," David wrote in his diary.

"People have such an aversion to a Jew. There is a capital opening [in Three Rivers] and people have not the same aversion to our religion as in Montreal."

Jews enjoyed a higher representation in the medical profession than their percentage of the population would seem to warrant. In the 1930s, in Vienna, approximately 60 percent of physicians were Jews. In addition, Jewish women made up a disproportionately large number of Jewish physicians in central Europe of the day.

Similar trends could be seen in certain Canadian cities. In Winnipeg of the 1940s, Jews made up 7.5 percent of the population, yet nearly 20 percent of the city's doctors were Jews. Despite their numbers, Jewish physicians, like David before them, faced serious restrictions.

"Although Canada is a young country, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has ascertained that the increase of doctors, clergymen and veterinary surgeons has not kept pace with the increase in population, nevertheless, attempts to limit the number of Jewish students permitted to enter certain professional schools in some universities have been made. Unjustifiable as these attempts are when the method adopted is to demand a higher academic standing from Jewish applicants, it is still worse when, as in some few universities, the number of Jewish students admitted is arbitrarily limited," wrote Louis Rosenberg in *Canada's Jews: A Social and Economic Study of the Jews in Canada in 1939*. McGill University, for example, limited Jewish admissions to 10 percent until the 1960s.

Nor was a medical degree a guarantee of a position upon graduation. Many universities around the world would not accept Jews as professors. In Toronto, for example, until 1960, most Jewish graduates left for their internship years, because the city's hospitals would not accept them.

This type of discrimination led many Jewish physicians to open their own clinics and practice in fields that didn't attract their non-Jewish colleagues.

At one time, dermatology was referred to in Germany as *Judenhaut*. Many skin diseases bear the name of their Jewish discoverers: Karposi's sarcoma, Unna's disease and Schamberg's disease.

It's been suggested that the attention given by Mosaic law to skin ailments, cleansing and hygiene may be a source of this interest.

Interestingly, Canada's first Jewish woman doctor, Regina

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Jews make up 30 percent of world's psychiatrists

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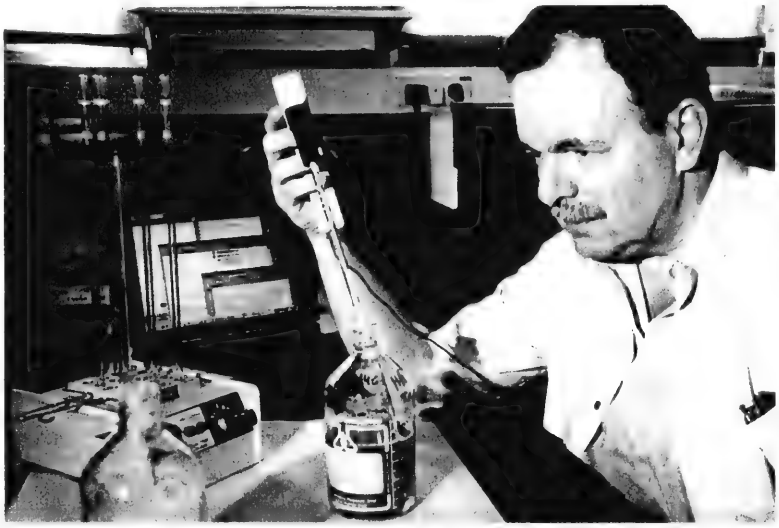
Lewis-Landau (1875-1950), made hygiene one of her specialties. Following her graduation from Bishop's Medical College in 1895, she became involved in volunteer relief work in the settlement area of Montreal, teaching young immigrant wives and mothers the basic principles of hygiene. Sounds simple today, but in the 1890s, this was revolutionary information.

And then there is the field of psychiatry. It is estimated that Jews make up some 30 percent of the world's psychiatrists. Sigmund Freud (1856-1939), who transformed the way we view human behavior, explained the connection: "It is perhaps no mere coincidence that the first representative of psychoanalysis was a Jew. Advocating it demanded a substantial degree of readiness to accept the fate of being isolated in the opposition, a fate more familiar to the Jew than to anyone else."

The fact of isolation helps to explain the vast number of Jewish hospitals around the world. Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto is a case in point. Its origins date back to 1917, when a Jewish women's benefit association founded the Jewish Old Folks' Home.



U.S.-born Prof. Stephen Berger of Tel Aviv University, is an expert in "travel medicine," whose software program GIDEON is highly successful in diagnosing rare and infectous diseases mostly found in Third World countries [WZPS photo by Sammy Avnisan]

A shortage of beds for Jewish patients facing language barriers and requiring kosher food was compounded by the fact that Jewish physicians and nurses faced employment discrimination in the city's non-Jewish hospitals.

Many of the women, led by Dorothy Goldstick Dworkin, who had raised funds for the Old Folks' Home turned their attentions to the foundation of a hospital. By 1922, Mount Sinai Hospital opened a 30-bed facility on Yorkville Avenue. In 1962, it was designated as a University of Toronto teaching hospital.

The history of the Sir Mortimer B. Davis Jewish General Hospital of Montreal is remarkably similar.

Jewish hospitals cannot be discussed without a mention of the hospitals, physicians and nurses in the ghettos during the Holocaust. By 1933, there were 48 Jewish hospitals in Poland. As Jews were forced into the ghettos, medicine went with them, together with a valiant attempt to uphold beliefs and medical tenets. A "medical faculty" existed in the Warsaw Ghetto. Under the guise of sanitation, hundreds of people received extensive medical training. In addition to teaching, the faculty conducted research – most of which focused on the characteristics of starvation in its various forms.

The years leading up to World War II, and those which followed it, saw a large influx of immigrant physicians to Palestine, particularly from Germany. They found a well developed, comprehensive, centralized health care system known as the Kupat Cholim.

Medical progress in Palestine had been rapid. The first Jewish physician, Simon Frankel, arrived in 1843. He was brought to Jerusalem by Sir Moses Montefiore.

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Major medical research

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During those early years, Hebrew was revived as a scientific language.

After the State of Israel was established, the government extended its responsibilities for health services. Today, the country is well-known for its major medical research.

The ratio of physicians to population in Israel is more than one to 350, one of the highest in the world, and health care is both accessible and comprehensive, based on the Jewish traditions of community and mutual aid.

Canada, too, has produced a collection of illustrious physicians. The "Four Gs" – Goldbloom, Goldblatt, Greenspon, and Gross – of the faculty of medicine, McGill University, class of 1916, were legends of their day. They stood at the top of their class. Dr. Alton Goldbloom went on to pioneer pediatrics in Canada. Dr. Harry Goldblatt, a pathologist, became one of the world's experts on blood pressure. Dr. Sy Greenspon was among the leading activists promoting the building of the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal, and Dr. Louis Gross established himself as a cardiologist, working on coronary circulation at the Mount Sinai Hospital in New York.

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The medical tradition continues. This year, Dr. Louis Siminovitch, director of research at the Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, received one of the medical world's greatest honors, induction into the National Academy of Sciences in Washington for his genetic research.

Comedian Sam Levenson once wrote a biting response to an anti-Semite who had sent him a letter attacking Jews. Levenson's response was a catalogue of medical achievements over the years by Jews.

"Dear Sir – It's a free world. You don't have to like Jews, but for those of you who don't like Jews I suggest you boycott certain Jewish products: the Wasserman Test for syphilis; digitalis, discovered by Dr. Minkofsky; chlorohydrate for convulsions, discovered by Dr. Casamir Fink; streptomycin, discovered by Dr. Selman Waksman; the polio pill by Dr. Albert Sabin; and the polio vaccine by Dr. Jonas Salk."

To conclude, we draw readers' attention to an item in the news that happened less than two months ago. It typifies and symbolizes the Jewish inclination to medicine and the healing arts.

On July 31, 1999, Dr. Jacob Hollenberg, a renowned Canadian physician, died in Winnipeg. Hollenberg was born in Winnipeg in 1914, the youngest of seven children. He followed in the footsteps of his four older brothers by attending medical school at the University of Manitoba.

He became a physician in 1937, serving as a lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps in World War II. After the war, he joined his four brothers at the Hollenberg Clinic in Winnipeg.

In the many tributes to Jacob Hollenberg, one phrase stands out – telling not only about the Hollenberg family, but also the Jewish medical tradition of care, charity and community across the ages. "His death represents the end of one era and the beginning of another, as his children, along with his many nieces and nephews carry on in the tradition of excellence that he and his siblings began."

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Jews and music

From the ghetto to the ghetto-blaster

By GARY BARWIN

Are White Christmas or The Christmas Song ("Chestnuts roasting on an open fire...") more Jewish than the most famous instrumental setting of Kol Nidrei?

It's a question that needs to be asked when assessing the contribution of Jews to the music of the past millennium. Both Christmas songs were written by Jews (Irving Berlin and Mel Torme, respectively) and Max Bruch, composer of Kol Nidrei for cello and piano, wasn't Jewish.

However, the fact that these Christmas songs were composed by Jews is more than a curiosity. It points to the fact that for much of the past 1,000 years, Jewish musicians, if they were to be successful, had to adopt the artistic values (and often the religion) of the dominant culture of their time. This leads us to ask the questions of whether these Jewish musicians brought something distinctively Jewish to their work. Were they informed by some inherently Jewish perspective, and was their career influenced in some way by their Jewishness?

Arnold Schoenberg
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But even the question of who is a Jew is complex. Moses Mendelssohn, Gustov Mahler, and Arnold Schoenberg all, at some point in their lives, converted to Christianity. And is having Jewish forebears enough to qualify one as a Jewish contributor to music? In some cases, even if the particular musicians did not consider themselves Jewish, or had fundamentally allied themselves with the dominant culture (for example Mahler) often their Jewishness became a significant issue in the eyes of anti-Semites especially when they fell into disfavor. "You might not consider yourself a Jew, but we do."

Indeed one indicator of the influence of Jewish musicians on the musical life of the West are the diatribes against Jewish musicians by prominent musicians such as Richard Wagner who were certainly aware of the flourishing presence of Jewish musicians in all aspects of musical culture beginning in the 19th century.

In this overview of the contribution of Jews to the musical culture of this millennium, we will consider musicians of Jewish heritage and try to note where they existed, and their significant Jewish-inspired works. We won't consider klezmer (now experiencing a fantastic rebirth) and other Jewish popular music, Jewish traditional, sacred and cantorial music apart from the Western art music tradition. We will however, consider mainstream Western popular music. Would anyone let me get away with writing about Jewish musicians without mentioning Al Jolson or Bob Dylan?

Jewishness in Music

We first considered Irving Berlin and Mel Torme, but what of Max Bruch's Kol Nidrei and the influence of Jewish music itself? Is there a particularly "Jewish" way of composing, a particular musical feature that has been part of Jewish heritage and that has influenced musical culture at large? The musicologist Paul Nettl finds Jewish antecedents for many of the characteristic features found in the music of the early Church from which Western Art music developed. He writes, in his article, *Judaism and Music*, that the Hebrew ritual, which is "founded on the principle of question and answer," was most likely the ultimate source of "the principle of antiphony (i.e. alternation) which was an extremely significant part of early Christian musical worship. This principle developed into the antiphonal and responsorial forms found throughout early church music, and subsequently became one of the most important characteristics of the Baroque: the contrasting of different music forces.

Nettl cites other scholars who believe that modality, which developed into modern tonality (the major-minor tonal system), had its origin in the tetra-chordal system of the Hebrew synagogue song.

Regardless of the traceability of specific details, it is clear that the musical culture of the Jews, as with other aspects of Jewish culture, was a source of inspiration for the early Christian Church, and as a result, played a role in the development of Western music.

The 19th-century writer, Heinrich Berl, (also cited by Nettl) believed that there were fundamental Jewish traits that can be discerned in the work of Jewish musi-

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Jewish traits found in music

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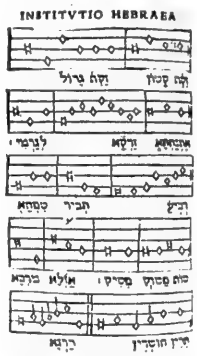
cians. Berl, noting that historically, Jewish music was monophonic, believed that Jews focused on the melodic line to the exclusion of harmony and counterpoint. He points to a certain emphasis on melody in the work of such Jewish composers as Mendelssohn, Giacomo Meyerbeer, and Jacques Offenbach.

In addition to being of dubious validity, Berl vastly oversimplifies the issue. Firstly, most of the musical cultures east of Europe, and much of the folk music traditions of Europe itself, are monophonic. And secondly, such a broad characteristic as melodic emphasis can be found throughout the musical traditions of the West. The kind of assumption that Jews could only bring one thing to the musical table (a focus on melody) and that they wouldn't be able to be fully engaged in the creative developments of the culture around them is highly questionable, in addition to being false.

There are of course, certain musical specifics drawn directly from Jewish tradition that find their way into individual works. For example: the use of traditional melodies whether explicitly (the various versions of Kol Nidrei) or implicitly (Offenbach snuck some synagogue melodies into his work), certain modes or melodic patterns that are drawn from Jewish sacred or secular music, or even from shofar calls (Ernst Bloch's Schelomo.)

From the Ghetto to the Stage

Before Jews were able to fully participate in mainstream musical life, the gates of the ghettos had to be opened. It required the end (or at least the relaxing) of laws restricting Jews from most professions, and restricting where Jews could live. This didn't begin to happen until the end of the 18th century, when across Europe and North America, Jews began to be emancipated.

There were however some notable Jewish musicians before this, particularly in Italy. Salomone Rossi (c.1565-1628) was the most prominent. Employed at the court of Duke Vincenzo I of Gonzago at Mantua (who seemed to have a particular liking for Jewish musicians), Rossi wrote well-received music in the predominant Italian madrigal idiom of the day. Indeed, he became so favored (and this is the kind of detail that makes one remember exactly the position of Jews even in the comparatively liberal Italy of the time) that he was exempted from wearing a yellow star, though he still added the suffix *Ebreo* to his name. Unlike many Jewish musicians, Rossi maintained his religion and wrote music for the synagogue, though in his customary secular style. His sister, as "Madama Europa" achieved wide fame as a singer throughout Europe.

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Much later, though still before the emancipation of the Jews, Lorenzo da Ponte (1749-1838) also an Italian, contributed to three of the greatest operas in the entire canon. He was the librettist of Mozart's Italian operas *The Marriage of Figaro* (1786), *Don Giovanni* (1787), and *Cosi fan tutte* (1790). Like many Jews at the time, he had converted with his family, taking on the name of a bishop, and this allowed him access to mainstream society.

The French revolution had promised equal rights for the Jewish population, and Jews in France were emancipated in 1791, before the rest of Europe. Thus Jewish musicians were able to establish themselves in the forefront of their art. Three Jewish opera composers seized the popular imagination of France in the first half of the 19th century: Meyerbeer (originally Jakob Liebman Beer; 1791-1864), Jacques Fromental Halevy (1799-1862) and Offenbach (1819-1880).

Meyerbeer established himself as one of the most prominent and successful composers of opera, leader of the school of French grand opera which featured spectacular effects, vast crowd scenes, ballets, and choruses at every turn. His most acclaimed work is the grandiose *Les Huguenots* of 1836. His funeral in Berlin was carried out according to strict Jewish law, and members of the Prussian royal family led a huge procession.

Halevy also wrote grand operas. In his masterpiece, *La Juive* (1835), Rachel, the Jewish woman of the opera's title, can only escape her fate if she renounces Judaism. (Interestingly, Meyerbeer's *Les Huguenots* is also about religious intolerance.) Halevy maintained a relationship with his Judaism, writing a number of sacred works.

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Mendelssohn considered one of the great composers

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The witty, piquant style of opera buffa was established by the third prominent Jewish opera composer of the time: Offenbach, the son of a cantor. His best known works are *Orphée aux enfers* (1858) and *La belle Hélène* (1864). Offenbach's operas were an important influence on other later styles of comic opera, for example those of Gilbert and Sullivan.

Jacob Ludwig Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847) is considered one of the great composers, known for such works as his *E-minor Violin Concerto*, his music for *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and his symphonies. He was eminent as a conductor, pianist, and composer throughout the Europe of his time. He was also credited with the 19th-century revival of the music of Bach, notably through his performances of the *St. Matthew Passion*, of which he said, "To think that it should be…a Jew who [gave] back to the people the greatest of Christian works."

He came from an affluent, cultured, established family – his father was a town councillor in Berlin – and his grandfather was the influential Enlightenment philosopher and advocate of emancipation, Moses Mendelssohn.

The Mendelssohn family converted (and added the Bartholdy,) likely to be able to participate in not-yet emancipated German society, although also out of genuine conviction. Indeed, Mendelssohn married the daughter of a pastor.

From an early age, Mendelssohn was a prolific composer. His sister Fanny Mendelssohn was a lieder composer of some significance.

Felix Mendelssohn
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Beginning in the 19th century, Jews made their musical mark as performers (often as composer-performers.) They performed with the great orchestras, taught in the most prestigious conservatories, and were associated with the greatest composers. Once Europe became emancipated, the flow of eminent violinists, pianists, conductors, and other performers began. Beginning with the pianist-composer, Ignaz Moscheles (1794-1870), we can name many pianists leading up to the 20th century: Ignac Tedesco Alfred Gruenfeld, Anton and Nicholas Rubinstein, Artur Schnabel, Artur Rubenstein, Rudolf Serkin, Wanda Landowska (who re-introduced the harpsichord), Edward Steuermann, Louis Moreau Gottschalk, Vladimir Horowitz and George Antheil.

The violin has always had pride of place in Jewish tradition, beginning with travelling Jewish minstrels. There have been innumerable violinists of note from the past to the present including: Joseph Joachim (an influential friend and colleague of Brahms'), Wilhelm Ernst, Jascha Heifetz, Fritz Kreisler, Nathan Milstein, Isaac Stern, Yehudi Menuhin, Pinchas Zukerman and Itzhak Perlman. Cellists include David Popper, Emanuel Feuermann, Gregor Piatigorsky, and Leonard Rose.

One could not imagine the leading orchestras and opera houses of the 20th century orchestra without the long list of important Jewish conductors: Gustav Mahler, Pierre Monteux, Serge Koussevitsky, Walter Damrosch, Bruno Walter, Otto Klemperer, Georg Szell, Eugene Ormandy, Leonard Bernstein, James Levine and Daniel Barenboim, to list only a few of the most prominent.

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Mahler bridged two worlds

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tant conductor, Mahler (1860-1910) bridged two worlds. He was one of the last great composers of the Austro-German tradition, and one of the first of the 20th century.

Though born a Jew, he converted to Catholicism as an adult. A collection of what he took to be German folk poetry was the inspiration for most of his nine symphonies and his vocal works. In his life, career, and aesthetic interests, he was part of the mainstream of the Germanic tradition. Indeed, he was the conductor of several of the preeminent musical establishments of the time: the Metropolitan Opera, the New York Philharmonic, and the Vienna Opera. Toward the end of his life, there was a campaign waged against him by the anti-Semitic press in Vienna, which precipitated his move to New York.

Gustav Mahler JMCL

Unlike Mahler, the Swiss-born American resident Ernest Bloch (1880-1959) was greatly inspired to write music based on his Jewish heritage. His most acclaimed works are unabashedly Jewish, emotional and spiritually intense, often integrating allusions to sacred chant and the music of the shofar. These include *Schelomo*, *Voice in the Wilderness* (both for cello and orchestra) and his *Israel* symphony. Bloch also wrote music intended for the synagogue.

Darius Milhaud (1892-1974), one of the members of the famous Les Six, was surely one of the most prolific composers of the 20th century. He is, perhaps, best known for his *La Création de la monde*, one of the earliest orchestral scores to use jazz and blues. Though he saw himself as "a Frenchman from Provence, and by religion a Jew," he was a musical omnivore, devouring diverse musical traditions including jazz and Brazilian music and writing for every media. His religious heritage was one of the significant influences on his music, and he wrote many Jewish-inspired works, including *Service sacré* (Sacred Service), *Ani maamin*, and a biblical opera, *David* (commissioned to celebrate the 3,000th anniversary of Jerusalem.)

A 20th-century innovator

In the first decades of the 20th century, Albert Einstein devised a theory that changed how the 20th century thought about the universe.

Around the same time, an Austrian Jewish composer, Arnold Schoenberg (1874-1951), steeped in the tradition of western music, devised a theory that changed the way that the 20th century thought about the musical universe.

Schoenberg realized that by the beginning of the 20th century, traditional harmony had developed to the breaking point. It had become so complex that its utility as a means of organizing music was strained. He believed that a new harmonic theory was required to provide a coherent path forward.

Schoenberg's new system (serial, or 12-tone music) was an entirely revolutionary way of thinking of music, even if the music created within it was a direct development of the soundworld of the music that came before it.

Schoenberg's innovation was to free music from its reliance on the tonal system. Music wouldn't be in one key or another; one note wouldn't be privileged. A single tonal centre would no longer be a composition's centre of gravity. Instead, each note would be equal. For each piece, the 12 notes of western music would be ordered into a distinctive "tone row" that would be repeated in a variety of permutations throughout the composition.

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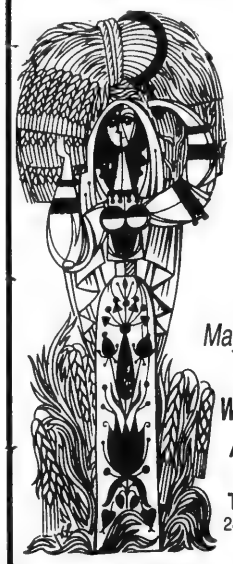

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Schoenberg, Stravinsky 20th century pillars

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If there is any question of serial music's expressive potential, Schoenberg's *A Survivor from Warsaw*, one of a number of Jewish works written toward the end of his life, is a most powerful answer. This work for reciter, men's choir and orchestra is based on Schoenberg's own text describing a remarkable and true event from the last days of the uprising in the Warsaw ghetto. As a group of men are being led to their death by the Nazis, they spontaneously break into the singing of the Shema. The moment where the men's chorus takes over from the first-person narration and begins to sing the Shema is one of the most potent and shocking in all of Western music, chilling and inspiring at the same time.

Schoenberg came from an Orthodox Jewish family. He converted early in his life in order to gain full access to mainstream society. The rise of fascist anti-Semitism caused Schoenberg to reclaim his Judaism in 1933. For the same reason, he immigrated to California a few years later. Some of his important works include: *Pierrot Lunaire*, *Verklarte Nacht*, the opus 11, 19 and 25 piano works, and an unfinished opera, *Moses und Aron* which has been performed from sketches.

Schoenberg, together with Igor Stravinsky, were the two pillars of 20th century composition.

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It seems that America in the 20th century was a particularly congenial place for Jewish musicians, whether they were native-born or immigrants. Jewish musicians flourished in all aspects of musical life, both serious and popular. Many of the eminent conductors cited above, at one time or another, conducted a major American orchestra, and much of the popular music was written or performed by Jews.

In fact, just as many of the films of early Hollywood were created by Jews, much of the music that was considered quintessentially American, was also created by Jews. And, just as in the movies, it had nothing to do with Jewish culture. Writers for Tin Pan Alley, and Broadway and other musical theatre included Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Jerome Kern (*Show Boat*), Richard Rogers (*Oklahoma*), and Kurt Weill (*The Three Penny Opera*), Jerry Herman (*Hello Dolly*), Stephen Sondheim (*A Little Night Music*), and Leonard Bernstein (*West Side Story*.) "I can't name five famous composer-lyricists for Broadway that weren't Jewish," Jerry Herman said in an interview with the *Jewish Bulletin* of northern California.

The American popular theatre, long accustomed to musicals by Jews but not about them, finally got a Jewish story with *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Jews were extremely significant in other areas of popular music. In 1927, vaudeville singer and son of a cantor, Al Jolson, left his emotional and black-faced mark on music history by singing in the first "talkie," the first motion picture to have sound.

A decade later, clarinetist and bandleader Benny Goodman established his style of big band jazz as the predominant dance music. His style of swing music, originated from contemporary black jazz, and was much "hotter" than the prevailing white styles. Goodman, as a Jew, was a rarity in the jazz world. He was the first prominent white musician to include black musicians in his ensembles. He was also one of the first jazz musicians to perform classical music, commissioning many new works, including a concerto by Aaron Copland.

In the 1960s, an entirely different kind of musician, Robert Allen Zimmerman, aka Bob Dylan, came rambling into New York City and become one of the most influential singer/songwriters in popular music.

His many songs, such as *Blowing in the Wind* and *The Times They are A-changin* encapsulated the concerns of youth culture as it emerged as a significant force in 1960s America. His songs, whether they had a folk-like directness or a witty slyness about them, brought new literary quality to the lyrics of rock music.

Gershwin and Copland are the two composers most identified with American concert music. Like Dylan, they both explored the musical culture of North America, rather than that of their Jewish ancestors. They were also often inspired by music outside of dominant society, for example, the folk music of the American blacks and of Latin America.

Gershwin (1898-1937) was a successful and prolific composer of popular songs and Broadway shows. He wrote 28 shows in total, one of which received the Pulitzer Prize. His *Rhapsody in Blue*, together with his few other concert works, introduced the jazzy sound of the American city to the orchestral stage. His opera *Porgy and Bess*, a "folk opera" written for black singers, introduced several songs (such as *Summertime*) into the standard repertoire.

Though Copland (1900-1990) wrote in all musical media and genres, he is best known for such popular orchestral scores as *Appalachian Spring*, *Billy the Kid*, *Rodeo*, and *Fanfare for the Common Man*. His music draws from many American folk tradi-

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Immense contribution

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tions, incorporating fiddle music, Shaker hymns, and Latin American dance forms. His tuneful, vital, sonorous music has been a tremendous influence on many American composers.

Beginning in the 1960s, the Jewish American composer Steve Reich, along with Philip Glass and a few others, developed a tremendously influential and popular style and approach to art music composition called "minimalist music." This music, heavily influenced by African and Asian sources, is made of small melodic or rhythmic units that repeat and gradually change, sometimes by the addition or subtraction of notes, sometimes by changing rhythmic relations with each other. Much of this music, and this is certainly the case with Reich's, is bright and not dissonant. Minimalism has been one of the major influences on new music in the last part of the century.

Midway through his career, Reich began including explicitly Jewish content in his work. The psalm-setting for voices and chamber orchestra, *Tehillim*, was written after a study of Jewish sacred cantillation practices.

Reich's music had always included small modular units which recur. *Tehillim* retains something of this mosaic-like melodic patterning shared with Jewish sacred chanting. *Different Trains* (which received a Grammy award) uses the voices of Holocaust survivors. It is based on the fact that as a child, Reich, an American Jew, would take a cross-country train to visit his father during the war. At the same time, many European Jews were taking "different" trains to the Nazi death camps. Reich has continued writing Jewish-inspired works, including *The Cave* about the prophet Abraham.

From the Ghetto to the Ghetto-Blaster

The Jewish contribution to the music of the West has been immense. Imagine what our musical world would be like without the presence and influence of Mendelssohn, serial music, Mozart's Italian operas, minimalism, grand opera, Mahler, Dylan, and the innumerable popular songs written by Jewish composers such as Gershwin?

It would be unrecognizable.

And this is without even considering the vast number of Jewish performers, conductors, musicologists, producers, inventors (it was a Jew who invented the phonograph as we know it) and teachers of music.

The story of the Jewish contribution to western music is also the story of the social and political position of the Jews.

At the beginning of the millennium, Jewish musicians were not able to participate in mainstream society. Gradually over the centuries, some Jews were granted limited rights, but they were certainly not able to share the music of their tradition. Then, beginning in the 19th century, Jews began to be able to fully participate in Western culture – as long as they were musically assimilated.

It wasn't until the 20th century that Jews could write Jewish-influenced music in the culture at large.

Currently there is something of a renaissance of Jewish music. There are numerous Jewish music festivals featuring everything from traditional Klezmer to avant-garde collages of cantorial music and free jazz.

The important American composer/saxophonist John Zorn is recording new works of "radical Jewish culture" on his Tzadik label. And there's even a recording of *White Christmas* sung in Yiddish by the actor/singer Mandy Patinkin. Now is that Jewish, or what?

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Jews and political thought

West aware of contributions

By LOUIS GREENSPAN

When I was in Warsaw in 1993 I came across a volume in English, entitled (if I remember correctly) *They Lived Among Us*.

It was a volume written in the spirit of those treatises with titles such as *The Jew in Sports*. Those kinds of books used to be popular as gifts for bar mitzvahs decades ago and were designed to enhance the self esteem of the recipients by revealing details of the Jewish origins of well-known athletes.

The well-intentioned authors of *They Lived Among Us* cited the contributions of leading Jewish figures through the ages such as Baruch Spinoza and Felix Mendelsohn and others, whom the reader might not be expected to know were Jewish, or to know what they had contributed.

For a Canadian Jew, the volume was a tragic reminder of the disappearance of Polish Jewry rather than a heartening celebration of Jewish accomplishment. In our part of the world, Jewish contributions to western culture are widely recognized. They have been widely commented upon and have received glowing testimonials.

The democratic west is generally aware of the Jewish contributions to its political ideals and, in particular, to the liberal democratic political culture. We encounter fragments, images and symbols from Jewish sources almost every day of our political lives. We encounter them in the biblical cadences of the inaugural addresses of American presidents, or in the phrases of the Hebrew prophets that adorn the buildings of the United Nations.

Such images appear almost at random. A recent volume on the history of the American civil rights movement is entitled *The Parting of the Waters*. Recalling the famous scene from the book of Exodus, a volume on the history of our own Reform party is entitled *Storming Babylon*.

In addition, the names of figures who contributed to the development of our political traditions are securely established in the canon of political thought. Spinoza is recognized as one of the early theoreticians of liberal democracy.

Moses Mendelsohn, the Orthodox *maskil*, formulated one of the most influential theories of the separation of religion and state.

The works of contemporary Jewish political philosophers who draw on Jewish sources are prominent in the curricula of political philosophy wherever it is taught. One need only recall among many others, Michael Walzer as a thinker of the left and Leo Strauss, a thinker of the right. Both these men have distinguished followers in Canadian universities.

In recent years the Orthodox Jewish thinker Emmanuel Levinas, who writes on the relationship between morality and politics, has attracted a large following and is said to be the favorite philosopher of the Pope.

Finally, we must note those authors, Jewish and non Jewish, who remind us that Judaism has contributed more than symbols and learned texts of philosophy to the political culture of the west. These authors call attention to ideas that are so fundamental that we are barely conscious of them, ideas we could not exorcise and still be who we are.

One recent account of such ideas is contained in a widely read volume by the Irish writer Thomas Cahill. In this volume, Cahill credits the Jews for contributing a number of the primal assumptions of western civilization.

He argues that the assumption of the sacred worth of the individual, the notion of time as a forward movement to the unknown (rather than a cyclical movement where everything repeats itself), and the idea of our inescapable obligation to social justice, are "gifts of the Jews."

I would object to Cahill's idea that individualism is a product of Protestantism, that the world is divided between those nations who have experienced the Protestant Reformation and those that haven't. Jews belong to both.

But the other concepts on

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Judaism and our political ideals

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Cahill's list such as the conviction that time is a spiritual movement towards God's Kingdom – namely Messianism – and the prophetic insistence on the priority of social justice are surely rooted in Jewish sources.

Someone, a comedian, I presume, was fond of saying that when you are in love the whole world is Jewish. I don't know whether Romeo and Juliet would have agreed, but it is more plausible to say that when you are in politics the world seems very Jewish.

Thus we in Canada or the rest of the western world don't need the kind of reminder that is contained in *They Lived Among Us* or the kind of recognition that feminists and other scholars rightly seek for their constituencies.

The connection between Judaism and our political ideals, especially liberal democracy, has long been recognized. Today questions about the role of Judaism in western civilization are bound up with the questioning of the basics of western civilization and the ideals that have erupted in the past two decades. Some of the fundamentals of Judaism are questioned by some constituencies and some of the fundamentals of western liberalism are questioned by others, including Jews.

Do we still believe in this connection between the fundamentals of Judaism and the fundamentals of liberal democracy, now that the political and social world are convulsed by globalization, and the cultural world by postmodernisms, and the attendant social movements, such as religious fundamentalism?

Within the Jewish world this alliance is attacked by those who fear the lure of liberal civilization, that is, the threat of assimilation, and those who are still dismayed by its betrayals, such as during the refugee crisis in the late '30s. Is it possible that the alliance between Judaism and western liberal thought that we have assumed, was the product of an alliance forced by adversaries who attacked both?

In the middle of this century a spiritual bond between Judaism and liberal democracy was forged because both were beset by adversaries from the outside. In the last century Friedrich Nietzsche (who was not an anti-Semite) acknowledged that the alliance with modern secular liberalism was a new embodiment of Judaism and Christianity, but he rejected the egalitarianism of democracy and of Judaism. Anti-Semites took up and distorted Nietzche's message and since they hated both liberalism and democracy, they argued strenuously that liberal ideals were the inventions of Jewish conspirators.

When Cecil Roth published his magisterial *The Jewish Contribution to Civilization* in 1938, he scarcely realized that he might have issued an obituary both of the Jews and of the west. Within three years some of the illustrious centres of the civilization that he was honoring would sink into a dark night of fascism, discarding its Jewish heritage and setting out to discard its Jews.

This alliance remained firm after the war, partly because of the continuing threat of Stalinism. When Roth published the second edition in 1956, western civilization and the Jews had, it seemed, been resurrected from the dead.

Western civilization was in the midst of the greatest economic and social advance in its history, and the remnants of Jewry had created a Jewish state and were enjoying unprecedented social and political advances in the democratic world. In the decades following the war the west welcomed and even celebrated its Jewish heritage. The alliance seemed to have found a permanent embodiment and entered a honeymoon period.

The decades following the end of World War II are described by some historians as the "golden era of the 20th century."

They were marred by the fear of nuclear war, and are remembered as the time of a cultural banality described in the film *Pleasantville*. But those were also years when a booming economy lifted everyone.

More important, the cultural, moral and political tendencies of western civilization seemed to have found a final form – the social democratic state. The social democratic state was one that rested on

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In some countries this was called managerial liberalism, in others, social democracy, but it embodied ideals of freedom, reason (as defined in the sciences) and distributive justice. It was a moral political order that marginalized religious fundamentalism and even political conservatism.

When we think of the millions of people that it educated and that were raised from poverty, it seemed not at all inappropriate for David Ben-Gurion to announce that Israel could be a light unto the nations by bringing social democracy to the third world. Social democracy may not have been the Messiah, but it made certain that when the Messiah came he/she would have a hard act to follow.

The liberal/socialist order that characterized this period was widely praised as a product of what was then called the Judeo-Christian tradition and contrasted starkly with pagan totalitarianism of the Nazis, who had been defeated, and the Stalinists, who dominated large sections the globe.

Judaism, as well as Christianity, was embodied in that world. Jewish and Christian theologians were among the most prominent public intellectuals. Popular culture honored Norman Vincent Peale, the Protestant, Bishop Fulton Sheen, the Catholic, and Rabbi Joshuah Loth Liebman.

The university population honored Reinhold Niebuhr and Martin Buber not only as independent thinkers, but as people who gave the western social order religious class. These thinkers sometimes carped against the shallowness of liberal civilization and its "fleshpots" but rarely joined its enemies. Western civilization was the product of prophets and apostles.

I don't believe that the interplay of Judaism, Christianity and liberal civilization has been studied sufficiently (I tried to steer students into this area). Will Herberg's famous *Protestant, Catholic and Jew* is one major contribution in this direction.

The Civil Rights Movement of the early '60s drew much Jewish religious support. The prominent theologian Abraham Joshua Heschel was at the side of Martin Luther King Jr. in Washington. It is fascinating that many of the rebels against this world were Jewish literary people and social thinkers. Still for many, Judaism had found a plausible embodiment.

Since the late '60s the liberal socialist ship of state has been driven into strange and stormy waters. Moreover, some of its constituents have become mutineers, some of them strong enough to take power, others bold enough to question the sources of its legitimacy in Judaism.

There is a new cacophony of opinions. Some of the mutineers have directed their critiques against Judaism itself.

Feminism has been the most successful radical movement of the last decades. Feminist scholars have questioned the contribution of the Hebrew Bible to a decent society. They have challenged the Hebrew texts and the Hebrew tradition as the deepest bastion of patriarchy.

One British feminist, a literature scholar, told me that life deteriorated for women in England when the Hebrew Bible was translated into English. Jewish feminists have taken up this challenge, but call for revisions within Judaism.

Another political force, environmentalism, has produced writers who challenge the role of Judaism in founding industrial civilization.

They argue that the book of Genesis introduces a God who is above nature and sanctions our dominion over nature, which has opened the way to the devastation of the planet. Of course environmentally sensitive Judaism has responded to this attack by claiming that Genesis calls for us to be custodians of nature, not rapists.

For many conservative thinkers, these changes resulting as they have in widespread social chaos – the abandonment of the family and sexual *hefker* (pandemonium) – do not challenge Judaism fundamentally; they simply call for the political order to rededicate its Jewish moral roots.

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scended into Sodom and Gomorrah and it must be redeemed by the Ten Commandments. Would that it were that easy.

Finally, one of the root assumptions noted by Cahill, the assumption of Messianism, has been challenged by thinkers who have concluded that the Holocaust was an enormity that has undermined the possibility of any belief in a meaningful structure of history.

Both conservatives and neoleftists have questioned the nature of Messianism. Conservatives hold that Messianism has been the most destructive force of our century.

This claim, made in the '50s by the famous French author Albert Camus, was argued forcefully by my old teacher George Grant, and is the central contention of the contemporary novel *Damascus Gate*. In this novel, the land of Israel is depicted as the land that has spawned this most destructive force.

Much of this turmoil is the religious and cultural debris of the twisters of globalization. Thirty and even 100 years ago, anyone could have predicted that the world would become smaller. We all remember that Marshall McLuhan announced the coming of the global village.

But today's globalization is still strange. It makes us more dependent and connects us to the world. But also, by some weird configuration, it creates tribes and ethnic worlds that try to make themselves windowless.

It is a world that has spawned religious fundamentalism, where the orthodox of any faith can spend the day designing Web sites and the evening associating only with their own.

Today, it is possible to disassociate Judaism from liberalism or any of its universalism, and there are many calls (not only from the Orthodox) to draw in the fences.

Globalization offers us the possibility of keeping in our own cocoons, or, if we step out, we step into a world in which we jostle with other religions and other systems of ethics. Thus, in universities we find disputes from orthodox religious groups (not only Jewish) who want worlds of their own, and those who want to jostle with others.

All of this gives Judaism and political theory an agenda. I am not a theologian and will not offer Jewish solutions to these disputes. What I wish to suggest is that we have entered an era in which the basic questions of political philosophy – the question of the role of the state, the role of religion within the state, the role of liberty, the priority of justice and the meaning of history – have been reopened.

Such questions preoccupy the western world and they preoccupy the Jewish world. But today there is a Jewish state, and the questions that have emerged for us in Diaspora as cultural and philosophical questions, have emerged for Israel as urgent political ones.

We used to revel in the fact that after 2,000 years we now have Jewish prostitutes and Jewish policemen. Let us hope that we also have Jewish political thinkers, because much of the future relationship between Judaism and political thought will be played out in that land where the issue of the priority of justice was raised between prophets and kings.

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A treasure and an invitation

By CHERYL JAFFEE

Jacob Lowy was a man of action. Over a period of 50 years, he transformed his great passion for Judaism and Jewish learning into a richly textured library of Hebraic and Judaic books.

In 1977, he turned his passion for his country into a gift, with the donation of his treasured library to the people of Canada. The shared heritage which moved him so was human intellectual creativity at its most universal and eternal.

The Jacob M. Lowy Collection of Rare Hebraic and Judaic Texts is housed within the Lowy Room at the National Library of Canada, in Ottawa. This serene and beautiful room allows small groups to gather

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First look at antiquity

Jacob M. Lowy

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around a large wooden table, to see up close what the paper, typography and bindings of centuries-old books look like.

For some, it is a first look at antiquity and a chance to consider the difference between what is old and what is a facsimile, and why it matters.

For others, it is a first encounter with Hebrew and other Jewish languages, and a place to hear about the historical circumstances under which printers and book owners lived and died. For others still, it is a dramatic reconnection to a heritage. Scholars are humbled by history while actively involved in its study.

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Many of the books in the collection bear the markings of the historical periods through which they passed. The black ink of censorship and the arrogant signatures of 16th-century censors contrast with the detailed and careful inscriptions of owners long dead.

The markings of institutions of learning and their students, long-gone, contrast with the stamps on books confiscated by the Nazis.

The sublime and the terrible coexist tranquilly here, as they never could within the course of history. These books are survivors, witnesses to history.

I invite you to visit this treasure and see for yourselves.

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'The element of stability'

By JACOB M. LOWY

To speak of the Jewish contribution to world civilization is to examine, in essence, the fate of the Jewish people from the vantage point of world history. Indeed, no other individual history has been involved to a greater extent in...the progressive manifestations of western civilization.

The Jewish people participated in all of its decisive phases. It witnessed Egyptian, Babylonian, Greek, Roman, Arabic and European civilizations in their successive hegemonies.

Paradoxically, it was the wandering Jew who constituted the element of stability in the flow of human events. Through time and space, he was the link between peoples, such that his history reflected universal history; his philosophy lent to universal ethics; and his knowledge broadened world science and letters...

Not in every generation, nor in every country, do we find Jews at the forefront...But the great intellectual contributions throughout all the centuries have been interconnected and supported by the highest esteem in which Jews have held scholarship...The solid structure of Jewish life, ethics, morality and above all, love for learning, has kept the wellspring of Jewish knowledge alive even in periods of turmoil and in times of trouble...

A substantial amount of our great Jewish patrimony...is contained in the library I have been privileged to donate to the National Library of Canada, and through it to the people of Canada.

I believe that those who came to Canada were privileged to become Canadians. Here is a lesson: those who welcome the stranger to the gate enrich Canada through our heritage...This library will enable Canada to have a centre of internationally recognized Judaica which scholars of all faiths may use to broaden our understanding of a shared heritage.

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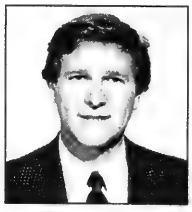
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Israel & the Jewish World

Israel underwent radical change

By DAVID LANDAU
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Will 5759 be remembered as a year of radical change in the course and direction of Israel's history, or merely as a year when the government changed hands after an election and life went on much as it did before?

The answer, as 5760 begins, is that the jury is still out. But if history and Israel's recent election are any guide, the radical change scenario is more likely.

While there have been many different governments in Israel's 50-year history, only three times has there been a change in the party that controls the country. While this is a regular enough event in most parliamentary democracies, in Israel's case, each of these changes ushered in a veritable cataclysm in the domestic and diplomatic directions in which the country was headed.

In 1977, after nearly three decades of uninterrupted rule by the Labor party or its predecessors, Menachem Begin won an election, at last, as the head of the Likud bloc.

Begin's victory signaled not only a sharp turn to the ideological right, but also the emergence of new power blocs. Israel's Sephardi communities, in particular the large Moroccan community, were solidly identified with Likud.

For them, Begin's success meant they had finally "arrived" after years of alienation and discrimination. Begin, moreover, created what was to be a stable and lasting alliance between his Likud and the Orthodox parties: the National Religious Party (NRP), Agudat Yisrael and later, the Sephardi haredi Shas party. That alliance was the pivotal axis of Israeli political life through the late 1970s and the 1980s.

In foreign affairs, of course, Begin's advent, far from triggering tension and war as the left had feared, brought about the first breakthrough to peace: the Camp David conference and the peace treaty with Egypt.

But the Likud and its allies, determined to perpetuate Israel's rule over the West Bank, held on tenaciously to the Greater Land of Israel.

It took the return to power of the Labor party under Yitzhak Rabin in 1992 for the second great cataclysm in Israel's diplomatic saga: the Oslo accords with the Palestinians.

On the domestic front, Rabin's victory seemed to signal the beginning of a turnabout in the party political configuration too: Shas, by now the largest Orthodox party, entered his coalition alongside the secular Meretz party.

But this marriage of convenience did not last, and in 1996, Benjamin Netanyahu, the head of Likud, regained power for his party and reconstituted the Likud-Orthodox alliance. The Oslo process, which Netanyahu reluctantly embraced, barely flickered under his stewardship. But it was not extinguished.

Does Ehud Barak's impressive electoral victory in May and his creation of a broad government encompassing the left and all the Orthodox parties indicate a further irrevocable surge toward peace and reconciliation between Israel and the Arabs?

And does it mean a historic return to the traditional alliance between Israel's leftist and Ortho-

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Prime Minister-elect Ehud Barak celebrates

PM has solid 'Jewish' majority

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dox parties, which Begin smashed and which Rabin failed to re-create in a lasting way?

Netanyahu calls Barak's 12 percent margin of victory in the direct election for prime minister a result of moral fatigue, but leftist writers and thinkers are welcoming the less chauvinistic, less militaristic mood that has swept much of secular, Ashkenazi Israeli society and begun to make inroads among the traditional and the Sephardi sectors, too.

Barak's supporters make the point that, unlike Rabin, the present premier rules with a solid "Jewish" majority in the Knesset, and the hard-liners, still fighting against Palestinian statehood, are reduced to less than one-quarter of the parliament.

The prime minister's apparent readiness to cede all of the Golan Heights for peace seems likely to win wide support in the referendum he has promised – if and when Syria accedes to his demands on security and normalization.

If, as Barak has publicly and repeatedly pledged, the next 15 months see historic breakthroughs toward peace both on the Syrian-Lebanese and the Palestinian tracks, then last year's change of government will turn out to have been a real watershed in Israel's century of conflict with its Arab neighbors.

Barak says his aim is to end that conflict once and for all. The method of partial, incremental steps forward seems to him too risky, too slow and too unstable. His most oft-repeated statement in his early sallies in international diplomacy – in the Middle East, in Washington and Moscow, and in key European capitals has been: "I am not Netanyahu. I seriously intend to make peace."

If he can translate his intentions into concrete results, moreover, the authoritative and domineering way he put together his governing coalition will be forgiven, even by those within his own party most deeply hurt and offended by his brushing them aside.

If his peacemaking succeeds, his deliberate deferral of pressing domestic issues, especially religious pluralism, will be accepted, in the light of hindsight, as an act of wisdom and political perspicacity. Indeed, the deferral – while ideological foes like Shas and Meretz co-operate with Barak to bring the peace treaties – may well turn out to be the most salutary approach to these intractable state-religion dilemmas that will to a large extent determine the shape of society in the Jewish state into the next century.

The partnership between ideological opposites over peace will, with luck and leadership, blunt their animosity over the issues that divide them.

The Orthodox parties – Shas, United Torah Judaism and NRP – sitting in coalition with the left, may develop a new sense of respect, or at least of tolerance, for the "secularists." And vice-versa.

The perniciously rigid right-against-left, religious-against-secular parallelogram that furnished the parameters of Israeli politics for a whole generation will have been permanently erased, leaving a more mature and less dogmatic political community, better able to grapple with the state-and-religion disputes that lie ahead.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu resigns

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'Soviet' immigrants changed Israel

By SIMON GRIVER
WZPS

When Natan Sharansky arrived in Israel in 1986, he began urging the Israeli people to prepare for the more than one million Jews across the U.S.S.R. who would soon be making their home in the Jewish state.

Out of respect, nobody argued. After all, Sharansky had been in prison for 12 years and was clearly out of touch...

Sharansky's predictions, however, proved accurate. Since 1989, over 800,000 newcomers have reached Israel from the former Soviet Union, representing 16 percent of Israel's Jewish population. In 1990 alone, 185,000 Soviet immigrants arrived in Israel, and in 1991, undeterred by the Gulf War and the Scud missiles raining down on Israel, an additional 172,000 came.

These immigrants have changed the face of the country, contributing to all aspects of the nation from science and high-tech to sports, music, art, culture and politics.

"This wave of aliyah was less Zionist in nature than the Jews who had come in the 1970s," recalled Dr. Baruch Gur, who set up and headed the Jewish Agency's Unit for the Soviet Union in 1989.

"Coming mainly from Russia, the Ukraine and Belarus, they had a strong sense of Jewish identity but did not come here for ideological reasons. They wanted a better economic life and feared the uncertainty, instability and ever-present anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union," Gur said.

Leonid Dubkin, 50, a construction engineer, who arrived in Israel in 1991 from emigrated from Ukraine, because, "the economy of Ukraine was falling apart," he commented, "and anti-Semitism was on the rise. The Jews have always been perceived as guilty for what goes wrong in Ukraine."

Other Jews had more desperate reasons for leaving. Tens of thousands of Jews in southern Belarus and northwest Ukraine lived within a 200-mile radius of the Chernobyl nuclear reactor which had melted down in 1987.

Thousands of Jews with diabetes or other conditions making them dependent on medication, or needing immediate surgery, left because the Soviet health system could not cope with them.

After the collapse of the former Soviet Union (FSU), immigration to Israel increased from the newly independent southern and central Asian republics, which were wracked by wars and civil wars.

Azerbaijan was fighting Armenia, Georgia and Moldova were busy quelling civil unrest, ethnic tensions were rife throughout Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan was being torn apart by Iranian-backed Muslim fundamentalists. Southern Russian states like Dagestan and neighboring Chechnya were also plagued by war.

"We Jews were squeezed out," recalled Robert Tivyair, a Jewish student leader who left Derbent in Dagestan, in the Russian Caucasian Mountains, in 1994 for Israel where he settled in the Negev development town of Ofakim.

"There was never any anti-Semitism," he recalled. "But the local Turkish, Persian and Caucasian ethnic groups were all vying for the power vacuum left by a weak Moscow. We Jews were too small a community. Crime was on the rise too."

A logistical triumph for the Jewish Agency

From 1992 onwards, some 65,000 Jews from the FSU reached Israel each year. In the years 1992 to 1995, half of them came from Azerbaijan, Georgia, Uzbekistan, Tadjikistan and southern Russian republics. Most of these Jews come from ancient Sephardi communities but thousands were Ashkenazi Jews who had fled south and east when the Nazis had invaded the FSU in 1945 and were now being persecuted as European Russian colonialists.

Bringing so many Jews from so many places in such a short time has been a logistical triumph for the Jewish Agency.

"The Israeli government could never have achieved what we did," said Yosef Tropiansky, who became the Jewish Agency's first ever emissary in the FSU when he opened an office in Vilnius, Lithuania in 1989.

"As representatives of world Jewry we were permitted to operate at a time when the Soviet Union was antagonistic to having diplomatic or any relations with Israel," he said.

Tropiansky recollects the climate of fear. Jews would come to his apartment at night rather than risk being seen in broad daylight in his office. But by the following year, the agency offices in Moscow and Leningrad, Kiev, Odessa and Minsk were swamped with would-be Jewish emigres.

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Newcomers face unique problems

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Today the Jewish Agency has easily the largest overseas presence throughout the FSU and probably the best organized infrastructure. This includes 26 major offices and 450 aliyah co-ordinators in smaller communities. Direct flights regularly bring immigrants to Israel from 22 airports from Vilnius in Lithuania to Kharabovsk in the Russian far east.

Hundreds of ulpanim teach Hebrew to tens of thousands of prospective new immigrants, while a network of Jewish youth clubs and summer camps bring Judaism and Zionism to a new generation of highly assimilated Russian speaking Jews.

In Israel itself, the 800,000 newcomers have had their teething problems. The Law of Return requires immigrants to have only one Jewish grandparent and thousands of the highly assimilated newcomers are not halachically Jewish.

Hundreds of ulpanim teach Hebrew

Tensions between Russian speaking newcomers and veteran oriental Jewish groups have grabbed the headlines, especially during election campaigns when "ethnic interest" parties like Shas (Sephardi) and Yisrael b'Aliyah (Russian speaking newcomers) use inflammatory rhetoric. Fortunately, the tensions very rarely go beyond the verbal.

Unemployment stands at about 12 percent among new immigrants compared to 8.8 percent in the population at large; this despite the fact that new immigrants are actually better qualified on average than Israelis, and indeed the populations of most western countries. Some 2.5 percent of Russian speaking newcomers have doctorates, compared to 1.2 percent of the Israeli population at large.

"These new immigrants have impressive technological know-how," stressed Dr. Orna Berry, chief scientist of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

"But they have little understanding of the Israeli scene and western commercial environment. So [we] offer them a sheltered place to develop new ideas. Their knowledge and strength in new materials and innovative industrial processes have helped the country diversify its traditional strengths in such sectors as software, telecommunications, medical equipment and biotechnology."

Several new Russian immigrants helped the Dead Sea Works develop a process for extracting magnesium metal from the Dead Sea. Last year Dead Sea Magnesium, a partnership between Dead Sea Works and the German car manufacturer Volkswagen, cast 25,000 tons of magnesium metal for use in the automotive and aerospace industries.

Michael Katz, who reached Israel in 1992 from Moscow, set up Ceramight near Dimona in the Negev. The company has developed ceramic composites with high thermal resistance. Now based in Rehovot, Ceramight has contracts with the US corporation Pratt & Whitney and has attracted investments from venture capital funds.

"We always wanted to leave Russia," said Katz. "But I was involved in highly sensitive military projects and would never have been permitted to go. But when the Soviet Union fell apart we took immediate advantage of the situation."

Other high-tech companies successfully established by new immigrants include: ELAM Electroluminescent Industries Ltd., which has developed luminescent wires in seven basic colors; Sizary Ltd., which specializes in thermal processing systems for reducing metallic contamination during semiconductor wafer production; Acktar Ltd., which has developed an advanced vacuum fabrication process; Newthan Ltd., which offers a highly innovative gauge for measuring vacuums; Servologic Ltd. has developed ADD (Astatic Discrete Drive) technology for motors.

New immigrants have excelled in other areas of endeavor too. In sports, Danny (Yevgeny) Krasnov, who reached the pole vaulting final of both the Barcelona (1992) and Atlanta (1996) Olympics, is the only male Israeli athlete ever to reach a track and field final.

Gotcha Tzitzashvili, 26, and Henry Papiashvili, 19, who made aliyah in 1993 and 1996, respectively, from Tblisi, Georgia, have put Israel on the Greco-Roman wrestling map.

Tzitzashvili, who is related to Papiashvili by marriage, finished fifth in the under 76 kilogram division in Greco-Roman wrestling in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, while Papiashvili won the world championships in the under 67 kilogram division in Cairo, Egypt in 1998.

This was the first time that the Israeli flag had ever flown above the winners' podium and the Hatikvah played at a sporting event in an Arab country.

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Jewish N.Y. dream is now a reality

By RUTH HEIGES
WZPS

One day in 1909, 66 Jewish families living in Jaffa decided they would leave the comfort and security of their middle class lives to build a new neighborhood on the sands, a few kilometres north of the 4,000-year-old city.

Remarkably, there are no records documenting how or why the decision was taken, nor who initiated it. Perhaps it was not much different from the concept that has come to known as suburbanization.

In fact, the text of the promotional brochure for building Achuzat Bayit, as the neighborhood was named, supports this supposition:

"We must occupy a decent stretch of land on which to build ourselves houses. It should be situated near Jaffa, and will constitute the first Hebrew town, which will be 100 percent Jewish populated, where Hebrew will be spoken, and purity and cleanliness maintained; and we shall not walk in the ways of the nations, and just as the town of New York symbolizes the gateway to America, so must we improve our town, until someday it becomes the New York of Eretz Yisrael... In this town, we will set out streets having roads and sidewalks, with electric lighting. Entering into every house will be water from the wellsprings of salvation that shall flow to us by means of pipes, as in every modern town in Europe, and also canalization will be arranged for the health of the town and its inhabitants." *Tel Aviv – The Dynamics of a Dream*, by Ilan Shchori.

Clearly, many bought into the idea and the project, which was renamed Tel Aviv, began in 1909. This first neighborhood mushroomed, and for decades to come, Tel Aviv was in a great rush to be built – eyes focused on the new and back turned to the old. Within 15 years, it had grown into a full-fledged town and by 1939 its population totalled 160,000.

Now, 90 years after the Jewish residents of Jaffa were exhorted to the concept of "New York on the Mediterranean," it can be said that the vision of the founders has been fulfilled. Though considerably smaller than other world metropolises (400,000 residents, with over one million in the greater area), the first "Hebrew city" is, indeed, the cultural, financial and commercial heart of Israel.

In fact, it is considered so dynamic by international standards that *Newsweek* magazine recently cited it as being one of only three "hot new tech cities" outside the United States (the other two being Cambridge, England, and Bangalore, India): "And some say that the Silicon Valley's most serious global competitor is the mini-sprawl around Tel Aviv. 'High-tech start-ups are the new Zionism,' says Yossi Sela, head of a $150 US million venture-capital fund in the suburb of Herzliya."

One of the factors in this, is that Tel Aviv is one of the top 10 cities in the world to which young people migrate according to the magazine: "Tel Aviv, the country's most expensive city, has become the whirring centre of high-tech growth almost by default – it is the only Israeli metropolis that operates on the same 24-hour schedule as the high-tech industry."

In 90 short years, Tel Aviv has grown, burgeoning to the point that the Jaffa from which it originated is now incorporated into the city. What is important, however, is that it has come of age, embracing the new, while no longer neglecting the old.

Tel Aviv has come of age

One of the residents of the Neve Zedek neighborhood, denouncing the opening of the "cinematograph," as the first movie theatre was known, wrote: "It will be most harmful to us, also in a material sense, because thieves will find the right answer, for they will find a man lying in wait at the threshold of his house, saying, 'To the cinematograph I go.'

"And if I am wrong, no matter, and also in a moral sense, for who will guarantee that women and virgins shall not be taken by surprise, and you know how the common people are." (*Tel Aviv — The Dynamics of a Dream*)

What might this venerable citizen have thought of the fact that one of the first events kicking off the 90th anniversary celebrations was an open-air concert by American hip-hop singer, Coolio.

Many of the other anniversary celebrations, however, would have seemed wholly appropriate to the Tel Avivians of yesteryear, culminating in early spring with the traditional *Ad-lo-yadah* Purim parade. If they were attending the 10th anniversary celebration of the Suzanne Dellal Centre for Dance in Neve Zedek on Sept. 23, for example, if anything looked different to them, it would be the way the buildings of this first quarter have been made beautiful.

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Renewal of Jaffa next on agenda

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Similarly, the celebration of cafe culture to be held on Bialik Street during the first week of October – which will also celebrate the history of the city – might cause them to remark at how well the buildings have withstood the years.

On the other hand, if they were to search for the venerable Gymnasia Herzliya High School, they would likely be overwhelmed and perplexed by the sky-scraping Shalom Tower that stands in its place. The only vestige of the Gymnasia's existence is in photographs and artwork, as the building was torn down without a thought to preservation.

Today, it is this very point which marks Tel Aviv's new maturity. For the effort which shines so brightly in Neve Zedek and Bialik Street, and is peppered throughout the older part of the city, is the preservation and renovation of these original buildings.

For aficionados of the Bauhaus, eclectic and international styles of architecture which flourished in Europe prior to World War II, Tel Aviv is an outdoor museum. Architecture was one of the rich elements cultivated here by Jews who immigrated from Germany, along with such institutions as the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and the Eretz Yisrael (Ha'aretz) Museum, which they established.

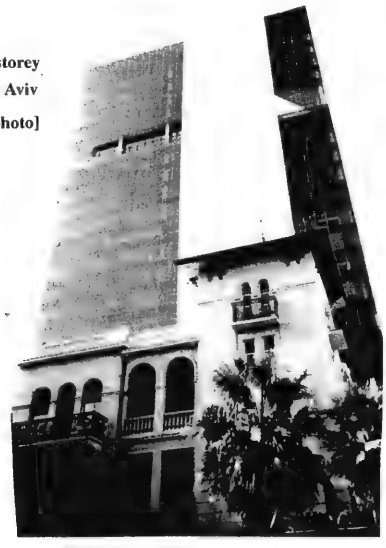
They were influential in promulgating the minimalist, functional architectural style inspired by the works of Le Corbusier and Erich Mendelsohn, which also suited the socialistic influence in pre-State Tel Aviv. At the same time, they unwittingly created an ironic legacy, for the destruction Germany brought upon itself with the world war included its examples of the Bauhaus School of Art and Design, leaving Tel Aviv, the first Hebrew city, to be the site of its preservation.

Currently, about 100 buildings are marked for historic conservation. The pace-setter for these preservation efforts has been the Tel Aviv Foundation, which established a worthy standard via its renovation of the defunct high schools which now comprise the Suzanne Dellal Centre. The availability of public funding is extremely limited, however, and much of the success will depend extensively on private initiative and responsibility. This is, in fact, happening, with Neve Zedek currently undergoing extensive gentrification, as a result.

Beautiful examples of how successfully this can be accomplished can also be viewed in the area between Rothschild Boulevard and Montefiore Street, where financial companies and institutions, architectural firms and law firms have rehabilitated some of the special buildings, breathing new life into them.

In addition, developers are being permitted to undertake new construction on the sites of properties which are beyond repair, if they are willing to undertake restoring at least the original facade, and in some cases, even more. Several examples of this approach can be seen on Rothschild Boulevard, where office towers are being developed which incorporate or preserve the original structures.

By the time Tel Aviv-Jaffa celebrates its first century, it is hoped that much of this preservation work will have been accomplished, and the renewal of Jaffa, for which a master plan has been approved, will begin.



Restored two-storey building in Tel Aviv

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Mary Levitt

The honey bee is really a busy bee

By SHARON KANON
WZPS

Did you ever think how many bees worked to produce a 100-gram jar of honey and how much time it took them?

Thinking about the demand for honey on Rosh Hashanah, when every traditional Jewish family dips apples and bread in honey and makes a special blessing for a sweet year, I decided to visit the Lin Bee Farm in Moshav Bilu near Rehovot, the largest family bee farm in Israel, to get some answers to my question.

Bees deserve more credit than merely that of supporting cast in the honey story. Foraging bees suck nectar from flower blossoms, and carry it in a honey sac (an expandable part of the esophagus) back to the hive. Nonforaging bees in the hive convert it to honey by manipulating the nectar on their tongue, adding enzymes to invert sucrose sugar to fructose and glucose and removing excess water.

"The number of bees in a colony varies with the availability of blossoms," says Netta Lin Cohen, marketing manager of the Lin Bee Farm. "When the queen bee gets a report via a bee dance that flowers outside are plentiful, she lays more eggs to increase the team of workers. We add a third floor to the hive for them."

Bees forage either for pollen grains in the male portion (stamen) of flowers, or for nectar. Pollen is packed into pellets and carried on their hind legs back to the hive. In Israel, during an orange blossom season with plenty of rain, a hive with 50,000 to 80,000 bees can produce 30 to 40 kilograms of honey in two to three weeks.

"Every bee goes in and out of the hive 20 to 50 times a day," says Cohen's brother Yuval Lin, who has primary responsibility for the family's 1,000 hives. "That's 50 to 80 million bees," he estimates.

And what about the amount of bee power needed to make a jar of honey? "One thousand bee days are needed to make 100 grams of honey," he observes.

Lin has been fascinated by bees since the age of 14, after his father brought home some hives. He kept his small-scale apiary going while serving in the Israeli air force and during college studies. It is now an enterprising family business.

Cohen, an architect who studied at Bezalel and the Technion, took over the job of marketing director when her father, Uriel, became ill and died two years ago. A manager in Koor Industries, he was the creative force behind the development of the bee farm, and the visitors' centre, where more than 20,000 people visit each year.

"I like being out in nature, working with the bees," says Lin who, like other Israeli beekeepers, moves his hives around the country to take advantage of blossoming plants and trees in different areas. Sometimes, he moves the hives to the sunflower fields in the Negev, to the flowering watermelon, cucumber and pepper plants in the Arava or to the Golan when apple and cherry trees bloom.

"Bees are needed for pollination," Lin says. "You can import honey but you can't import pollination," which is another source of income for the beekeeper.

"I look for the best conditions

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Yuval Lin at the Lin Bee Farm in Moshav Bilu is undetered by the hundreds of bees buzzing around him and cheerfully displays a number of his honey-based products. [WZPS photo by Sammy Avnisan]

Honey was used for medical problems

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for the hives – not just the right food or the right place, but the right position in that place," he says.

Between 50,000 and 80,000 bees packed closely in a hive are able to avoid most illnesses because of the antibiotic and other medicinal benefits of honey, propolis (a glue-like by-product of the honey-making process) and pollen. "But I can tell from the bees' smell and appearance, and from the noise they make, if they are well or if they are ill," says Lin.

Honey has been used for treating burns and lacerations since ancient times, and the Rambam was known to mix honey with various substances to treat medical problems.

In fact, honey was the main source of sugar in those days. When the Bible refers to the "land flowing with milk and honey," it uses the same Hebrew word, *dvash*, used today to refer to the sweet produce of the fruits of the land – a thick syrup from dates or grapes.

Manna, eaten by the Israelites during their 40 years in the desert, tasted like honey cakes, according to the Bible.

Wild bees' honey was also available in Samson's day. He and his parents *fressed* on it and it was the answer to his famous riddle: "Out of the eater came something to eat, out of the strong came something sweet," the answer wheedled out of him by his Philistine wife's question: "What is sweeter than honey, and what is stronger than a lion?"

The Lin Bee Farm offers a wide variety of bee products – honey with nuts, sesame, eucalyptus, almonds and ginger. As well, they offer a whole line of healing and health-enhancing products such as fresh royal jelly, with either propolis, ginseng or pollen.

Three new Lin products this year are aimed at preventing the flu and winter viruses: pollen powder, honey, royal jelly and vitamin C in one combination; a potent syrup with propolis, cat's claw, vitamin C, honey, black sambuck and astrologus to bolster the immune system (better than a flu shot that only inhibits one kind of flu); and honey, royal jelly and vitamin C for basic well-being.

Research indicates that honey is good for the liver and the heart, reduces high blood pressure and aids general circulation. Royal jelly, the exclusive food of the queen bee, is a rich source of B-complex vitamins, as well as vitamins A, C, D and E, biotin and folic acid. It is also the single richest source of natural pantothenic acid, a stress reducer, and acetycholine, the key to brain and nerve development and memory. It also has gamma globulin, natural antibiotics and gelatin to prevent aging of the skin.

When you sit down for your Rosh Hashanah meal this year and see the honey on the table, consider the bees who worked so hard to enable us to enjoy not only a sweet New Year, but a healthy one too.

More than million Jews still left in the FSU

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Anna Smashnova is a leading young female tennis player who has won several major WTA tournaments and is ranked 38 in the world.

The 22 year-old came to Israel with her parents from Minsk in Belarus in 1990.

In the arts, Israel has a Russian new immgrant theatre group – Gesher – performing in Hebrew, Russian and English, while the country's orchestras have dozens of new immigrant musicians.

In politics, Mikhael Nudelman, who reached Israel in 1991, was elected deputy mayor of Kiryat Shmonah on an independent ticket in 1993 and entered the Knesset in 1996 representing the Yisrael b'Aliyah party.

While immigration to Israel is open to all who have one Jewish grandparent, including large numbers of the elderly and sick, the Jewish Agency has actively "marketed" aliyah among stronger sectors of the Jewish population in Russian speaking countries. The Sela, Rom and Youth Aliyah's Naaleh 16 program have brought young academically oriented students. Through Aliyah 2000, immigrants are recruited for jobs and college courses while still in the FSU.

After 10 years of aliyah, there are still more than a million Jews left in the FSU. Statistics show that immigration is on the rise again following the financial crisis last year in Russia and rising anti-Semitism, which according to Amos Lahat, director of the Jewish Agency's department for the FSU, will result in 60,000 immigrants arriving in Israel this year compared to 52,000 last year.

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Aqueduct unique in Israel

By DANIELLA ASHKENAZY
WZPS

The old road leading to the new Alona Park near Binyamina meanders its way between peach groves and vineyards. Turning northeastwards, one reaches the Menashe foothills and Moshav Aviel – one of three small remote farming communities situated in the heart of the 34,000-dunam park (a little less than 34,000 acres).

Dedicated in June '99, Alona Park is already beginning to offer hiking trails, camping grounds and other wide-ranging nature facilities to its numerous visitors. But its main attraction is neither the 20,000 dunams of natural woodlands, nor the area's indigenous oaks (*alon* in Hebrew, for which the park is named), a now somewhat rare species that in biblical times covered much of the coastal plain. Rather, it is a subterranean aqueduct – the only one of its kind or size in Israel.

Alona has a six kilometre underground passage, part of an ancient Roman water system which for 1,860 years fed Caesarea which in Roman and Byzantine times had been the provincial capital of Judea. Chiseled out of the relatively soft limestone hillside by hand, the aqueduct was no mean engineering feat for its day.

Though one must crawl through some sections of the channel, and enter others by rope ladder, Alona Park's calling card is a 300-metre underground stretch where the ceiling is almost two metres high. This section is now under joint development by the Jewish National Fund (JNF), the Alona Regional Council and the Government Tourist Authority, in order to provide easy access for visitors.

"Two aqueducts served Caesarea," explains JNF archeologist Eli Shenhav. The older one, running parallel to the coast, was the city's main source, diverting water from the mouth of the Taninim Stream to the north.

The other, a larger, more complex 24-km channel, parallels the first for several kilometres, then veers to the right and cuts across the coastal plain to Shuni.

Shuni, once a spring-fed Roman "health spa and recreation resort" 5 km to the east, boasted both an amphitheatre and an Olympic-size swimming pool. Restored by JNF in 1986, Shuni is now a well developed park commemorating Zionist leader Ze'ev Jabotinsky. The park was used by his followers as an operations base in the 1940s and as a site for establishing settlements in the 1950s.

"The 6-km subterranean stretch, which is the last leg of the 24-km aqueduct, is actually a smaller auxiliary channel that extended the eastern aqueduct along five natural springs through the Menashe Hills, while also conducting water originating in the upper channel of Nahal Taninim," says Shenhav.

"It was apparently constructed to provide supplementary water as the needs of the city increased, or to provide for drought years."

The aqueduct was first mentioned in the 1882 landmark *Survey of Western Palestine* by C.R. Condor and H.H. Kitchener.

Only in the 1950s, however, were the first four closely spaced, blocked entrance shafts to the underground section uncovered, by the Mekorot Water Company which was constructing an open, concrete canal to divert Nahal Taninim waters to the coastal aquifer instead of losing them to the Mediterranean.

Over the years, occasional hikers armed with ropes and flashlights have visited the site. But development for commercial tourism was initiated only recently.

Before the site was ever chosen, according to Alona Regional Council head Eli Azulai, parts of the neglected and at times treacherous, water-filled channel had been explored by an elite navy team who pinpointed the shaft locations from the inside.

Shenhav recounts that in the early 1990s, under the watchful eye of now-retired Israel Antiquities Authority archeologist Azriel Ziegelman, tons of mud, rocks, unsavory debris and hard calcified limestone sediment that had reached halfway up the two-metre-high channel began to be removed, shovelful by shovelful, chip by chip.

For the past few summers young volunteer diggers from JNF, as well as professional teams equipped with pumps and working under JNF's northern land reclamation division, have thoroughly cleaned out a section of the passage.

"To remain functional," Shenhav points out, "aqueducts require constant care." In Roman and Byzantine times, maintenance involved shoring up weak points and removing sediment and debris that impeded flow." Inscriptions found on the walls of the Caesarian aqueducts give the identity of the Roman maintenance crews – each, a specific legion dating back to Hadrian.

Shenhav says that during the period that followed, when for 500 years the area was under Muslim rule, there was an influx of Bedouin tribes unaccustomed to permanent settlement. This, together with the arrival of an unsophisticated peasantry, changed the face of the country, he says. "Caesarea, once a large city and important centre sus-

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Songs written about trees

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tained by water from the aqueducts, reverted back to a small village."

To date, the three parties involved in the project have invested $1.25 million for clearing, planning and development of the 10-dunam area, which will comprise seven shafts, walkways, staircases, shady rest areas and rest rooms.

Artificial lighting will also be needed, adds Shenhav. In former times, wall niches, which are still visible today, were used for oil lamps by those who built or worked on the aqueduct."

Archeologist Azulai, a native of the area, explains that without pumps, the passage would be totally flooded in winter by rushing water, fed by the rain.

Even in the driest month of August, one can get a taste for time past, walking mid-calf to knee-deep in cool waters that for 2,000 years have flowed from the same headwater source at Nahal Soharin, which is located 24 km northeast of Caesarea.

The finishing touches, including landscaping, were recently put on the 10-dunam section of the park, and visitors can now roll up their pants and wade through history along a 300-metre section of the metre-wide underground passage.

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Numerous Israeli songs have been written about trees. Now, it seems, it is time for the trees to repay the debt.

Some 50 trees were planted in June '99 at a new Israel Songs Grove in Alona Park near Binyamina, each named for 50 songs chosen by the public in a special hit parade of favorites spanning the 51 years of statehood.

The idea for the Jubilee Songs Grove, which is to be part of a larger Israel Songs Forest, was the brainchild of Eitan Gafni, who headed the Jubilee Songs committee. The woodland is to house an artists' colony, songwriters' workshops, recording studio, rehearsal rooms and outdoor events theatre. According to Gafni, "Artists will be able to draw inspiration from the country's trees and landscapes."

Among the 50 songwriters, composers and performers – each planted a tree – were songwriters Ehud Manor, Shuli Natan of *Jerusalem of Gold* fame – it topped the list of favorites – Kobi Oshrat, Shimrit Or and Yaacov Hollander; poet Nathan Yonatan, and singers Shmulik Kraus and Uzi Hitman.

Also present were JNF chair Shlomo Gravetz; Alona Regional Council head Eli Azulai and the director of Israel Radio's Third Station (*Reshet Gimmel*), Amnon Shiloni. Gravetz and Manor, both natives of Binyamina, shared a tree planting.

JNF youth volunteers cleaning up the subterranean aqueduct in Caesarea [WZPS photo by Ronny Schitzer]

R's . . .

Adele & Jan Rolin

Best wishes to our children, grandchildren, friends and relatives for a happy and healthy & peaceful New Year.

THE ROSENS
Hannah, John, Amy and Eric

wish their relatives and friends a happy and healthy New Year.

Willie & Bertha Rosengarten & Family

672 Briar Hill Avenue.

Wish all their relatives and friends a peaceful, happy and healthy New Year.

Paul & Phyllis Rosengarten

Best wishes to our children, grandchildren, friends and relatives for a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year.

Mike & Sally Rosen

31 Denmark Crescent

Wish all their relatives, friends and clients a peaceful, happy and healthy New Year.

Helen Reich

52 Evanston Dr.

Best wishes to my children, grandchildren, friends and relatives for a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year.

Mr. & Mrs. P. Rechtsman and Family

Wish their relatives, friends & neighbors a happy and healthy New Year.

Myer Rosenberg

Best wishes to my children, grandchildren, friends and relatives for a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year

Ralph, Jesse, Danielle, Joanna, Kari Rabinowicz & Mrs. Bella Rabinowicz

wish their relatives and friends a happy and healthy New Year.

Genia & Henry Rakowski

Best wishes to our children, grandchildren, friends and relatives for a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year.

Pinchos & Luba Rywiec

Best wishes to our children, grandchildren, friends and relatives for a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year

Martin, Lena, David & Joshua Rauchwerger and Helen Rauchwerger

wish their relatives and friends a happy and healthy New Year.

Lily & Mike Rosenberg, Marilyn, Robert, Daniel & Sarah Jacobs, Pauline, Vanessa, Jon & Ben Elias

wish their relatives & friends a happy and healthy New Year

Nathan & Heddy Rydel

Best wishes to our children, grandchildren, friends and relatives for a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year.

S's . . .

Best wishes for a year of peace and serenity, health and happiness to our relatives and friends and the people of Israel.

MINKA SMITH
IAN, TOBE & SHELDON TWEYMAN
AUBREY & KAREN LIPMAN

Harold Sayles

471 Coldstream Avenue

Wish my relatives, friends and neighbors a happy and healthy New Year.

Rosh Hashanah Greetings 5760

Larry & Pam Shapiro
Jodi & Robyn
Mark, Lori, Jordan & Ryan Shapiro
Annie Okun, Syd Shapiro
Wish their relatives, friends and neighbours a happy and healthy New Year.

Florence Shainhouse
Best wishes to my children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren friends and relatives for a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year

Rachelle, Lisa, Mindy & Jessica Salamon
Wish their relatives and friends a happy and healthy New Year.

Leon & Bela Sniatowski
Best wishes to our children, grandchildren, relatives and friends for a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year.

Alter & Helen Steinfeld
Best wishes to our children, grandchildren, friends and relatives for a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year

Best wishes for a Happy & Healthy New Year to all our relatives, clients & friends
Mr. & Mrs. Milton Snow
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Snow & family
Mr. & Mrs. Allan Schwartz & family
Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Cohen & family
Mr. & Mrs. Leo Snow

Nathan & Helen Shiff
Martin, Michelle, Mitchell & Jaimie Shiff
Jeffrey, Aviva, David, Tatum & Melissa Shiff
Adam, Barbara, Matthew & Carly Altberg
Wish all their relatives and friends a peaceful, happy & healthy New Year.

Anne & Joe Steinberg
Bella, Elliot, Jason & Adam Sinukoff
Wendy, Stuart, Zachary, Cory, Matthew & Michael Himmel
Evy, Elliot, Hailey, Carly & Jordan Sugar
Wish their relatives, machatunim & friends a happy & healthy New Year.
52 Green Acres Road

Rosita & David Salomon
Wish their relatives, friends & neighbors a happy and healthy New Year.

Wishing all our family and friends a happy and healthy New Year.
The Steinman Family
6 Barclay Court

Dorice & David Silverman & Family
wish their relatives and friends a happy and healthy New Year.

Isaac and Mary Szames
Best wishes to our children, grandchildren, friends and relatives for a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year.

Derek, Jill & Zachary Stern
100 Macarthur Drive
Thornhill
Wish their relatives, friends & neighbours a happy and healthy New Year

Shirlee & Murray Silver
Best wishes to our children, grandchildren, relatives & friends for a Happy & Peaceful New Year

Laury & Evy Snow
Best wishes to our children, grandchildren, friends and relatives for a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Wishing our parents, family and friends a happy and healthy New Year.
Henry, Susyn & Carl Smith
Lisa, Derek & Taylor Frankfort

JOSH & MALKA SEGAL
Best wishes to our children, grandchildren, relatives and friends for a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year.

Dry Bones

Looking back

IT'S JUST UNBELIEVABLE! OUTRAGEOUS!!
34 DIFFERENT CHOICES AND THERE'S NOTHING I LIKE?!
YOU'RE TALKING CABLE TV?
NO!
I'M TALKING POLITICAL PARTIES!
WE'RE WAITING FOR SYRIA'S AGREEMENT BEFORE WE PULL OUT OF LEBANON!
YUP
STRANGE!
YOU MEAN?
WE DIDN'T WAIT FOR SYRIA'S AGREEMENT
BEFORE WE MARCHED IN!
CURRENT EVENTS IN MODERN EUROPE TEACH US ONE THING
... AND THAT IS?
WE SHOULD GET OUT OF THE 20TH CENTURY
... AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
EHUD BARAK WON A LANDSLIDE VICTORY
BECAUSE HE PROMISED TO BRING US TOGETHER
SO NOW WE'RE TRYING TO TELL HIM WHO TO KEEP OUT!
ANYBODY BUT SHAS!
NOT THE LIKUD!
STOP TOMMY LAPID!
DUMP THE RELIGIOUS!
NO TO SHARON!
DROP THE LAFFER!
LOCAL COMPANIES ARE DENYING THAT USING CELLULAR PHONES CAN CAUSE MEMORY LOSS!
GOSH, I HOPE THEY'RE RIGHT
ME TOO
OH... AND ANOTHER THING...
LOCAL COMPANIES ARE DENYING THAT USING CELLULAR PHONES CAN CAUSE MEMORY LOSS!
PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS PROMISED
TO SEND AN ISRAELI INTO OUTER SPACE!
WOW!
ONLY ONE?
SOME OF US BELIEVE THAT ARAFAT CAN NOT STOP PALESTINIAN RIOTING!
AND SOME OF US BELIEVE THAT ARAFAT TOTALLY CONTROLS THEM!
THE QUESTION IS...
WHICH OF US ARE THE OPTIMISTS?
AN ISRAELI CENTRIST POLITICAL PARTY...
HAS ONE SERIOUS PROBLEM TO FACE.
?
WE ISRAELI VOTERS ARE MODERATELY EXTREME
...BUT NOT EXTREMELY MODERATE.

Rosh Hashanah Greetings 5760

Dry Bones at 5759

WE'VE BLENDED THE DEFECTS OF COALITION GOVERNMENT
...WITH THE DRAWBACKS OF A PRESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE!
OUR NEW ELECTORAL SYSTEM IS BIZARRE AND UNIQUE!
IT'S THE POLITICAL EQUIVALENT OF GENETICALLY ALTERED FOOD!
IN ONE YEAR THE REGION LOST TWO OF ITS WISE MEN.
HUSSEIN OF JORDAN AND NOW HASSAN OF MOROCCO!
AND IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD...
SIGH
WISE MEN ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY!
THERE ARE COUNTRIES IN WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL VOTER...
DOES NOT FEEL THAT THE WEIGHT OF HIS NATION'S FUTURE IS RIDING ON...
HIS OR HER ABILITY TO MAKE THE CORRECT ELECTORAL CHOICE.
UNFORTUNATELY ISRAEL IS NOT ONE OF THOSE COUNTRIES!
THE ELECTION IS STILL MORE THAN FOUR MONTHS FROM NOW...
AND WE'RE ALREADY BEING FLOODED WITH PROPAGANDA!
IT'S LIKE THE HANUKKA JELLY DONUTS
?
THEY TRY TO SELL 'EM TO US EARLIER AND EARLIER EACH YEAR!!
THE ISRAELI ELECTIONS WILL BE ON MAY 17TH?!! ...YOW!!
IF I DECLARE A STATE ON MAY 4TH I'LL GET BIBI RE-ELECTED...
BUT IF I DON'T DECLARE A STATE ON MAY 4TH IT'LL LOOK LIKE I GAVE IN TO THEM!
I HATE IT WHEN THEY DO SOMETHING RIGHT!
WELL, THEY REALLY TURNED UP THE HEAT ON US!
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE BEZEQ WORKERS, THE ARKEDI VERDICT, THE TEACHER'S SANCTIONS...
...THE EU POSITION ON JERUSALEM, OR THE JORDANIAN RESPONSE TO OUR WATER POLICY?
ACTUALLY I WAS TALKING ABOUT THE WEATHER.
OUR SAGES TEACH US THAT LONG AGO WE LOST OUR PRECIOUS AND HOLY TEMPLE
BECAUSE OF THE PREACHING OF HATRED AND DIVISIVENESS.
SO FEEL FREE TO ATTACK THE @#$%! REFORM JEWS! HARASS THEM! &INSULT THEM!!
'CAUSE WE DON'T HAVE A TEMPLE TO LOSE THESE DAYS!
PESSIMISTS HAVE ALWAYS SAID THAT AFTER PEACE WITH THE ARAB WORLD
WE'D HAVE A VICIOUS "KULTURKAMPF" BETWEEN OUR SECULAR AND RELIGIOUS JEWS
WELL WE PROVED THOSE PESSIMISTS WRONG!
WE'RE NOT WAITING FOR PEACE WITH THE ARAB WORLD!

Zanvel & Sylvia Stern and Corinne
37 Steele Valley Road
Thornhill
Wish their relatives, friends & neighbours a happy and healthy New Year

Mr. & Mrs. Karl Sanders and family
Wish their relatives and friends a happy and healthy New Year.

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Szmeiser
Leora, Robyn & Justin Hazan
David, Shelley, Tabitha & Daniel Star
wish their relatives and friends a happy and healthy New Year.

Nachum & Lea Shore
23 Fanshawe Dr., Richmond Hill
Best wishes to our children, grandchildren, friends and relatives for a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year.

Wishing all our family and friends a happy and healthy New Year.
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Szikla & family
Fay Kolinsky

Wishing all our family and friends a happy and healthy New Year
Mr. & Mrs. Sigmund Schmidt
3900 Yonge St., PH. #3

Morris & Yetta Sternberg and Family
90 Overbrook Pl.
Wish all their relatives and friends a peaceful, happy and healthy New Year.

Best wishes for a year of peace and serenity, health and happiness to our relatives and friends and the people of Israel.
David Scheer & Naomi Weinfeld and their children

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Stork and Family
wish their relatives and friends a happy and healthy New Year.

David & Luba Smuschkowitz and Family
Wish all their relatives & friends a year of peace, good health and happiness

Max & Dorothy Stern
Best wishes to our children, grandchildren, friends and relatives for a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year.

Jack, Lola, Rose-Mary Sylman
Sid, Evelyn, Madison & Tyler Rochwerg
Best wishes to our children, grandchildren, friends and relatives for a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year.

T's . . .

Norm & Ruth Trachter
Wish their children, grandchildren, relatives and friends a happy, healthy & healthy New Year

Ronda & Michael Taylor
Jessica and Kyle
wish all our family and friends a happy and healthy New Year

Mrs. Rose Tenenbaum
Best wishes to my children, grandchildren, relatives and friends for a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year.

Wishing all our family and friends a happy and healthy New Year.
Morris Teper & family

Rosh Hashanah Greetings 5760

Norm & Sandra Turk and Family

wish their relatives and friends a happy and healthy New Year.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tenenbaum
Sid, Judy, Ari-Lev, Elie & Avichai
Gary, Louise & Josh
Uli, Tamara & Odeyah Sara Friedman

Wish their relatives, friends & neighbours here and in Jerusalem a happy and healthy New Year.

Mr. & Mrs. G. Thaler and children

Sam, Bess and grandson Jason Wagowsky

Wish all their relatives and friends a peaceful, happy and healthy New Year.

U's . . .

Irving & Sylvia Ungerman and family

Wish their relatives & friends a peaceful, happy and healthy New Year.

Best wishes for a year of peace and serenity, health and hapiness to our relatives and friends and the people of Israel

Harry & Yetta Ungerman and Family

V's . . .

Gordie & Debra Verk
Jaime & Courtney
127 Lord Seaton Road

Wish their relatives and friends & neighbors a happy and healthy New Year.

W's . . .

Harry & Ida Weisleder & Marsha
Mark, Jodi, Hillary & Gillian
Louis, Marlene, Joshua & Lindsay
Anne & Sam Himelfarb
Adam & Eric

wish their relatives, friends and neighbours a peaceful happy and healthy New Year.

Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Weinstock
David, Moss, Mark & Daniel

Wish their relatives, friends & neighbours a happy and healthy New Year

Shana Tova

To our friends & relatives for a happy & healthy New Year

Stefanie & Steve Winter

Ted, Annette
Madison & Eden Wine

wish their relatives and friends a happy and healthy New Year.

Sarah & Abe Wertman

Best wishes to our children, grandchildren, friends and relatives for a happy holiday and a healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Mr. & Mrs. Hy Weinrib
Marla Weinrib , Risa, Shane, Lauren, Jamie Fine

Wish their relatives, friends& neighbors a happy and healthy New Year.

Sylvia & Henry Waks

Wish all their relatives and friends a peaceful, happy and healthy New Year.

Leonard, Gloria & Barb Wiseberg
Azriel & Sigal Har Lavan, Nitzan and Dafna

wish their relatives and friends a happy and healthy New Year.

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פון דר. פרעד ווייַנבערג

יום־כּיפּור, דער טאָג פון זינד־פאַרגעבונג, דער הייליקסטער טאָג אין יידישן קאַלענדאַר, הויבט זיך אָן מיטן גוט־באַקאַנטן פול מיט עקסטאַזיגן פון דער כל־נדרי תפלה. פונדעסטוועגן האָבן פיל חכמים אויסגעדריקט זייער נעגאַטיוו מינונג קעגן דעם כל־נדרי געבעט און האָבן זיך קעגנגעשטעלט קעגן אריינעמען כל־נדרי אין יום־כּיפּורדיקן נוסח. רב עמרם גאון, פאַרפאַסער פונעם אַלטן סידור אין יאָר 845 (דהר"ו 4606), האָט זיך אויסגעדריקט, אַז רעציטירן כל־נדרי איז א „נאָרישער מנהג".

פיל למדנים אין מיטלאַלטער האָבן אויך פראָטעסטירט קעגן כל־נדרי ווֶגן און האָבן רעקאָמענדירט, אַז מ'זאָל איגנאָרירן אַפשאַפן פון יום־כּיפּור סדר התפלות דאָס כל־נדרי געבעט.

דער ערשטער פאַרמאַך פון דער תפלה האָט געווּנדן בסל צו מאַכן די נדרים פון לעצטן יום־כּיפּור ביזן היינטיקן. די רבנים האָבן געפילט, אַז ס'איז אוממעגלעך אויפצומאַכן אַ נדר, וואָס מען האָט עובר געווען אין דער פאַרגאַנגענהייט, אַז מ'קען נישט בטל מאַכן אַ נדר אַדער אַ שבועה בדיעבד ד.ה. קריקווירדיק.

רבנו תם, רש"י'ס אייניקל, האָט דערויבער געמאַכט אַ זייער ויכטיקע ענדערונג אין טעקסט פון־כל־נדרי. זיין פאַרמולירונג איז, אַז די נדרים, וואָס מען וועט אין צוקונפט מנדר זיין פון היינטיקן יום־כּיפּור ביז דעם פון קומענדיקן יאָר, וועלן זיין בטל ומבוטל, ד.ה. אַז דאָס פארגעבן און מחלה פון כל־נדרי איז נישט שייך דעם פאַרגאַנגענעם יאָר־ס פאַרפליכטונגען, נאָר איז נוגע די נדרים, וואָס מען וועט נישט קענען מקיים זיין אין קומענדיקן יאָר. רבנו תם האָט אויך צוגעגעבן די וועדטער „לְהוֹן אַחֲרָנָא בְּהוֹן", וויל לויט יידישע דינים מוז תשובה, ד.ה. חרטה האָבן זיין אַ וויכטיקער טייל פון פאַרגעבן אַ מענטש'ס נדרים.

די כל־נדרי תפלה שטאַמט פון שפּאַניע אין יאָרהונדערט, וועו די ויכוחאָטן האָבן דאָרט געהערשט. יידן האָבן זיך דאָרטן באַזעצט נאָכן חורבן ירושלים און ספּעציעל וועו ביּתר אז געפֿאַלן אין יאָר 135. אין־אַ־הויב האָט די יידישע באַפעלקערונג גענאָסן פולע ציווילע לייכהיים. אַבער אין יאָר 589 איז קאַטאָליציזם געוואָרן די מלוכה־שע רעליגיע און די שפּא־נישע קעניגן האָבן אייגנעפירט שטרענגע רעליגיעוע גזוּנצן, אפילו טויט שטראָף, וועו אייגער אין זיך מודה, אַז ער איז אַ יוד. די יידן אין זיבעטן יאָרהונדערט זיינען געווען געצוואונגען אָנצונעמען דעם קריסטלעכן גלויבן און זיך שמדן, אָדער ווערן פאַרברענט אדער פאַרשטיינערט.

דער מצב פון די שפּאַנישע יידן איז געווען ביטער, אמת'ע שקלאַפערייַ. זייערע פאַרמעגנס האָבן זיי געמוזט שענקען דעם קעניג. אַלע יידישע קי־דער, ינגער פון זיבן יאָר, זיינען אוועקגענומען געוואָרן פון זייערע עלטערן און אינדערגעגעבן געוואָרן צו קריסטלעכע פאַמיליעס, אָדער צו דער קירכע, כדי צו ווערן דאָרט דערצויגן.

אין דער זעלבער עפּאָכע האָבן גאָנצע יידישע קהלות געמוזט זיך שמדן און שוועבן נישט אַנטיול צו נעמען אין קיין שום יידישע צערעמאָניעס און מנהגים, און נישט דאַווענען קיין יידישע תפלות. אַ טייל האָבן אָבער אין געהיים נאָכגעפאָלגט יידישע תפלות און מנהגים. דאָס זיינען געווען די ער־שטע באַהאַלטענע יידן — „די מאָראָנאָס".

מיר קענען זיך פאָרשטעלן, אַז די „נייַ קריסטן" זיינען זיך צוזאַמען געקומען ערב יום־כּיפּור, אין הייליקסטן טאָג פון יידישן יאָר, כדי צו זיין פאַרבונדן מיט זייער גאָט און רעליגיע. זיי האָבן זיכער געפילט, אַז פאַרַ דאַווענען מחון זיי מוזטן זיין און פון זיך אָפּווארפן די נדרים און שבועות, וואָס זיי האָבן אויסגעדריקט צום קריסטלעכן גאָט אין דער קירכע.

אַזוי איז צושטאַנד געקומען די צערעמאָניע פון האַלטן הויך די ספר תורה פאָרן אָפענעם ארון קודש, און דער חזן רעציטירט כל־נדרי, כדי צו באַפרייַען די מתפללים פון אַלע שבועות אין צוקונפט, וואָס זיי האָבן געמאַכט פון פריערדיקן יום־כּיפּור ביזן היינטיקן.

וועו די ויזיגאָטן־אונטערדריקערס האָבן פאַרלוירן זייער הערשאַפט איבער שפּאַניע, איז די נרונט־סיבה פון דער כל־נדרי תפלה פארשוואונדן. דערפאַר האָבן שפּאַנישע רבנים געהאַלטן, אַז כל־נדרי איז מער נישט פּא־סיק אין אַ צייט פון פאַליטישער זיכערקייט. אויך איז ויכטיק צו באַמערקן, אז יאָרן־לאַנג האָבן קריסטן אויסגענוצט די כל־נדרי תפלה צו פּרידיקן, אַז מען קען נישט האָבן קיין צוטרוי צו יידישע שבועות.

די פאַלשע אויסטיישונג מיט איר אַנטיסעמיטישער כוונה, האָט גורם געווען צו פארשפּרייטן דעם בלבול, אַז צו שבועות און נדרים פון יידן קען מען נישט האָבן קיין צוטרוי.

יידישע פידער האָבן זיך געמיט קלאָר צו מאַכן פאַר דער וועלט, אַז די כל־נדרי נדרים זיינען בלויז צווישן מענטשן און גאָט און נישט בין אָדם לחברו, דאָס הייסט צווישן מענטש און מענטש. די יידן־האַסער האָבן אויך אין מיטלאַלטער נשמאַכט אַ גרויסע און אייגנעפירט דאָס „מארע ידעאויקא", אַ באַוונדערע שבועה אין גערייכט נאָר פאַר יידן.

נאָך אפילו אין ניינצנטן יאָרהונדערט, האָט כל־נדרי געשפּילט אַ ראָלע אין דער צוזעצגבונג פון צארישן רוסלאַנד בנוגע יידישע שבועות אין גע־ריכט. אין טייל פון רוסלאַנד האָבן אויך יידן געמוזט צוגעבן אַ באַוונדערן אריינפיר פאַר כל־נדרי, צו באַווייזן אז די תפלה האָט נאָר צו טאָן מיט בעט־לעכער שטראָף, אַז מען איז עובר אַ נדר צו אַן אַנדערן פערזאָן. צוליב דעם איז נאָך אין היינטיקע צייטן פאַראַן אַ מנהג אין שוהל, ערב יום־כּיפּור, ארומצוגיין און בעטן מחילה פון פריינד, „וואָלסט מיר מחל זיין" און דער־לאַנגן די האַנט.

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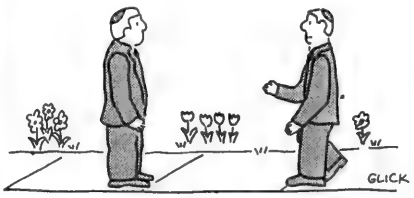

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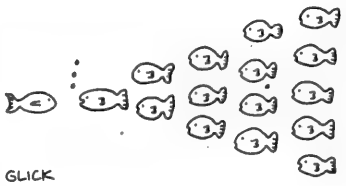

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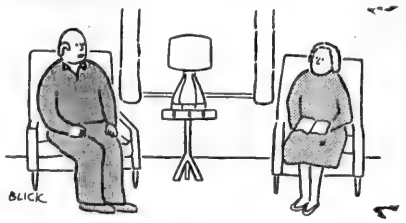

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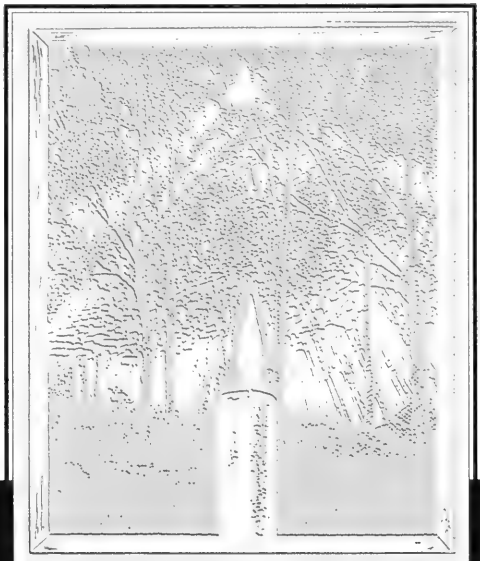

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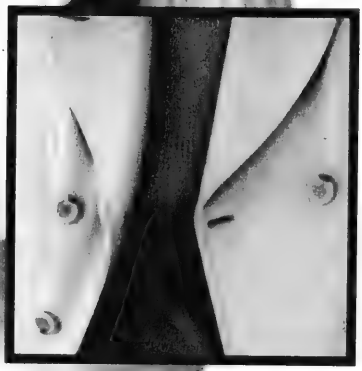

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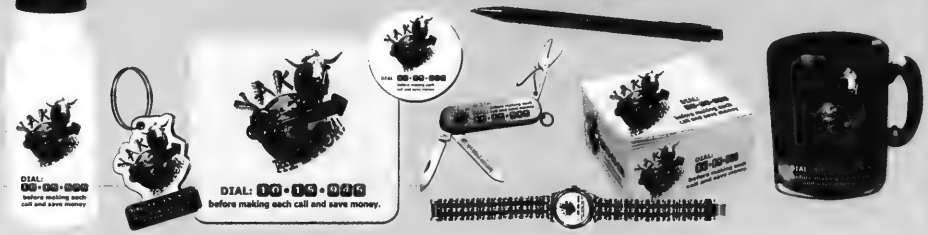

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Iraq rebuilding missile sites

By DOUGLAS DAVIS
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White House report to Congress

LONDON — Concern that Iraq is rebuilding missile factories that were destroyed in U.S.-led bombing raids is prompting calls for a resumption of weapons inspections by the UN.

The push for renewed inspections – this diplomatic drive is being initiated by the United States and Great Britain – has, in part, come about in response to a secret White House report to Congress that expressed concern about "Iraq's long-established covert procurement activity," the *London Sunday Times* reported.

The newspaper also said a classified White House report expressed alarm over "activity" at Iraqi sites that are known to be capable of producing weapons of mass destruction.

The paper quoted experts on Iraq's nuclear capability as saying Iraqi President Saddam Hussein could assemble a nuclear warhead within months, although testing it would take much longer.

"It is assumed," said the paper, "that Saddam has taken advantage of the absence of United Nations weapons inspectors he expelled late last year to pursue chemical and biological weapons programs as well."

A security council debate on Iraq is expected later this month, but expectations are low for restoring the UN weapons inspections, as the Security Council, reportedly, is more divided than ever over how to deal with Saddam.

Britain and the United States insist on reinstating the former rigorous weapons-inspection program while continuing to impose sanctions until Saddam complies with UN disarmament demands.

But three fellow permanent members of the Security Council – France, Russia and China – are seeking a relaxation of both the sanctions and the inspection program.

A U.S. proposal for Security Council members to meet this month in Washington and discuss their differences fell through after some countries refused to attend, according to U.S. diplomatic sources.

Pentagon officials are reportedly pressing for an intensification of the air campaign. U.S. and British pilots fired 1,100 missiles at 359 Iraqi targets during the past eight months.

At the same time, some members of Congress support the arming of Saddam's opponents.

Experts believe Iraq will try to acquire enriched plutonium from Russia for use in building nuclear weapons; they have little confidence in the ability of Western intelligence agencies to detect this.

"They [the Iraqis] know how to hide their tracks," David Albright, a former nuclear inspector in Iraq and president of the independent Institute for Science and International Security in Washington, was quoted as saying.

"Russia is a shopper's paradise for them," Albright said.

He believes it is possible that Iraq already has a nuclear weapon design, and that it lacks only the "fissile material" – enriched uranium or plutonium – necessary for building a bomb.

EGGLETON IN ISRAEL

Canadian Minster of Defence Art Eggleton (left) with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak last week in Jerusalem. Eggleton visted Israel as part of a six-day tour that included Jordan and Syria. ***Please see related story on page 39.*** ***[Isranet photo]***

Israel aids Greece

By JEAN COHEN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

ATHENS — An Israeli military rescue unit arrived in Athens last Thursday to help rescue people trapped in the rubble of the earthquake.

Israel had offered its services soon after the quake occurred, but was waiting for a green light from the Greek government.

From the time the 73-member team arrived, it became the object of local media attention because of the reputation Israel has earned from previous rescue efforts around the world.

After the announcement that the team was coming, members of the Greek Jewish community contacted Israeli Ambassador Ran Couriel to offer assistance to team members – including opening their homes to the visiting Israelis for Rosh Hashanah.

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The News in Brief

CANADA

CJC Slams Timor Crimes

OTTAWA — Canadian Jewish Congress last week condemned crimes against humanity being committed in East Timor. "We are alarmed by the atrocities and appalled that East Timorese in the tens of thousands have been turned into refugees," said CJC president Moshe Ronen. "Canada must press Indonesia to effect an immediate cessation of crimes being perpetrated."

Caplan Meets JIAS

OTTAWA — Immigration Minister Elinor Caplan recently held her first meeting with officials of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS). Foremost of JIAS's concerns is family reunification. The agency is calling on Ottawa to reduce or eliminate barriers to reunifying families. Another item on the agenda was the deportation of failed refugee claimants. JIAS said it hopes the government will make the deportation process more transparent and accountable.

Lord's Prayer Petition

TORONTO — A petition, signed by 97 Ontario municipalities, is asking the government to bring back the Lord's Prayer in public schools. The petition was started by Les Running, a councillor in the township of Front of Leeds and Lansdowne, and a devout Pentecostal. In 1988, Ontario's Court of Appeal ruled that the daily recitation of the prayer in schools violated the Charter of Rights.

Soutine Work On View

HAMILTON — A masterpiece by Lithuanian Jewish painter Chaim Soutine is on permanent display at the McMaster Museum of Art. *Portrait of the Painter Richard X* is part of a personal collection willed to McMaster University by Dr. Herman Herzog Levy, who died in 1990 and bequeathed to the university over $15 million.

Beth Tikvah Wins Awards

TORONTO — Toronto's Beth Tikvah Synagogue has won the two top awards for programming excellence and outreach in the North American Conservative community. Both are gold Solomon Schechter Awards – one for social action activities and the other for Israel/Masorti programs. Beth Tikvah is the only Canadian synagogue to win two golds.

ISRAEL

Pollard's Petition

JERUSALEM — Convicted spy Jonathan Pollard is petitioning Israel's Supreme Court, demanding that Prime Minister Ehud Barak take steps to secure his freedom. Pollard, who is serving a life sentence for spying for Israel, maintains that Barak has done nothing to seek his release.

Chief Rabbi Resigns

JERUSALEM — The chief rabbi of the Israeli army submitted his resignation this month, ending 23 years in the position. Gen. Gad Navon, 78, cited his age and health as reasons for his decision.

WORLD

Warrant Issued In Bombing

BUENOS AIRES — Argentina's Supreme Court has issued an arrest warrant for Imad Mughniyah for the 1992 bombing of the Israeli embassy here. Mughniyah is a leader of the Islamic fundamentalist Hezbollah movement and one of the world's most wanted terrorists. The warrant was issued after authorities gathered what they called "conclusive evidence" that Hezbollah was behind the bombing, which killed 29 people and injured more than 200 others.

Pope's Wartime Record

NEW YORK — The author of a new biography of Pope Pius XII claims the wartime pontiff had a deep-rooted anti-Semitism that led him to refuse to openly condemn the Holocaust. Historian John Cornwell cited secret Vatican records and the Pope's own files to support his conclusions in *Hitler's Pope: The Secret History of Pius XII.*

Child Survivors Meet

PRAGUE — Hundreds of child survivors of the Holocaust gathered in Prague to attend their 12th annual conference. There were some 700 attendees at the four days of sessions, some of which were held at the site of the former Theresienstadt ghetto.

Students Protest

SYDNEY — Some 200 students at a Jewish day school here protested this month after the expulsion of 11 students who were suspended until 2001 over incidents involving marijuana. The protesters at Moriah College argue the students need counselling instead of punishment.

Jews Blamed

MOSCOW — A Russian Communist lawmaker accused the "Jewish banking mafia" of money-laundering for Russian organized crime in a scheme involving a U.S. bank. Yuri Ivanov noted the Jewish-sounding names of those who have been linked to an alleged scheme to funnel more than $15 billion out of Russia through the Bank of New York.

Baptists Pray Jews Will Find Jesus

NEW YORK — The High Holy Days are traditionally a time for Jewish soul-searching. But during this year's festivities, a number of evangelical Christians will also be eyeing those souls.

In an effort Jewish leaders describe as "arrogant" and "offensive," an organization claiming to represent almost 16 million Southern Baptists is distributing a new booklet offering suggestions on how to pray that Jews find Jesus.

The booklet offers background information on Jewish culture and urges Baptists to "pray for Jewish individuals you know by name."

"On Rosh Hashanah, when observant Jews around the world begin 10 days of seeking God, Southern Baptists will be praying they find his Son," according to *The Baptist Press.*

The article quoted a Southern Baptist leader as saying that the effort is "an act of love. Christian intercessors are people of love," he said. "They love the Jewish people, even scattered across the earth as they are, because God first loved the Jewish people."

The group also targets other non-Christians. It published a similar guide to help Christians pray for Muslims during Ramadan, and plans to publish guides for prayer efforts focusing on Hindus and Buddhists.

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Colorful parade helps close off popular festival

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
CJN Staff

TORONTO — On a Thursday morning a handful of actors gather on the steps of the Minsker Shul on St. Andrew Street located at the crossroads of Kensington Market and Chinatown.

A large 15-foot pale-blue angel puppet rests upright against the main entrance doors of the Minsker. Other similar puppets – they range from 10 to 15 feet in size – with brightly painted papier mâché heads are strewn on the steps. Overhead on the roof a technical crew prepares the special effects for a dramatic piece to be performed on the steps of the shul.

The actors, under the direction of Anne Barber, artistic co-director of Shadowland Theatre, are rehearsing for the third biennial Ashkenaz parade, billed as the largest participatory event of the recent Ashkenaz Festival of New Yiddish Culture.

Traditionally the parade, which begins in Bellevue Park in the heart of Kensington Market, always stops at the Minsker shul.

Ashkenaz '99
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Barber has been heading up the Ashkenaz parade since its inception in 1995 (Shadowland Theatre specializes in the highly visual theatre of mask, puppetry and outdoor spectacle).

Meanwhile at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre (JCC) artists and volunteers are at work in the gym making banners and costumes and adding last minute touches to the gigantic papier mâché Yiddish culture-inspired puppets lining the walls.

Three days later, on an overcast Sunday afternoon, it's showtime. Some 300 people gathered in Bellevue Park– many in costumes and carrying hand-crafted banners – begin to make their way through the narrow, crowded streets of Kensington Market.

Klezmer musicians, which include festival director, trumpeter David Buchbinder, are at the front of the procession. They play a slow, mournful piece.

Huge puppets of a young boy and his grandmother lead the marchers to the Minsker Shul. Behind the scenes, Brad Harley (a co-director of Shadowland) gives some last-minute instructions to the group of actors, and musicians assembled inside. Among them is

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Seen above is a puppet resembling Frances Lenzer, the button waitress who worked at The Bagel for 32 years. [Barbara Silverstein photo]

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In Talmudic times, Yom Kippur was also a festive day in Jerusalem when young women and young men presented themselves to each other for possible marriage prospects. Even so, the day has always been set apart from the other holidays.

We all hold onto our own Yom Kippur memories that, at some point during the 26 or so hours of the holiday, are stirred into unique ingredients of the day.

As an additional ingredient to Yom Kippur this year, I offer the following poem by one of the Jewish people's most profound souls.

* * *

Meditation Before Kol Nidre

by Abraham Isaac Kook

Take away my shame,
Lift my anxiety,
Absolve me of my sin
And enable me to pray before Thee
With gladness of heart
To pursue Thy Commandments and Thy Torah
In the joy of holiness.
Grant me
To bring happiness to all Thy children,
To exalt and ennoble Thy faithful,
To spread goodness and mercy
And blessing in the world.
Humble the arrogant
Who have tried to pervert me with falsehood
While I sought my happiness in serving Thee.
Save me from weakness
And from faltering
And from every evil trait,
Illumine my eyes
With the light of Thy deliverance.
Help Thy people,
Imbue the heart of Thy people with reverence
And with awe before Thy majesty.
Strengthen them with Thy love,
Guide them to walk in the path of Thy righteousness,
Kindle in their hearts
The light of the holiness of this Day of Holiness
And bring them to possess the inheritance
Thou hast set for them,
Speedily, speedily, in our time, soon.
Amen.

Translated by Ben Zion Bokser

A Jew praying
Drawing by Max Libermann (1847–1934)

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YIDDISH ROOTS CELEBRATED

Hundreds of people turned out for the Ashkenaz Parade, which began in Kensington Market, the hub of the Toronto Jewish community in the early decades of this century. Participants wearing costumes and carrying banners marched and danced to klezmer music as the procession headed down Spadina Avenue to Harbourfront Centre, the main venue of the Ashkenaz Festival.

[Barbara Silverstein photo]

Greater Toronto Area

CPC apologizes for festival 'interruption'

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A representative of the Canadian Polish Congress (CPC) has denied any affiliation between the organization, which represents the Canadian Polish community, and a hand-out distributed at two Ashkenaz Festival events.

The eight-page photocopied tract denounces the work of historian Yaffa Eliach, author of *There Once Was a World* (the story of her hometown, Eishyshok, a Polish shtetl). It also denies Polish complicity in the Holocaust and vilifies Jewish partisans. A note at the end indicates the writing is based on a two-part book published by the Polish Educational Foundation in North America, and available from CPC/Toronto.

Ala Gettlich, CPC's secretary general, told *The CJN*, "We deeply regret that a festival was interrupted. The CPC doesn't approve of such behavior, nor to our knowledge does it involve any of our members."

The CPC represents an estimated 750,000 to 800,000 people in Canada, of whom almost 200,000 live in the Greater Toronto Area.

Sol Littman, director of the Canadian branch of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, happened to be at Harbourfront's Premiere Dance Theatre for the Sept. 1 reading by Eliach, Yehuda Elberg and Lilian Nattel.

It wasn't until he reached his seat, however, that he realized what he was holding – he assumed the middle-aged man standing quietly near the entrance had handed him a program.

In a letter to Gettlich, Littman said he was saddened by the incident. "You and I are trying to get past the mutual blame and recrimination, to leave behind the history neither of us wrote and move on to a more positive relationship," he wrote. "I guess we still have a lot of work to do."

Gettlich said the CPC has no affiliation with the book's publisher. She also said she found it "troubling" that the incident took place Sept. 1, the anniversary of "the beginning of the Holocaust for the Jewish people." (German forces invaded Poland on Sept. 1, 1939.)

To the best of her knowledge, CPC had not received any requests for the book.

The Sept. 1 incident was the first of two at Ashkenaz. The same person handing out the tracts showed up the next evening at the Urban Square tent for Eliach's talk on *Restoring a Vanished Past – Its Life, Time and Humour*.

In both cases, an Ashkenaz representative told the audience that the hand-outs had nothing to do with the festival or Harbourfront, said Bruce Rosensweet, executive director of Ashkenaz.

The first night, the intruder left of his own accord; the following night he was escorted off the premises by Harbourfront security and told he would be charged with trespassing if he returned, said Rosensweet.

Canadian Jewish Congress was notified of the incident by a member of the public, said Bernie Farber, executive director of CJC, Ontario region.

While he said the tract was "disturbing," he noted the incident likely involves "one individual who's more interesting in living in the past than forging better relations... I would prefer to concentrate on the positive rather than the negative."

The Canadian Polish Congress was one of the few ethnic organizations to make their presence known at a rally for Iranian Jews early this summer, he noted.

Quartet revives spirit of the Lodz ghetto

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The songs of the doomed Lodz ghetto are dead and buried, aren't they?

One would have thought so, since the ghetto was liquidated by the Germans in August 1944, the last in Poland to be destroyed.

But last week, at the Ashkenaz Festival of New Yiddish Culture, the Brave Old World quartet resurrected that musical legacy, if only briefly, with an eclectic selection of Yiddish songs commemorating the Jews of Lodz.

By all accounts, these songs have not been performed since the Holocaust, nor have they been recorded. It was, therefore, a concert to anticipate.

On a bare stage bereft of sets, and without any fancy lighting, Brave Old World launched into a one-hour concert which, for some in the audience, brought back memories of a bitter time.

Surprisingly, perhaps, the songs were not uniformly melancholy. Life in the ghetto was harsh and unforgiving, but it was not without its moments of hope and levity.

Vocalist Michael Alpert began with a plaintive tune about a fiddle, then segued to a cheerful, uplifting song about the joys of Chanukah gelt.

Alpert's subsequent songs, which were ironic, despairing and hopeful by turns, touched on Chaim Rumkowski, the puffed-up leader of the ghetto, and on such enduring themes as hunger, homelessness and death.

Alpert, one of the best traditional Yiddish singers on the scene, lived up to expectations.

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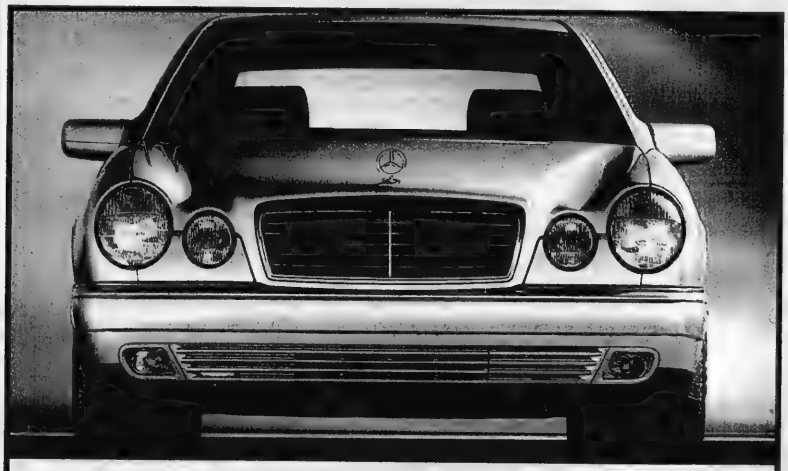

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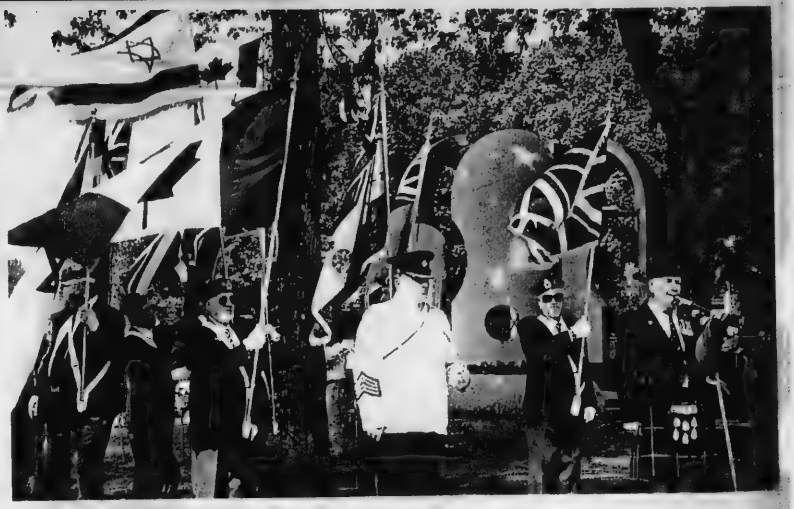


Members of the Jewish War Veterans color guard fly the colors while commemorating fallen comrades. [Barbara Silverstein photo]

Jewish veterans gather to recall fallen comrades

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
CJN Staff

TORONTO — Some 200 people gathered recently at the cenotaph at Mount Sinai Memorial Park to remember the more than 400 Jewish soldiers who lost their lives during World Wat II, and the many veterans of that war who have died since.

The annual memorial service, which always takes place sometime before Rosh Hashanah, was preceded by the annual Remembrance Parade of Jewish veterans – many in their 70s and older – marching in double file through the cemetery behind a color guard, and a bagpiper and bugler in full military dress.

This annual event, which has taken place at the Canadian Jewish War Veterans' Cenotaph for more than 20 years, was organized by the General Wingate Branch 256, the Royal Canadian Legion.

"For some of us, it's getting tougher and tougher each year [to get here] and every year our ranks are getting thinner," Sam Romberg, president of the Wingate Branch said. "It is of upmost importance to remember these boys. They made this country a country to be proud off.

"That is the importance of this memorial parade. I hope we can continue it for many years to come."

The cenotaph was erected to give family members and friends a place they could come to remember the Jewish soldiers who died during their tour of duty overseas, Murray Jacobs, parade chair, told the assembled group.

He noted that the cenotaph incorporated several symbols – a Maple Leaf for all the Canadian soldiers who served, the Star of David for those Canadians who fought in the 1948 War of Independence – among them are three members of the General Wingate Branch – and a symbol for the partisans who fought in the resistance against the Nazis.

Dignitaries in attendance included Minister of Defence Art Eggleton, MP Jim Peterson, MPPs Monte Kwinter, and Joe Volpe, police board chair Norm Gardner, and Jewish War Veteran Post Commander Hy Shulman.

Rabbi Barry Schneider gave the benediction and Cantor Saul Carr led the singing of the national anthems and chanting of the prayers.

More than 4,500 Canadian Jews served during World War I while approximately some 17,000 Canadian Jews served in the Canadian forces during World War II, Eggleton said.

"Over 400 of them lost their lives, many of them were just teenagers... We owe it to you (veterans) and to those who lost their lives to remember that it was all for peace and human rights."

He said the war in Kosovo was also "fought on the basis of human rights. Human rights is not just a privilege. It's a fundamental right. That's why Canadians fought."

Those perpetrators of ethnic cleansing "must be held accountable," he said.

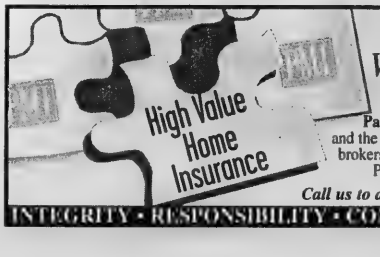
The service also included the tradition of reading 20 names from the cenotaph which is inscribed with the more than 400 names of the Canadian Jewish soldiers who died during World War II.

Many of the dignitaries present participated in a wreath laying ceremony.

The service included the Mourner's Prayer and Kaddish which was led by the cantor.

The mournful wail of *The Last Post* and *Reveille* were sounded by the bugler and the piper played *The Lament*. RCAF veteran Roy Waisberg blew the shofar.

After the singing of Hatikvah and God Save the Queen the color guard led the veterans and dignitaries to the small building at the entrance of the cemetery, for a reception prepared and organized by the Women's Auxiliary of the General Wingate Branch.



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A rare democracy

On the day after two terrorist bombing attempts failed in Haifa and in Tiberias, the Supreme Court of Israel issued a unanimous ruling prohibiting the use of "physical pressure," commonly understood to be torture, by the Shin Bet in its interrogation methods.

The judges were well aware of the problems their decision would cause for the security forces. They were also aware of the severe criticism the judgment would swiftly evoke in certain quarters. Nevertheless, they chose to set the imperatives of democracy ahead of the imperatives of security.

"We are aware that this ruling does not make it easier to cope with this reality [terrorism]. This is the fate of democracy – which does not consider all means legitimate, and for which not every method used by its enemies is available. Not infrequently, a democracy must fight with one hand tied behind its back. Despite this, democracy has the upper hand, because preservation of the rule of law and recognition of individual liberties are an important component of its concept of security."

The judges paved the way for the Knesset to enact "appropriate" legislation in the matter. Only time will tell if they acted wisely or impractically.

It is, however, a rare democracy whose distinct governing branches can display such compelling acts of principle and courage.

All vows

A great deal of mystery shrouds the origins of Kol Nidrei, the declaration preceding sundown that announces the beginning of Yom Kippur. It dates back at least to the eighth century. Throughout history, it has been used as a sword by some anti-Semites publicly slashing the reputation of Jews as untrustworthy.

But the declaration is a legal proceeding as much as it is a religious, spiritual and emotional one. It is chanted by the chazzan as a binding proclamation before the congregation constituted, during this one late afternoon, as a valid court. Its Ashkenazi melody, like the cello arrangement enshrined in the canon of western music by Max Bruch, is itself a bow pulling tearfully, yet hopefully, across the heart.

To the modern ear, its language sounds strangely arcane. Its core message though, is everlasting: Our honesty, our integrity, stand on our words and our words are proven in our deeds.

Freely translated, Kol Nidrei reads as follows:

"All personal vows, renunciations, promises, obligations, oaths, that we may have made rashly, unwittingly or unknowingly – from this Day of Atonement forward until the next, may we live to see it in peace – we disavow in advance. May we be absolved of them; may we be released from them; may they be null and void and of no effect. May they not be binding upon us. Such vows shall not be considered vows; such renunciations, not renunciations; and such oaths, not oaths.

"And may atonement be granted to the entire congregation of Israel and to the stranger who lives among us, for all of us have been careless.

"Forgive the sins of this people in accordance with Your great mercy, as You have forgiven us since the days of Egypt even to this day.

"As we were told then: And the Lord said, I have forgiven you, as you have sought.

"Blessed art Thou, O Lord, King of the Universe, for granting us life, for sustaining us, and for bringing us to this day."

May our words and our deeds help ensure a divine inscription into the Book of Life.

WISDOM OF THE AGES

"Remember the days of old; understand the experience of older generations."
(Parshat Ha'azinu)

Dry Bones

WITH MUTUAL TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WE CAN MAKE THIS AGREEMENT WORK!
OBVIOUSLY!
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WHEN WE DON'T HAVE EITHER!

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Punish those who beat up Jewish men

To the Jewish community:

It is with both sadness and anger that I am writing on a matter of utmost importance.

This summer's beating of two elderly men on the steps of a Toronto synagogue is a disgusting example of a hideous form of hate crime. On behalf of my caucus and my party, allow me to express our deeply held belief that such crimes are intolerable.

We have forcefully called upon the attorney general to ensure that hate crimes are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Please convey to the members of your organization, and through them to the wider community, my support and sympathy.

The Jewish New Year is approaching. May the celebrations include a renewed commitment from all of us to our tradition of fairness, tolerance and compassion.

Dalton McGuinty, MPP
Leader of the Ontario Liberal party
Toronto

Review of *Kaddish for my Father* overlooked healing

I was pleased to see a review of my book, *Kaddish for My Father – New and Selected Poems 1970-1999*, by Bill Gladstone in your Aug. 5 issue. It's a mixed review, and Gladstone is entitled to his opinions, even if he sometimes contradicts himself, calling my work both "universal" and "solipsistic."

Gladstone does not refer to the prose piece, *Cottage Cheese*, in which the speaker and her father come to an emotional, clear peace, and in which she expresses her forgiveness for him, as well as a hope to forgive herself.

While Gladstone discusses the spirituality in the book, he emphasizes a tortured search for redemption, without acknowledging the many moments of peaceful grace and spiritual connection.

There *has* been a healing. There *have* been spiritual connections. The book ends hopefully, and spiritually. In a period of trendy literary darkness, *Kaddish for My Father* is out-of-sync for its optimism, not its bleakness.

Libby (Liebe) Scheier
Toronto

Correct title of Nurenberger book

I would like to call your attention to the article "Jewish press has thrived." (*CJN*, Aug. 26) M.J. Nurenberger's book is titled *The Scared and the Doomed*, not *The Silent Jews* as stated.

Ilana Ovadya, daughter
Toronto

Jerusalem mall reflects Israeli diversity

Re: Robert Sarner's article: "Israelis at the mall" (Aug. 12).

A year ago this July, I had the opportunity of visiting the Jerusalem mall, and I would like to commend Sarner on his succinct observations. Indeed, all that is currently valued in North American society is reflected in the shopping mall, like it or not. These values are rapidly being assumed by Israelis. This is no surprise, as both of our societies are based heavily on consumption of material goods.

The contrast of standing at the Western Wall at noon and in the Malcha Mall the same evening is almost too great a mindset change to imagine. From Wall to mall, though, is the essence of the miracle of Israel and to my observation, many Israelis shift from idealism to realism quite effortlessly.

One glaring omission, however, by Sarner: At every turn and corridor, the presence of the Israeli army is felt. We all understand the need for this added security, but it takes some getting used to – young soldiers in tight-knit groups with machine guns slung jauntily over their shoulders. Now wouldn't that be a sight at Yorkdale or Fairview Mall!

Bruce Davidovitch
Toronto

Restitution office opens in Vienna

The Federation of Jewish Communities in Austria has recently opened a claims office for Jewish Nazi victims in and from Austria as well as their heirs. The claims office will document individual claims in the attempt to build a premise for the future restitution or compensation of Jewish property.

Despite the fact that Austrian legislation currently does not provide for the recovery or compensation of Holocaust-era assets, the claims office said it was committed to supporting restitution claims of Holocaust survivors and their heirs.

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Perspectives

Towards constitutionalism: Israel's next 50 years

By BEN ARCHIBALD

Prime Minister Ehud Barak's recent decision to expand the cabinet to 24 ministers is symptomatic of a broader problem undermining the legitimacy of Israel's institutions of government.

Now in its 51st year of existence, Israel is still in search of a constitution enshrining the basic values of a state founded on a number of competing ideologies.

The Zionist enterprise achieved its primary goal – the establishment of a Jewish state in our ancestral home.

One task is left undone, the preservation of that home based on respect for the rule of law and the philosophical "other." The intolerance that has penetrated all groups of Israeli society has created a cycle of justified resentment on all sides.

Supporters of Shas are, by and large, not haredim. On the contrary, they belong to groups of Oriental Jews that have largely been marginalized throughout the state's history. Similarly, the secular majority in Israel are not venomous anti-religionists, but a frustrated segment of the population that continues to be taken for granted by the centre parties. The Ashkenazi religious parties are not anti-democrats but true democrats who continue to get funding for their yeshivot.

Democracy is an imperfect form of government, often reflective of mob rule, not public order and good morals.

Meretz screams religious extortion and Shas screams discrimination while Prime Minister Barak expands the cabinet so that they can all scream at each other from ministerial high horses.

The expansion of the cabinet was ordered despite the reservations of Justice Minister Beilin and Attorney-General Rubinstein that Israel's Basic Laws should not be amended for purposes of political expediency.

Without a constitution, these words will continue to fall on deaf ears. The current State of Israel's society necessitates a discussion of the rule of law and the centrality that a constitution must take in political life.

Much like Canada, Israel is a hybrid nation that lies somewhere between parliamentary and constitutional democracy. Prior to the adoption of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms by the Liberal government of Pierre Trudeau in 1982, Canada relied on both the British North America Act (BNA) of 1867 and then in 1960, a federal statute entitled the Bill of Rights in order to address the fundamental values of our democracy.

The BNA Act established the rules of federalism. However, it is not a single document with a definite meaning like the American constitution.

The parliamentary system relies on the moderation of elected officials of the legislature and rules of the common law in addressing rights of citizens. As noted by Canadian constitutional scholar Peter Hogg, like many developing countries Canada felt the need to adopt a clear statement outlining the basic rights of its citizens after witnessing the atrocities of WW II.

The heightened concern for civil liberties in the postwar era led the Progressive Conservative government of Prime Minister Diefenbaker to pass the Bill of Rights.

Unlike Trudeau, Diefenbaker was not willing to expend the political capital necessary to create a constitutional structure for Canada. As a result, the Bill of Rights was merely a legislative initiative binding on federal law and subject to amendment by a simple majority in Parliament.

Basic values were not supreme. They remained contingent on the moderation of parliamentarians. Although Canada is regarded as a moderate nation, Trudeau felt it necessary to go a step further; severing constitutional ties with the United Kingdom and adopting a charter applicable equally to the federal and provincial governments, subject to specific amending procedures. In effect, the charter limits the supremacy of parliament.

It is only with the adoption of the charter that Canadian courts have aggressively addressed issues striking at the heart of every democracy: the rights of the individual and the minority against the majority and the state.

Successive Israeli governments have yet to demonstrate the necessary political will needed in order to ease the transition from the Basic Laws to a proper constitutional or charter-like structure.

True, the adoption of the charter exacerbated the question of Quebec independence and forced the hand of the judiciary at the expense of parliament.

However, it has also become the touchstone of Canadian values and the supremacy of the rule of law. Rejecting the looser structure of the BNA Act and the impotence of the Bill of Rights, the charter states that "[t]he Constitution of Canada is the supreme law of Canada."

Israel needs such a touchstone, or the Knesset and the courts will continue their descent into irrelevance as the Israeli electorate continues to fragment into pieces, breaking down the glue that holds political societies together – the rule of law.

Above:
Aharon Barak, at his swearing in as Israel's chief justice in November 1993.

Below:
Secular and religious Israelis clash during the election campaign in May. The author argues that a constitution might help to "placate the majority." [Israel photos]

The drafting of a constitutional document will prove to be a very difficult political initiative in the Israeli context. Although Israel sees itself as a nation preoccupied with the principles of justice and freedom, in many ways it has yet to broach these issues.

Israel's raison d'être is primarily to be a Jewish state for its Jewish citizens. Israel pays lip service to the idea of equality for all and has improved the lot of many Israeli Arabs who are not clamoring to live with any of their despotic neighbors. Despite this fact, they are not truly equal partners in the Zionist project. Much like its Islamic neighbors, Israel confuses the politically charged terms of nationality and religion.

At the outset, then, Israel must come to terms with the idea that a Jewish state cannot truly afford full equality to all of its citizens, the alternative being a bi-national secular state, an unacceptable proposition for the vast majority of Israelis and Jews of the Diaspora alike.

A further difficulty based on the confusion of religion and nationality is the role of Judaism in state life. Historically, Zionism has borrowed from the lore and history of religious Judaism in outlining a cohesive Zionist ideology. As noted by Israeli historian Eliezer Don-Yehiya, the use of the Star of David, the menorah, and the secularization of the Jewish holidays into agricultural ones created a de facto civil religion in Israel built on the religious history of our ancestors.

Within the constitutional framework, the legislator will be faced with a difficult balancing act: the creation of a civil religion of Judaism in Israel.

A viable Israel requires that Judaism be inextricably linked to its existence and character. However, the controversy that arose due to turbines being moved on Shabbat and the stoning of people driving cars cannot be addressed by the continually shifting winds of political change in the Knesset.

The Israeli legislators must, once and for all, decide how to constitutionalize the role of Judaism in society. Only then will tolerance and respect be possible between the haredim, secular and national religious Jews that are the modern political actors in Israeli society.

Much like the charter which has alienated some in Canada, an Israeli constitution will not placate everybody. Unlike coalition politics, however, a constitution will placate the majority based on a mutually agreed upon set of values that limits the power of any given party or ruling coalition.

The choice is between a constitution that addresses the concerns of the silent majority of secular and religious Israelis, or the continued futility of coalition governments that end up being the jack-of-all-trades and masters of nothing.

A constitution will not cure all the ills facing Israel's institutions of government. Coalitions will continually be formed and broken and narrow party interests will still have an impact on the direction taken by the majority.

What a constitution will do is create respect and supremacy for the rule of law as opposed to the supremacy of the crafty politician or mystical kabbalist.

Legal philosopher Ronald Dworkin suggests that the rule of law is a matter of principle and that citizens have inherent moral and political rights with respect to each other and the state. A constitution will allow these moral and political rights to be respected in the positive law of the State of Israel.

As opposed to speculation about the direct election of prime ministers or the cynical expansion of cabinets, politicians and pundits alike will be governed first and foremost by the rule of law.

The law is a living and breathing organism that will be subject to change based on specified amending procedures and not the back-room dealings of politicians.

The creation of the modern State of Israel is a testament to human achievement and the will of a people to survive. Its preservation as a viable state, as opposed to a collection of incongruous communities, requires the immediate attention of the legislature.

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Opinions

Another Wallenberg

Most Jews are familiar with the name Raoul Wallenberg, the representative of the Swedish government who saved tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews from the Nazis.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

He and I were born in the same year, but, alas, he has not been heard from since 1945 when he disappeared in Soviet Russia.

Only recently did I learn that Wallenberg was not alone in his magnificent efforts to save Jewish lives. There was a Swiss Embassy counsellor who also happened to be in Budapest and who, like Wallenberg, had saved many thousands of Jews. Yad Vashem in Jerusalem knew of his great contribution, and he has an honored place in the Avenue of the Righteous. Still, I had never heard of him, and I suspect neither have many of my readers.

Some time last June, my wife and I attended an exhibit of photographs. Mounted at the Bathurst Jewish Centre in Toronto, it showed a splendid selection of photographs dealing with Carl Lutz, the Swiss diplomat who matched the exploits of Wallenberg. Lutz had arrived in Budapest in early 1942 and was the chief of the Swiss legation's Department of Foreign Interests.

When the Germans occupied Hungary in early 1944, persecution of the Jews became a pastime with a radical Hungarian minority. The Jews – by this time aware of what happened to their co-religionists in other Nazi-occupied countries – besieged the Swiss legation. Lutz was not unacquainted with those seeking his help. As a young man he had spent some time in Palestine and had fallen in love with the country. Long before he was assigned to Budapest he had helped 10,000 Jewish children immigrate to Palestine. Budapest provided him with his second chance to protect Jewish lives.

When the deportations to Auschwitz began on May 15, 1944, Lutz decided to place the staff of the Jewish Council for Palestine under his diplomatic protection and to rename it The Department of Emigration of the Swiss Legation. He created a special relief organization and, with the help of volunteers, increased the staff from 15 to 150.

Not unlike Wallenberg, he issued tens of thousands of "protective letters" to Jews and housed many of them in special places. In the end he helped some 30,000 Jews (some even say 60,000!).

Switzerland has not enjoyed a positive connotation amongst us. Rejection of our people in time of need and the country's silent co-operation with the Nazis have been a black mark on its record. So much more so then, is it necessary to celebrate the exploits of Lutz who represented the best of his nation's ideals and refused to turn a blind eye to the persecution that had enveloped most of Europe.

Switzerland has been much on my mind. I agreed to take the chair for the distribution of funds donated by the banks in Switzerland for the support of needy Holocaust survivors. That task has now reached its final stage and payments are being readied.

Cleaning the stones

Apparently the Knesset of the State of Israel is about to allocate money for the cleaning of the stones of the Kotel. As admirable as the act of scrubbing away centuries of dirt may be, it should, in the spirit of the coming days of *tshuvah* and *cheshbon nefesh*, be preceded by taking stock of the use to which these stones at the wall have been put.

Jean M. Gerber in Vancouver

In the rush to cleanse the physical, we may have forgotten the spiritual. Prior to the High Holy Days we are to ask forgiveness of those we have wronged, else our prayers will ascend no higher than the ceiling. The radicals who have appointed themselves as the guardians of these stones would seem not to have fulfilled their need to ask forgiveness of the men, women and children they have driven from the area of prayer at the foot of this venerable edifice by their taunts, threats, and physical violence. In fact, it is they who have desecrated a potentially powerful place of prayer by their zealotry.

Before we clean the stones, let's clean up our act. If the Knesset wants to cleanse the area, then let it make sure the next time a group of women, or Conservative Jews, or Reform students want to daven with a minyan at the Kotel, that they are received with the same respect all Jews should be accorded.

Let the Knesset, en masse, walk to the Kotel and there do *tshuvah* for allowing these disgraceful actions to continue. Let the haredim see that the government of Israel does not countenance such disgusting behavior.

Ironically, these guardians of the wall are protecting structures built by slaves for the murderous King Herod. His work still stands all over Israel, but his life was a mixture of grovelling subservience to the Romans and lethal hatred directed at his Jewish subjects, as well as at his family. He murdered his wife, children, and relatives with abandon and impunity. How could this man have built anything holy? In fact, he did not.

The Western Wall is not holy – it is a majestic feat of engineering. It is we Jews who make a place holy, or profane, and right now this could be one of the most profane spots on earth. A good soaping will not do the job: It is not a national treasure. It has become a national disgrace.

What should we think when we enter the plaza around the wall? Should we think we are superior just because we wrap ourselves in piety? Is it not rather a time to remember the bloody history of this place? To approach these stones in humility with the feeling that we should have done better by our fellow humanity, Jew and non-Jew? To write a prayer note that seeks strength to resist the causeless hatred that brought the Temple down and left the stones toppled at the foot of the towers?

Yeshiyahu Leibowitz, brother of the brilliant and famous Bible scholar Nechama, was known for his spirited critiques of contemporary Jewish life. When he wrote about the holiness of the land of Israel, he saw correctly that many had turned the concept of holiness on its head. The land, he wrote (and I paraphrase) is not holy; the Temple Mount, the wall are not holy in themselves. Only peoples' actions make a place holy.

The prophetic spirit saw this quite clearly. Feasts and fasts were meaningless unless accompanied by a real change of heart and action.

I would rather see the Kotel restored to its former filthy aspect, as I saw it in 1964, when it faced a crowded and garbage-strewn alley, than to see its physical aspect whitened while its many meanings remain untouched. What are some of those meanings?

Dear members of the Israeli Parliament, please make sure that all minyanim are respected. That you can do for nothing, but it will take the courage to stand up against the intolerance and violence of the zealots.

And what should we do; we who live in the comfortable diversity of Jewish life in Canada? For one thing, it is not so comfortable. Some have already begun to teach contempt for "non-Orthodox" Judaism.

It is time for Canadian Orthodox leaders and shapers of opinion to announce publicly that we do not know the mind of God and therefore cannot judge our fellow Jews as they come to the Wall – that is not the task of humans, but left to the judgment of the Ultimate Judge.

Let us, down here, before the Messiah comes, just try to clean up our own souls. Otherwise we will end up consuming each other. And we know what happened the last time The evidence is there, at the foot of the Wall.

Zoos, postal codes and Jewish continuity

Last week, my son, David, left to begin his second year at the University of Toronto. He has lots of company. Many of his closest friends from Edmonton and Calgary – Isaac, Ari, Shelley, Erin, Barb, Rebecca, Gillie, Fred, Robin, Jeremy – are also off to university at either Toronto or York.

Bruce Ellman in Edmonton

They are some of the best and brightest young people in our communities. They come from families who are committed "Jewishly" – to a Jewish life and the institutions that support it: synagogues, school, Federation and so forth.

As Yogi Berra once said: "It is deja vu all over again."

When I was growing up in Cape Breton, the same phenomenon occurred. After high school, if a young person had the academic ability, he or she left Cape Breton for university in Montreal or Toronto or some other large city with a sizable Jewish population.

The university years represent the time of greatest risk of intermarriage. Jewish parents – whether in Cape Breton back then or in Alberta today – subscribe to a principle from the zoo keepers manual, namely: "If you want two animals to mate, put them in the same cage."

That is, if you want your son or daughter to marry someone who is Jewish and produce Jewish grandchildren for you, you have to make sure they are in the same city as other Jews and preferably – in order to increase your chances of success – a lot of other Jews!

This may be more delicately termed, "The Postal Code Theory of Jewish Continuity." The way this theory goes is as follows: Jewish education, Jewish youth groups, Jewish camps, and Israel experiences are not reliable predictors of Jewish continuity as judged by intermarriage rates. They help but they are not determinative. What is determinative is postal codes – that is the lowest intermarriage rates are in postal codes (and adjacent areas) where the highest concentration of Jews exist.

So, based upon the postal code theory, we send our young people off to Toronto. Our children may be back in the summer to help lead our summer camps but we know that, ultimately, they are unlikely to settle here. They are our future leaders and we are giving them away.

If this trend in Jewish migration is going on from Edmonton and Calgary, I assume it must also be a fact of life in other smaller centres. This places a special obligation on the Toronto Jewish community to make Jewish life both accessible and fulfilling for these students from around the country. It is important that the community recognize that there are a large number of Jewish students who are not Torontonians.

The community should not assume that these students are part of or even have access to the existing community, its organizations and institutions. Consequently, the community must encourage and support those organizations that reach out to the university students where they live – that is, on the campuses.

The community must bring Jewish life to the campus. Perhaps this can be done by enhanced support for the existing Jewish student organizations or perhaps new structures need to be created.

Kashrut is a case in point. The University of Toronto has no kosher dining options. It is difficult to even find kosher products, let alone kosher meat, in the vicinity of the campus. Virtually, all of the kosher facilities are up north. Surely, the community can do something about this.

Generally, however, I simply want the community to keep in mind that there is a body of Jewish students who have come to Toronto for an enhanced Jewish life and that the community should reach out to them.

Of course, some students do not leave Edmonton to go to university while others come here from other communities. Consequently, we have our obligations as well. We, too, must provide enhanced services to our university and college students.

Jewish student groups are often an afterthought in the local and national budgeting process. As a consequence, they are often under-resourced. Furthermore, we must recognize that the provision of Jewish campus services is a commitment that should be shared by the entire Canadian Jewish community. We, in Edmonton, must also bear our share of the commitment.

The Kirshner File

Beit El – portrait of a West Bank settlement

Jewish settlers in Beit El, a sedate West Bank settlement 20 minutes by car from Jerusalem and metres away from the Palestinian town of Ramallah, have adopted a wait-and-see attitude to the new Israeli government headed by Ehud Barak.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

"We will judge him by his actions," said Beit El's mayor, Uri Ariel, warily.

The biblical site of Jacob's dream (Genesis 28:10-17), Beit El is home to approximately 5,000 settlers, all of whom are religious nationalists and almost all of whom are native Israelis. They live under a perpetual cloud of uncertainty determined by politics.

Formerly the site of a Jordanian army post, Beit El – twinned with Toronto's Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue – was established by an Israeli cabinet order in October 1977, shortly after Menachem Begin swept to power and promised to fill the West Bank with Jews.

Begin's heir, Yitzhak Shamir, was just as committed to consolidating Israel's hold over Judea and Samaria, populated in the main by Palestinian Arabs. But Yitzhak Rabin, Shamir's successor, distinguished between "political" settlements whose value was questionable and "strategic" settlements which could not be relinquished, even after a peace agreement with the Palestinians.

Benjamin Netanyahu, the prime minister from 1996 to 1999, championed the settlers' cause. Less than six months after being elected, he went to Beit El for the funeral of two of its residents, Ita Tzur and her son, Ephraim, who were killed by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a radical group opposed to the Oslo accords.

"The roots of the Jewish people are rooted in the land of Beit El," he told several thousand mourners. "They will be deepened."

Netanyahu kept his promise. The Israeli government restored financial incentives to all settlements beyond the Green Line, which Rabin had cancelled, and authorized Beit El's expansion, thereby defying repeated pleas from U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright for a "time out" in settlement activities.

In the May 17 election, during which Netanyahu was handily defeated by Barak, the vast majority of people in Beit El voted for the far-right National Union, as well as for the National Religious Party and Shas, according to Ron Meir, an Orthodox rabbi who made aliyah from Winnipeg in 1989 and settled here five years later.

The settlers were suspicious of Barak, whose party had an ambivalent record regarding settlements, building them from 1967 to 1977, but squeezing some of them dry in the post-1992 period.

In the wake of the election, however, Beit El settlers were reassured. Barak asked the National Religious Party – a fervent backer of settlements – to join his government. He pledged not to dismantle settlements, promising to let them grow. He expressed seemingly heartfelt remarks about his strong emotional ties to the West Bank.

Best of all, as far as they were concerned, Barak displayed a positive attitude to Beit El. "Losing parts of the land of Israel is, for me, extremely painful," he said, nine days after triumphing over Netanyahu. "There are places – not Efrat and not Beit El – where we will have to make difficult decisions."

As I sat opposite Uri Ariel, a grizzled man of 46 who is also vice-chair of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, I asked him to comment on Barak's statement about Beit El.

Ron Meir

"We expect him to uphold his word," he replied. "Under Barak, things won't be as good as under Netanyahu. But we want to give him time."

Despite his cautious approach, Ariel – a National Alliance sympathizer born in Kibbutz Tirat Tzvi, in the Jordan Valley – believes that Beit El will remain under Israeli sovereignty.

Ron Meir, whose Canadian name was Robert Meyers, concurs. "I'm pretty confident that it will be part of Israel after a final settlement with the Palestinians," said Meir, an assistant news editor of Arutz Sheva, the settlers' radio station which operates out of a studio in Beit El.

Meir, though, fears that a number of Jewish settlements, those around Nablus, Jenin and the western rim of Ramallah, will be cast adrift and excluded from what he described as "the national consensus."

Ariel opposes Barak's plan to concentrate settlements in blocs as close as possible to the pre-1967 border. "I can't accept the notion of forcing Jews out of their homes," he said. "It's against Jewish law."

Ariel, who worked as an aide to Yitzhak Mordechai, the former defence minister and now transportation minister, is critical of the Oslo peace process. "It is a very bad agreement. It gives up portions of the land of Israel. It doesn't bring peace."

In line with his philosophy, Ariel is decidedly cool to the idea of an independent Palestinian state between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea. "If the Palestinians want a state, they can choose Jordan," he said curtly.

Ariel's hardline sentiments are echoed by other settlers in Beit El, 40 percent of whom work outside its boundaries, mainly in Jerusalem.

Meir, a 38-year-old graduate of the University of Winnipeg and the father of seven children, argues that "the settlement enterprise" will be imperilled if Oslo is fully implemented. "Giving up land to a foreign and terrorist entity is not good for Israel," he claimed. "A Palestinian state would threaten Israel's interests. If we were dealing with the Swedes, a peaceful settlement would work."

The Palestinians, he said, should be given municipal and individual rights, nothing more.

Meir's neighbor, Helen Bohrer, a mother of eight originally from New York, also burns with ideological fervor. A resident of Beit El since the beginning of its existence 22 years ago, she firmly believes that she and her fellow settlers protect Israel's soft underbelly. "Israel itself cannot exist without these settlements," said Bohrer, who can see the lights of Tel Aviv from her steps.

Nor, as Meir agreed, would she choose to remain in Beit El if it is handed to the Palestinian Authority. "Look, it's not possible for a Jewish community to live under Palestinian rule. There is no precedent for peaceful coexistence. We don't teach our children hatred, but self-defence. All their textbooks are aimed at the eradication of Israel."

Bohrer, who enjoys the suburban feel of Beit El and its superior quality of life, criticized Netanyahu for having signed the 1998 Wye memorandum (which obligates Israel to withdraw from a further 13 percent of the West Bank and which, if fully implemented, will place Beit El in the uncomfortable position of being surrounded by areas under full or partial Palestinian control).

Bohrer, too, believes that Netanyahu "reneged" on his pledge to expand Beit El. In point of fact, Beit El, whose economy rests on several factories – a plant nursery and several shops – has expanded since the Tzurs' cold-blooded murder.

On the heels of this incident, Beit El received a parcel of land from the Israeli military base on the grounds, said Ariel. And now, three new neighborhoods – Even Pina, Nitzanei Beit El and Maoz Tzur – are currently in various stages of construction. Even Pina, which consists of 49 row houses with gardens, will be finished by summer's end. Nitzanei Beit El, with two-family villas and spacious apartments, is ready for occupancy. Maoz Tzur, which will consist of 200 flats of various sizes, will be finished within two years.

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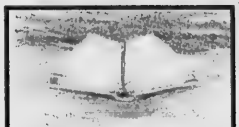

Rabbinic Reflections

By RABBI REUVEN TRADBURKS

A phrase we say immediately following the shofar blasts of Rosh Hashanah is usually translated inaccurately.

Following the shofar blasts we say the phrase, "*Hayom harat olam,*" which is often translated as "Today is the birthday of the world," but that is not accurate. If you wanted to say, "Today is the birthday of the world," you would say, "*Hayom, yom holedet.*" We assume that Rosh Hashanah is the day of creation of the world (or of man); so we cheat and translate the phrase as "Today is the birthday of the world." However, that is not an accurate translation.

What is the meaning of the word *harat* if it isn't birthday? It would seem to derive from the word *herayon*, pregnancy. Today is not the birth, it is the conception, the not yet completely born world.

What a great image – we are in the gestation of the world. The world is sitting in potential, about to be fulfilled, to be born. We are not in a finished world, we are in a moment of anticipation. The mood of pregnancy is of anticipation, of expectation, of great things yet to come.

This is the image of Rosh Hashanah. On Rosh Hashanah, we don't get mired in our failings, our mistakes, our wasting of potential. On Rosh Hashanah, we set the bar – we raise the expectations, we lift up the benchmark. We are people of enormous power, of power not yet fully born, of outstanding expectations. We can achieve truly great things.

On Yom Kippur, we face our failings and our disappointments. Left alone with only a Yom Kippur, we would get depressed. All that wasted opportunity, all those mistakes. However, coming after a Rosh Hashanah, we balance our view of ourselves – we are great and we make mistakes. We are powerful, though we often sink. We are reaching high, though sometimes we are dragged down

And that is the life of the Jew. Complexity, greatness and failing all in the same week. Rosh Hashanah renews our faith in ourselves, that we are a work in progress. On Yom Kippur we confront our failings. The failings don't define who we are – the stretching to be what we can be defines who we are.

Our avodah, our personal work this time of year, is to renew our sights, while addressing our faults.

Rabbi Tradburks is the spiritual leader of Kehillat Shaarei Torah in Toronto.

Yom Kippur a time for growth

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

Unlike most Jewish holidays, Yom Kippur has few home rituals. Yet through some ancient and modern traditions, Yom Kippur can be more than just a day to endure but a time for meaningful growth. Today, some Yom Kippur suggestions (and a recipe or two) from the Jewish Highway.

Yosef Abramowitz has a suggestion for learning about personal development while creating an intriguing family keepsake **[http://shamash.org/jfl/article/ykfamact.html]**: On the day before Yom Kippur gather your family in the living room and have each person write a little letter to himself. Choose a topic like "What I would like to do to be a better person in the coming year."

Seal it, address it and mail it just prior to the *next* Yom Kippur. "You and your family members will enjoy receiving these annual letters, which can be used as a measuring stick for the past year." You can even save the letters in a scrapbook to create a precious record.

Although Yom Kippur may not be a kid's favorite holiday, there are some very good sites which help get across the day's message. The TorahTots site explains the rituals accompanied by some coloring pages for the major rituals **[http://www.torahtots.com/holidays/yomkipur/yomkstr.htm]**.

And the Awesome Days Kids' Club **[http://www.vjholidays.com/rosh/kidsclub.htm]** is full of activities, stories, crafts and even music. Shlock Rock's *Shuckle Song* is a lively three-minute, 40-second introduction to the rhythmic swaying during those long hours in synagogue.

While you're shuckling in shul, there's a good chance you're also pounding your chest with your fist. Some of the most powerful moments of the Yom Kippur liturgy is the Vidui or confession. As we pound, we sing "ashamnu, bagadnu, gazalnu..." an alphabetic recitation of regret for the wrongdoings of the past year. Mount Zion Torah Educational Centre takes a traditional look at the meaning of the Vidui **[http://www.virtual.co.il/clients/mzts/holidays/newyear/confess.htm]**.

And in *Perspectives*, the Jewish magazine of Columbia University, L. J. Gold uses the Vidui prayer to take a contemporary and sometimes disturbing look at his own shortcomings **[http://www.columbia.edu/cu/jsu/perspectives/issue3/arts/gold.html]**.

For more on Yom Kippur, visit the Orthodox Union **[http://www.ou.org/chagim/yomkippur/]**, Yeshivat Har Etzion Yom Kippur Journal **[http://vbmtorah.org/yk.htm]**, JewishFamily **[http://www.jewishholidays.com/kippur.htm]**, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations **[http://uahc.org/educate/parent/0202.html]** and Virtual Jerusalem **[http://www.vjholidays.com/rosh/yomkip.htm]**.

The most famous ritual of the day, of course, refers to what you don't do. In the Facts on Fasting **[http://shamash.org/jfl/article/factsfasting.html]**, Ilene Springer looks at what fasting does to the body (and even at the possible benefits of going without food for over 24 hours). Her most important Yom Kippur fasting tip: drink plenty of liquids the previous day and again as soon as you break the fast. Bodies are 60 to 70 percent water, so dehydration – not hunger – is really your biggest problem.

Richard Israel adds that the pre-fast meal does not have to be hopelessly bland but do go easy on the salt **[http://www.joi.org/celebrate/yomkipp/]**. And don't look at the fast as a quick weight loss scheme. You can regain most of what you lost during the fast with a couple of pieces of cheesecake.

But what about *after* Neilah? In Break Fast Recipes for Yom Kippur, Joni Schockett has some suggestions for ways to end your day **[http://shamash.org/jfl/article/ykbreakfast.html]**. Break your fast with orange juice and don't stuff yourself. Here's what Joni and you could look forward to after the fast: a salmon mousse with couscous salad topped off by a sour cream coffee cake with apricots and prunes.

Have an easy fast and a G'mar Chatimah Tova.

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A complex literary marriage

***Vera, Portrait of a Marriage*, by Stacy Schiff (Random House, $41.95).**

One especially dim morning in the spring of 1952 when Vladimir Nabokov was lecturing to a class of students at Cornell University, his wife Vera, who attended all of his sessions, left her seat to turn on the amphitheatre lights.

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As she did so a beatific smile spread across her husband's face.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he gestured proudly from the front of the room to the back, "my assistant."

But Vera was more than just Vladimir's assistant. She was his ideal reader, muse, inspiring collaborator, constant source of comfort and provider of life's necessities.

Stacy Schiff makes clear that Nabokov was not a 20th-century person. Did he really live in this world? He wouldn't or couldn't type, drive, speak German, retrieve a lost object, fold an umbrella or even cut a book's pages.

He routinely asked after the fuss over Watergate: What had "that Mr. Watergate fellow done to get himself into such a scrape?"

It is no wonder that Vera became the busy, indispensable manager of all of her husband's practical and business needs. Publishers, lawyers, colleagues and friends all agreed that "he would have been nowhere without her."

Vera was born into an affluent, assimilated St. Petersburg Jewish family which managed just in time to escape the ravages of the Russian Revolution. She offered only one view of her distant ancestors, asserting that her father "traced his descent in direct line from a celebrated though abstruse commentator of the Talmud who flourished in Spain in the 17th century, and who traced his descent in direct line from the ancient Judean kings."

Although she was not religious, she insisted, at every turn, on her Jewish origins. When the *New York Post* in 1958 referred to her as a Russian aristocrat, she responded, "In your article, you describe me as an émigré of the Russian aristocratic class. I am very proud of my ancestry, which actually is Jewish."

Asked if she was Russian her reply was simple, "Yes, Russian and Jewish."

On a trip to Wyoming, a motel operator indicated his dislike of New York Jews. "What is wrong with the Jews?" the Nabokovs asked their landlord, who was happy to enlighten his guests, advising them that Jews "always try to knife you, get the better of you."

"Well, I am Jewish, and I have no intention of swindling you," Vera retorted. The landlord fell all over himself with apologies.

Vladimir, like his father before him, was a philo-Semite. No manifestation of anti-Semitism was too small to irk him.

In a restaurant in New Hampshire in 1946, he noticed a sign, "We welcome strictly Christian clientele."

Vladimir wasted no time. "And what would happen if a bearded Jesus Christ drove up, in an old Ford, with his mother (black scarf, Polish accent)?"

Nabokov is a most demanding writer. He comes across as a man well-born and well-educated, brought up in surroundings both expensive and cultured; a man who is at once a linguist, a scholar, a natural scientist. In every line of his prose one listens to a supremely articulate voice recreating experience in a carefully structured and highly poetic manner.

Vera, too, was widely regarded as an aristocrat. Writes Schiff, "The adjectives that most commonly attached themselves to her suggested as much. She was formidable, regal, stately and imperious."

Vladimir died in 1976. For the remaining 15 years of her life, Vera lived in Switzerland, comforted by her son Dimitri, meeting and corresponding with family members and friends and overseeing translations of her husband's books.

The author, Schiff, who comes from western Canada has fashioned a long, detailed narrative — elegantly written, diligently researched and lucidly presented. He successfully depicts a literary marriage that was complex and intriguing, a union of one of the century's most original writers and a dedicated, resourceful and wise woman.

Abraham said a role model for setting educational goals

By REBECCA NADLER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Jews can take direction from Abraham when setting their goals and priorities in Jewish education and outreach, says Rabbi Yitzchak Breitowitz.

Speaking recently at an Ohr Somayach day of study at the Leah Posluns Theatre, Rabbi Breitowitz, of the Woodside Synagogue in Silver Springs, Md., an associate professor of law at the University of Maryland and a visiting lecturer at Ohr Somayach Jerusalem, said Abraham was called Avraham Haivri, meaning Abraham who comes from the other side of the river.

This is not just a geographic description, the rabbi said, but rather a description of his character.

Abraham was not swayed by public opinion. He would stand alone on the other side and do God's will. Yet the Bible tells us that his tent was open at all times and on all sides. Abraham was open to all human beings and saw potential in every human being no matter what their character and beliefs, as every person is God's creation.

Rabbi Breitowitz set out goals for Jewish education and outreach programs. He said we are living at a time when there is great moral depravity and concern about social disintegration. Many Jews are aching for meaning and purpose in their lives. They want to be connected to something larger than themselves.

> *'Everyone is a victim of someone else'*

He said Rodger Kamenetz, in his book *The Jew and The Lotus*, points out that nine out of every 10 western converts to Buddhism were originally Jewish. While this might be seen as disastrous, Rabbi Breitowitz said that in fact there is a silver lining in the phenomenon, because Jews who turn to cults are Jews whose souls are crying out for meaning.

"The Orthodox community has a responsibility to demonstrate to the rest of the community that the Torah matters," he said.

One of the goals for reaching out to Jews and teaching Torah, he said, is to provide a cognitive awareness of which are the important values in life.

Everyone must realize that they are responsible for their own spiritual growth. "Everyone is a victim of someone else," he said, but we must give Jews the courage to take charge of their lives. Spiritual awakening must be coupled with the realization that "what we are is not what we have to be."

He stressed the importance of following Abraham's model of accepting all people for what they are.

In a practical sense, this means that Jews who turn to the Torah for meaning and significance in their lives should be encouraged to utilize elements of their past and draw inspiration and strength from their experiences to better serve God.

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Seniors' attack prompts forum on anti-Semitism

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Even relatively minor hate-motivated incidents should be reported, because they provide evidence on which policies and funding decisions are based, stressed Karen Mock at a recent community forum on The Rise of Anti-Semitic Violence in North America.

The national director of B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights was one of four speakers at the event held last Thursday night at the Winchevsky Centre.

A self-described grass roots group of activists organized the panel in response to the beating of two senior citizens last month on their way to Friday night services at Torath Emeth Jewish Centre. Among the co-sponsors of the event were United Jewish People's Order and the Winchevsky Centre.

A related upcoming event is a vigil planned for Sept. 23, in front of the Holocaust Memorial at Earl Bales Park from 7 to 8 p.m. (For further information call the National Coalition Building Institute-Canada at 416-651-3444.)

Also participating in the forum at the Winchevsky Centre were Danny Fine, director, community relations committee, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region; Bonnie Burstow, an anti-fascist researcher who teaches at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education; and Elisa Kukla, an activist and observant Jewish lesbian.

Victims of hate crimes (or hate-related incidents that are not classified as criminal) need the "sensitive, caring support of friends and family" to inform them of the importance of reporting, Fine said.

Witnesses, not just victims, can also report, Mock said. Following the Torath Emeth beating, lesser incidents such as harassment and egg pelting came to light, and the attack was no longer seen as an isolated incident. When people put up with indignities, the perpetrators are emboldened, she said.

Mock also noted the importance of like-minded organizations working together. When the 519 Church St. Community Centre documents gay bashings and the League documents anti-Semitic incidents, and the two organizations work together to lobby for the creation of hate crime units, for example, "that's when we have success," she said.

"We need to use all the tools – the law, education, and community liaison, community partnerships, community dialogue."

Burstow agreed with Mock and Fine on the importance of keeping statistics, but cautioned that she believes they are deceptive because the numbers alone don't reflect the severity of the incidents.

"We are seeing the type of violent incidents against Jews we have not seen for a long time, and I think we have to take it very seriously," she said. Recent shootings of Jews in Los Angeles and Chicago can't be compared to an anti-Semitic sign, she noted.

'We have to take it very seriously'

Even the overturning of Jewish headstones in Winnipeg is "of a different proportion" (over 200 stones) than similar incidents in the past.

The crimes are not random, Burstow emphasized. "They have political ideologies and history behind them" and are traceable to a "rise in virulent fascism" over the past two decades, she believes.

The mission of fascist groups such as Aryan Nations – with which Buford Furrow, the shooter in the Los Angeles incident, was affiliated – is not to harass Jews, but to eliminate them, she emphasized.

Among the reasons behind the current spate of violence, Burstow cited the turn of the millennium (the time fascists indicated they would take over) and, most notably, the Internet. "In the '70s you could find one lonely fascist [on a street corner] handing out pamphlets.

"The Internet revolution was the revolution the fascists needed, and they are using it to the fullest. Today there are thousands of Web sites telling you what to do and think about blacks, Jews and gays."

Complaints about Web sites may be made to the Canadian Association of Internet Providers, known as CAPE, it was noted in the question-and-answer period. The association has already taken an active role, said Mock.

Stereotypes do lead to violence, Burstow warned.

She urged people — especially young, old and disabled people — not to go to synagogue alone, for safety reasons.

It's also critical, she said, to mend the divisions between the black community and the Jewish community, and to create solidarity with other victims of fascism. "We need to commit ourselves to honest and comprehensive dialogue... The consequences of doing otherwise are simply unthinkable."

Kukla noted the connections between anti-Jewish and anti-queer violence. In both cases, the myth of being able to pass as part of the larger community can lead to a lack of protection, she cautioned.

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Chabad activist, 43, killed in car crash

TORONTO — More than 1,000 people attended the funeral of Sheryl Latinsky, who was killed in a car crash at Leslie Avenue and Green Lane on Sept. 5. She was 43.

Her husband, Arnold, was killed in an auto accident 13 years ago.

Latinsky was on her way home from taking her son Leonard, 18, to his first day at McMaster University in Hamilton when the crash occurred.

She was buried at the Chabad Lubavitch of Markham section of Pardes Shalom.

An activist in the Jewish community, Latinsky was a founding member of Chabad Lubavitch of Markham and raised funds for the new synagogue centre on Green Lane.

She also helped raise funds and collect food and clothing for a family in Mississauga whose child was killed in a car crash – people she never previously knew.

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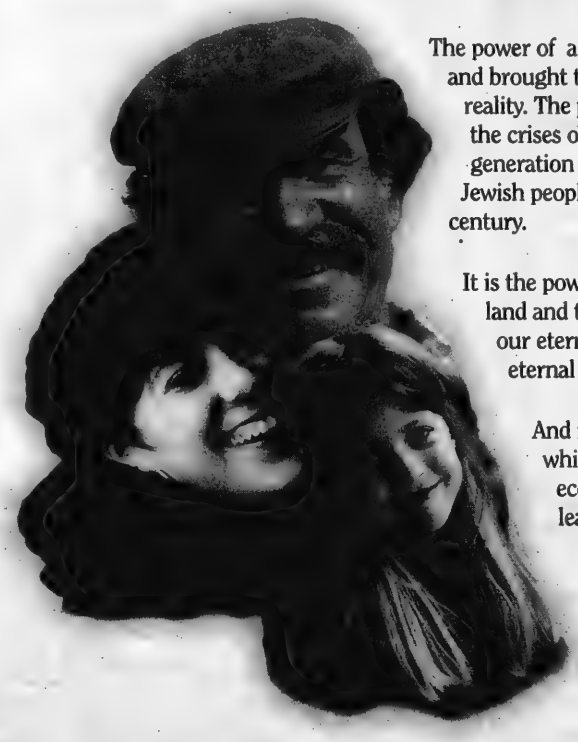

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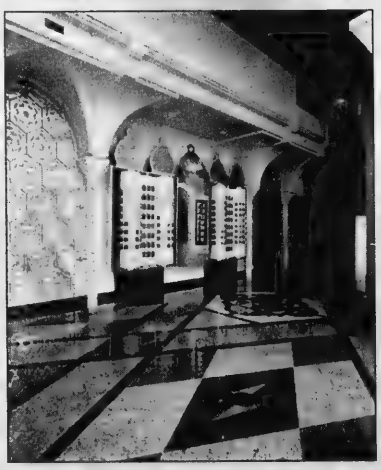

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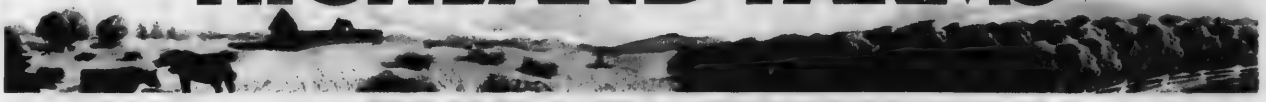

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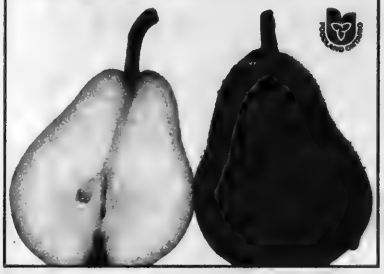

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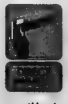

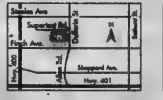

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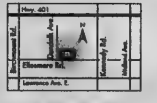

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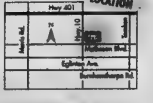

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Two Torah dedications on Sept. 5 drew hundreds in Thornhill. (Clockwise, from bottom), Davis Fluss holds the Torah he and his wife Betty dedicated in memory of his parents, Saul and Freda Fluss, and father-in-law George Braun. The Torah was marched up Bathurst Street to the new Chabad Centre on Flamingo Road; Rabbi Zalman Grossbaum, executive director of Chabad Lubavitch of Southern Ontario, carries the Torah, accompanied by the centre's spiritual leader, Rabbi Mendel Kaplan; Rabbi David Schochet holds a Torah carried in an earlier, joyous procession along Clark Avenue, alongside Rabbi Yisroel Landa, who spearheads Chabad activities for Israelis in the GTA; Hundreds of people, young and old alike, took part in the raucous, torch-lit parade, from the BAYT shul, to the Lubavitch Synagogue on Chabad Gate. The Torah was begun over a year ago by members of the Israeli community. [Ron Csillag photos]

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UJA Federation Leadership Profile

Lynn Leads By Example

Lynn Kirshin may not consider herself a developer in the traditional sense but when it comes to developing young leaders she's an expert.

As Co-Chair of UJA Federation's Young Leadership Cabinet with David Beron, one of Kirshin's highest priorities is reaching out to young adults seeking greater community involvement. The way to do this, she believes, is making people feel welcome and exposing them to as many opportunities as possible. "I find people are searching for a meaningful way to connect."

Kirshin's own search began after graduating from Osgoode Law School when she enrolled in UJA Federation's Leadership Development Program on the advice of a friend. "I learned so much about the community, where my own interests lie and a wide range of leadership skills," explains Kirshin, who quickly became active in a wide range of UJA Federation committees.

"There is always room at UJA Federation for young adults committed to community," says Lynn Kirshin.

Kirshin served as member of the Leadership Development Planning Committee in 1996 after co-chairing a mission to Poland and Israel in 1995 which she calls "one of the most memorable experiences of my life. Not only did I meet incredible people...I had the opportunity to see, first hand, how UJA Federation improves the lives of Jews far from my home."

Together with her Co-Chair, Kirshin helps to create the vision behind all Young Leadership initiatives, including a recent golf tournament, the highly successful *Hands On Toronto* volunteer project and the National Young Leadership Conference.

In the months ahead, she is focusing heavily on educating young leaders through interactive workshops on topics such as communal agencies, and organizing missions to community agencies. "Education is a key component in building strong leaders," says Kirshin. "Exposing them to the numerous ways in which UJA Federation helps people is critically important."

Mission Mazal Tov

Six young men and women and their families recently returned from Israel where they celebrated their bar and bat mitzvahs on UJA Federation's second annual Family Bar/Bat Mitzvah Mission. (Below) back row - Janice and Jeff Fine, second row, Fred and Rosalind Shapero and front Aaron and Jonathan Fine.

Spirit of Israel Campaign Grows

At the same time as Toronto's UJA Federation Campaign, Israel's affiliated Spirit of Israel Campaign is also picking up speed.

"In just two years we've grown to over 45,000 contributors," reports Spirit of Israel Executive Director Joe Dushansky. The Campaign, which raises funds to primarily help Jews in need, is modeled after and linked to worldwide UJA Federation Campaigns. It is Israel's first national grass roots fundraising drive ever.

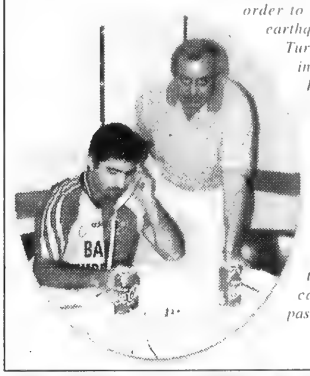
"Close to 46% of worldwide Jewry lives in Israel," explains Dushansky. "It's natural for this population to takes its proper place in the Jewish world by contributing to Jewish causes."

Having increased significantly from a modest 8,000 donors at its start, the Spirit of Israel's steady growth has been attributed to a massive marketing campaign which includes television ads and direct mailings, the most recent of which went to 350,000 households. "Close to 4,000 additional donors have responded to our Rosh Hashana mailing," says Dushansky, who would like to build a donor of base of 500,000 over the next 5 years.

Funds raised in Israel by the campaign will be allocated to programs assisting the elderly and children at risk.

Helping Hand

UJA Federation recently helped members of Toronto's Turkish community conduct telethons in order to raise funds for earthquake victims in Turkey. In expressing his gratitude, Hassan Silah, President of the Federation of the Canadian Turkish Association, (shown with volunteer) called Toronto's Jewish community "tremendously caring and compassionate."



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UJA Federation Campaign 2000

Telethon Kick-Off

This week's first series of telethons for UJA Federation's Campaign 2000 have helped to propel the campaign past the $15 million mark.

Among the dozens of campaigners were both veteran volunteers and teenagers as young as 13.

"It's amazing to see such a great turnout so early in the campaign," notes Dov Altman, who is chairing the telethon committee with Judy Engel and Rosanne Ain. "We have a large task ahead of us, so it's wonderful to get off to such a great start."

Jason and Susan Kendall have been answering the call to help Jews in need for over 5 years by participating in UJA Federation telethons.

"The telethons offer people of all ages and backgrounds a very rewarding opportunity to increase their community involvement" notes Debbie Kimel, who is co-chairing UJA Federation's Campaign 2000 with Abe Glowinsky and Howard Price.

"I really enjoy giving my time to such a great cause," says grade 10 CHAT student Miri Ben-Dat. "I believe personal happiness begins with the happiness you bring others and thats why the work I do for UJA Federation is so important," says campaigner Gary Stern.

"It's a pleasure talking to so many generous donors in one day," adds Peter Ekstein, whose active involvement in UJA Federation has included dozens of telethons. "I enjoy being a part of this great effort."

The September 13-16 telethons feature a contest named *Answer the Call*. Contributors contacted during telethons who say "Hi UJA, I'm answering the call" and increase their gift, receive a reward. Their names will also be entered into a draw for a grand prize at the end of December.

Additional funds raised during Campaign 2000 will be allocated toward new projects that assist the vulnerable, strengthen Jewish identity and rescue Jews in danger.

UJA Federation campaigners Anita Shedletsky and her daughter Diana.

Peter Ekstein; 1999 winner of the Phil Granovsky Award for Campaign Excellence.

campaign capsule

UJA Federation's Campaign 2000 has shifted into high gear with hundreds of volunteer campaigners raising millions of dollars to assist the vulnerable, strengthen Jewish identity and rescue Jews in danger around the world.

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✓ So far

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Dr. Judi Hollis

Coast to Coast

Young adults join leadership seminar

By DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — Thirty-five young Jewish adults from around the world recently participated in a month-long Young Jewish Leadership Diplomatic Seminar in Israel.

The seminar, called Bayit Meshutaf (Shared Home), was a pilot project of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

"The...program is a new and special opportunity for young leaders in the Diaspora to become better acquainted with Israel and to enhance their Jewish identity," said David Sultan, Israel's ambassador to Canada.

Participants from 16 countries and a variety of backgrounds came together in Israel to learn and to share their experiences of living Jewish lives in the Diaspora.

Three Canadians took part in this first seminar: Lisa Cameron, a research librarian at the Library of Parliament in Ottawa; Laurent Ziri, a chartered accountant in Montreal; and Bernard Levy-Soussan, a lawyer, also of Montreal.

Ranging in age from 19 to 30, participants represented a wide spectrum of Jewish involvement, from volunteers to full-time staff in lobbying organizations.

"The goal of the Foreign Ministry," said Sultan, "is to contribute to the education of the next generation of leaders of the Jewish community about life in Israel and the complex issues of the peace process."

This sentiment was echoed by Lisa Cameron. "The leaders of tomorrow are the young leaders of today," she said.

The intense program included lectures aimed at increasing participants' knowledge of Israel in the international arena, and talks about the Middle East, Israeli culture and Jewish life.

"For the first two weeks, I sat in a classroom from morning until evening," said Cameron. "I just learned so much; it was really excellent."

Bernard Levy-Soussan, Lisa Cameron and Laurent Ziri.

Tours of the country and visits to Israeli historical and cultural sites were also part of the program, and participants attended films, theatre and dance performances.

"They are people trying to make a difference in their Jewish communities." Cameron said of the new friends she met at the program.

They have already set up a Web site to help them keep in touch and share ideas and experiences,.

"People within the organized Jewish communities can help each other. We have made a very valuable link among ourselves and between ourselves and Israel," Cameron said.

Scene in Ottawa

By G.K. SIMCOE

As Rosh Hashanah approaches, the community's thoughts (and prayers) turn expectantly towards what is in store for the new year. While we claim no particular divine insight, below are a series of predictions.

• Jean Chretien will not resign – at least not before he travels to Israel for an official visit. While in the region, he will also visit Lebanon/Syria and Jordan for sure. Currently, the tiff over at Fort Pearson (Foreign Affairs) is whether this should be expanded into a commercial "Team Canada" trip. If so, then Chretien will have to include at least some of the Gulf States in the itinerary.

• Ehud Barak will not resign – at least not before he travels to Canada for an official visit. The reciprocal trip might be arranged around the Parliamentary dinner extravaganza put on every few years by the Canada-Israel Committee. The CIC is overdue for such an event, and apparently, one is in the works for March 2000. The dinner brings together the elite of the political community with Jews from across the country, about 1,800 people in total...a perfect showcase for both Chretien and Barak. Chretien will need some good PR because...

• The federal government will, once again, ignore demands for a dedicated Holocaust museum. Instead, it will designate a symbolic date on the calendar as The Day of Tolerance and Respect. Each year on that date, schools and communities across the country will reflect on all the suffering experienced during this century as the result of intolerance and racism. As far as a museum goes, the government's position will be that all stakeholders (Jews, Armenians, etc.) have to join together to develop and finance a national museum.

• A snap referendum announcement by Lucien Bouchard will trigger huge angst within Quebec's Jewish community. However, at the end of the day, the federalist forces will prevail with a sufficiently convincing win to put the Quebec question to bed for the next few years. Eric Maldof will not feature in the debate since he will lose the Liberal nomination in Mount Royal.

• Reformers and Tories will express exasperation with their respective leaders and turf them both. Unfortunately, the two camps will still be unable to bridge the ideological and emotional gap between the two parties.

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Holocaust memorial dedicated in Kingston

By RON CSILLAG
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TORONTO — A Holocaust memorial designed to warn of the dangers of abuse of authority was dedicated this month at the Correctional Services of Canada's staff college in Kingston, Ont.

The two-foot high bronze sculpture was unveiled before 23 newly minted prison guards, for whom the work will serve as a warning against the abuse of power once they are on the job.

College commissioner Ole Ingstrup told the graduating class of correctional officers that Nazi perpetrators of "heinous" crimes against Jews sometimes ignored their own human values and succumbed to the lure of power.

Ingstrup told the guards they would have "to face the daily challenges of working in a prison environment. It's easy to become insensitive in the kind of environment we work in."

The memorial is the only Holocaust monument in Kingston. The public will be able to visit it.

The work is by famed Philadelphia forensic sculptor Frank Bender, who reconstructs the facial features of crime victims with such accuracy that identification of the victim is made possible.

Bender has worked for years with law-enforcement agencies, which often produce only skulls or bone fragments of murder victims. Bender is credited with helping to solve dozens of mysteries that had police stumped.

In addition to his forensic work, he is a world-renowned sculptor.

A few years ago, he was part of a project that involved age-projection sculptures of children murdered during the Holocaust, showing how they might look today as adults.

The Kingston memorial shows families being herded into camps by German guards. It's topped by a bulldozer to symbolize the dangers of trying to bury memory.

A three-sided polished steel screen behind the sculpture allows the viewer to see the work from any side without moving.

"I'm not usually moved by sculpture, but this is breathtaking," said Rabbi Ronald Weiss of Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS), and the official chaplain to Jewish prison inmates in Ontario.

Rabbi Weiss, who spoke at the dedication ceremony, said the idea behind the monument is to sensitize those in power to the potential of abuse and bias.

The sculpture came to Kingston in a roundabout way.

It was a gift to the college by a group of Holocaust survivors in Nebraska, who wanted an artwork that would speak to new prison guards.

Apparently, strict rules prevented the work from being given to a similar facility in the United States. But when Brendon Reynolds, the college's deputy commissioner, found out about it, he met with an official of the International Corrections and Prisons Association and persuaded the survivors in Nebraska to look northward to Canada.

One of them, Joe Boin, also addressed those at the unveiling, telling the graduates of his 4 ½ years in Buchenwald and Auschwitz, despite the fact his father was a German-born Lutheran.

Speaking at the dedication, Bender said that the inspiration for the work came from the experiences of his uncle, Frederick Adler, who served in the American Army in Germany, and was captured.

The Nazis insisted Adler was Jewish (he wasn't) and sent him to a concentration camp. Bender recalled. His uncle barely survived.

The other spark, he said, came from his own work as a forensic sculptor, which has included years of witnessing senseless crimes and atrocities.

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Rabbi Shmuel Spero of the Minsker Shul who also has a part in this production.

The marchers, who number about 800 now, fill the street outside the shul. The young papier mâché boy and his grandmother are struck by the angel of death and the dibbuk. She collapses on the steep steps of the building. The technical staff on the roof lower snow flakes. The boy knocks on the door of the shul and Rabbi Spero appears.

The rabbi blows the shofar and the drummers respond. Then out comes the *Nayeh Velt* (new world) angel with a gigantic papier mâché challah in tow. The rabbi blesses the challah and gives a piece to the grandmother. She is revived. Women wearing papier mâché masks and colorful kerchiefs on their heads – they are carrying large baskets filled with real challah – distribute pieces of the bread to the crowd.

The music starts up again – this time it's celebratory. Three 15-foot klezmer puppets spill out of the alley way, along with other large cheerful-looking papier mâché characters. They join the procession, as it heads down Spadina Avenue.

Participants dance to the rhythms of klezmer and samba as the *Nayeh Velt* angel leads the way from the heart of the Toronto Jewish community's roots in Kensington Market to Harbourfront Centre, the main venue of the Ashkenaz festival.

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דאָס פּאַלק אין פּוילן האָט נאָך דער ערשטער וועלט־מלחמה פון 18־1914 בין צו איר זעלבסטשטענדיקייט געהאַט אויסצושטיין אַ סך רדיפות און פּראָבלעמען, נישט וויניקער ווי די יתד, אונטערן צאַרישן דעספּאָטישן שטיוול. וען פּוילן איז געווארן אַ זעלבשטענדיקע מלוכה אַ דאַנק דעם ווערסאַילער טראַקטאַט, האָט זי באַקומען אונטער איר אָפּוטרופסות, טעריטאָריעס פון אוקראַינע און וויסרוסלאַנד, ווי אויך דרייַ מיליאָן ייִדיש בירגערס.

ביים אינשטעלן די מאַכטהאַוועסקי רעגירונג האָט זיך אויס־פּאַרמידט דאָס געוועלטאָפּטלעכע לעבן אין אַ גאַנץ בריטן פּאַרנעם אויף אַלע געביטן. דאָס האָט אויך אַריינגענומען אָסטראָוצע און די אָרומיקע געגנט, וואָס איז איינע פון די אינדוסטריעלע צענטערן אין פּוילן. דאָ געפינען זיך אייזן, ציגל, צוקער און פּאַרצעלי פּאַבּ־ריקן. אָסטראָוצע איז אויך געווען אַן אַלטע ייִדיש שטאָט מיט אַ ייִדישער אַרבעטערשאפט אין אַלע פּאָכן.

אויף דער ייִדישער גאָס האָט זיך שטאַרק אָנגעזען דאָס געזעל־שאפטלעכע לעבן. דאָס אָנגעזעענסטע אָרט, ציו יענער צייט, האָט פּאַרנומען די פּועלי־ציון, אין אַ גרויס־שטאָקיקער געביידע בייַ קיווע ראָסעט. אין דעם הויז האָט מען איינגעאָרדנט דאָס אָרגאַני־זאַציאָנעלע פּאַרטיי לעבן: די יוגנט, ביבליאָטעק, אַרבעטער־קך, אוּנט־קורסן און די פּראָפּעסיאָנעלע באַוועגונג.

די אוּנט־קורסן זיינען אָנגעפּירט געוואָרן פון זאַמיעטשקאַוו־סקי און אַ דאַנק אים אין אונטער זיך אָנפירונג איז געשאפן געווארן דער ערשטע ייִדיש שולע.

אויף דער ייִדישער גאָס אין אָסטראָוצע האָט אויך פּאַרנומען אַן אָנגעזען אָרט דער „בונד", וואָס האָט זיך געפונען ביי פּרץ זיינגעראָבער. זיי האָבן געהאַט זייער איינגענע ביבליאָטעק און אפט אראַנזשירט עפנטלעכע שמועסן אויף פּאָליטישע טעמעס.

אַן אָנגעזעענער פּאָקטאָר איז אויך געווען די ציוניסטישע און יוגנטלעכע אָראַגאַניזאַציע. אין זיי האָט זיך אָמערסטן גרופּירט דער בירגערלעכער עלעמענט. זיי האָבן פּראָמאָט אַ שייַנע ייִדיש־הע־בר־ייאישע ביבליאָטעק און אַ קינדער־שולע. אויך די מזרחי־שולע האָט פּאַרנומען אַן אָנגעזעען אָרט אין אָסטראָוצע.

די פּראָפּעסיאָנעלע באַוועגונג האָט אָרומגענומען אַלע אָרגא־ניזירטע אַרבעטער פון יעדן פּאַך און איז אָנגעפּירט געוואָרן פון דער צענטראַל ביוראָ. די אָסטראָוצער ייִדישע אַרבעטערשאפט האָט פּאַרנומען אַן אָנגעזען אָרט צווישן די אַרבעטער צענטערן אין פּוילן. די ייִדישע אַרבעטער יוגנט איז דער שטאָט האָט זיך אויס־געצייכנט אויף אַלע געביטן פון גזעלשאפטלעכן לעבן.

מיר וואָלטן דאָ געקענט אויסרעכענען אַ לאַנגן צעטל פון פירערס אין יעדער פּאַרטיי אָדער באַוועגונג, אָבער צוליב מאַנגל אין פּלאַץ מוזן מיר דאָס אינערלאַנד אויף אַ צוויי מאָל.

אין דעם קולטורעלן לעבן האָט די שטאָט זיך אויך אויסגע־צייכנט. דעם אויבן־אַן האָבן פּאַרנומען די צוויי דראַמקרייזן. איינער, פון דער פּועל־ציון, האָט געהאַט ביזקעווואָלדן אַלס רעזשיסאָר. דער צוויייטער רעזשיסאָר, יצחק גראבער, איז געקומען פון די בונ־דישע ריייַ. פון ערשטן פּאַראַמעסט: „דער ישיבה בחור", האָט זיך צעצויגן זיין טעאַטער־גאַנג ביזן סוף פון זיין לעבן אין טאָראָנטאָ.

די ייִדישע גזעלשאַפט האָט פּאַרטאָגט צוויי ספּאָרט־קלובן. איין קלוב, „הכח", האָט פונקציאָנירט ביי דער ציוניסטישער יוגנט און זיי האָבן געהאַט זייער אייגענעם איבונגס־טעמפּ. דער צוויייטער קלוב, „שטערן", איז געווען אָנגעפּירט פון די פּראָפּעסיאָנעלע פּאַראיינען, וואָס זיינען שוין דאָן געווען באַהערשט פון די לינקע פּ.צ. (דער שריבער פון די שורות איז געווען צווישן זיינע גרינדערס).

עס קומט אַן די ציַט פון דער רעאַקציאָנערער פילסודסקי רע־גירונג, וועלכע פּאַרמעסט זיך קעגן דער אַלגעמיינער ארבעטער־שאפט. די נייַע מאַכט פּאַרשפּרייט טעראָר און אונטערדריקונג קעגן יעדער קעגנרעישער מיינונג, אַ שאָוויניסטישע העצע קעגן די נא־ציאָנאַלע מינדערהיַטן, אַן עקאָנאָמישע אויסראָטונגס־פּאָליטיק לגבי דער ייִדישער באַפעלקערונג, אַ פּאָליטיק פון צוואַנגס־עוואַקו־אַציע פון לאַנד, אַ פּאָליטיק פון פּאַרניכטונג. עס ווערן איינגעפּירט אַנטי־ייִדישע געזעצן, אַן אָפּענער, דורך דער מאַכט געשטיצטער באיקאָט אויף ייִדישן האַנדל און געווערקשאפט און אַ גרויסע צאָל אַדוערע שיקאַנעס קעגן ייִדן.

דער סוף פון ייִדיש לעבן אין דער שטאָט איז געקומען ווען דער נאַצי־רעזשים האָט זי מיט אכזריות אויסגעריניקט פון דער ייִדישער באַפעלקערונג. אָט אזוי האָט געלעבט און געשאפן, צווישן בייַדע וועלט־מלחמות, די ייִדישע שטאָט אָסטראָוצע, וואָס איז גע־וען פול מיט חכמה, תורה, געזעלשאַפטלעכקייט און פּראָגרעסיוון ארבעטער לעבן.

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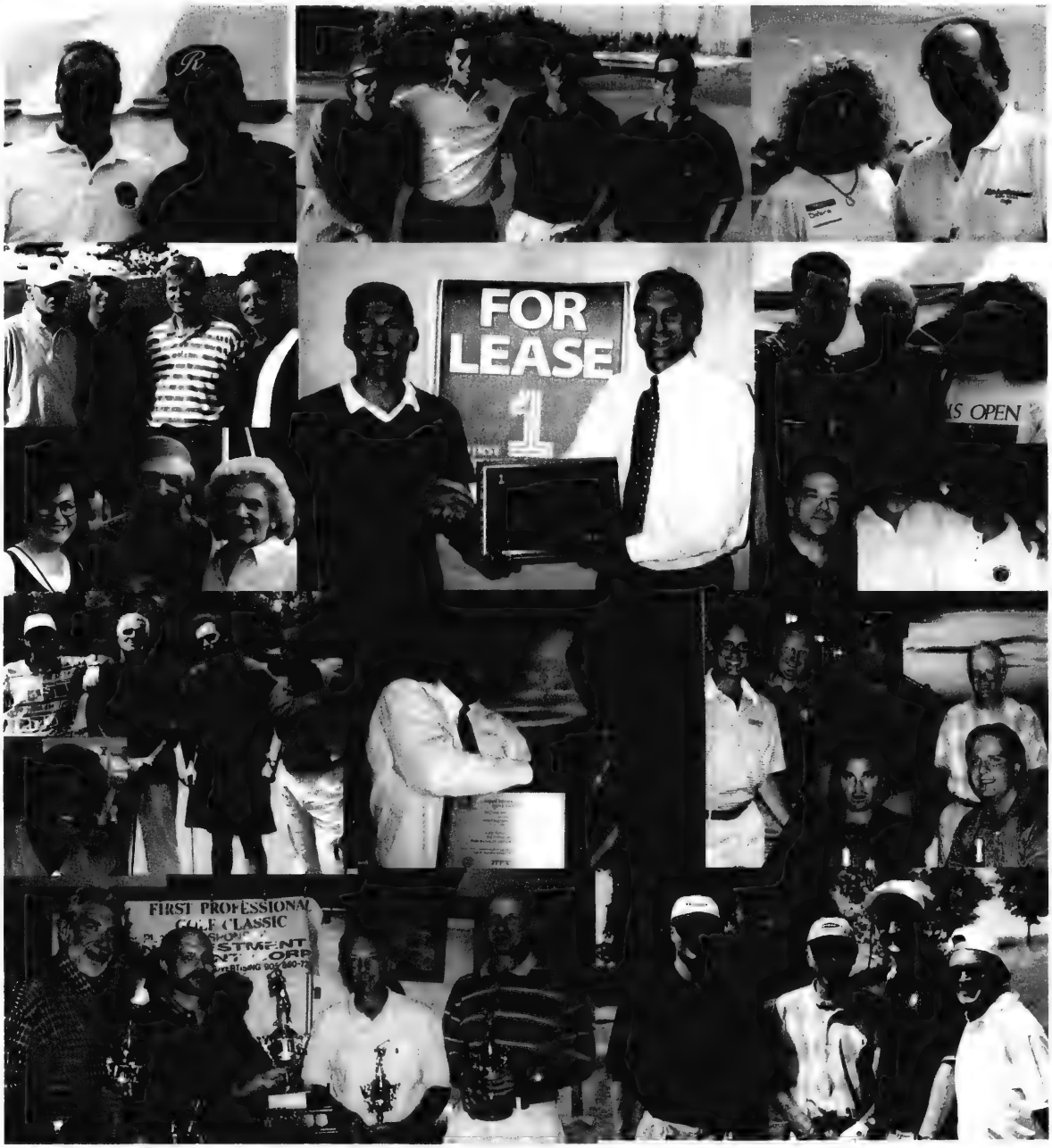

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Canada's first all-kosher supermarket opens its doors

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL— What is billed as Canada's first all-kosher supermarket has opened with a promise to deliver to kosher consumers the same convenience and professionalism other consumers expect when filling their grocery orders.

Le Monde Cachère/Kosher World in Decarie Square offers 30,000 square feet filled with the gamut of kosher foods and household supplies, as well as a fully stocked produce department.

It looks much like any other supermarket with aisles and aisles of packaged goods, dairy and frozen food sections, meat and fish counters, bakery, take-out service, and banks of cash registers. Customers can take advantage of such features as car orders, home delivery and indoor parking.

Le Monde Cachère is under the supervision of the Jewish Community Council of Montreal (Vaad Ha'ir), and has the endorsement of the Sephardi Grand Rabbinat du Québec, which has its own kashruth supervisory body.

Everything in the store either bears the Vaad's MK or a hechsher of any of the agencies around the world recognized by the Vaad, said executive director Rabbi Saul Emanuel. Le Monde Cachère carries many imported goods, some exclusive to Montreal.

There are two mashgichim on site – one in the meat department, and another for general supervision. The meat is glatt kosher, which will satisfy the strictest observers, Rabbi Emanuel said.

The store is, of course, closed on Shabbat and holidays.

The premises were formerly occupied by the Joseph Anthony supermarket, and like its predecessor the new store is operated by Decarie Square, which is owned by David Azrieli's Canpro Investments Ltd. The store manager, Spyro Stylianopoulos, though not Jewish, seems to have already gained the confidence and affection of many customers for his attentiveness

"We believe the kosher consumer should enjoy the same quality control, cleanliness and service as is found in other supermarkets," said Canpro vice-president Myer Bick.

Bick is confident Le Monde Cachère will be able to compete successfully with the kosher sections in other supermarkets.

"This is one-stop shopping. The kosher customer can come in here and not have to worry about checking labels," Bick said. "Everything is under one roof, and the quantity and variety of the products can't be compared to what is found in the chains. It's the largest selection of kosher products anywhere in Canada."

According to his research, the next largest purveyor of kosher food in Canada is an IGA store in the Toronto area, which has a 9,000-square-foot kosher section.

Le Monde Cachère kashers and packages its own meat on the premises. Most meat will be sold cut-to-order, although pre-packaged meat is available too. There is also an on-site bakery, and a kitchen that provides take-out foods and catering services.

As far as price is concerned, Bick conceded that because of the buying power of the chains, Le Monde Cachère can't match the prices the chains offer for national brands, however it should be able to be competitive on those wares produced strictly for the kosher market. "And the meat should definitely be cheaper because we do it ourselves, cutting out a processor," he added.

At Passover, Bick said the store will be especially kashered and remain open. A separate kosher "warehouse" will likely be opened next door as well.

Rabbi Emanuel said a store like Le Monde Cachère should encourage greater numbers of Jews to keep kosher because of the availability, variety and the competitive prices.

"We approached [Decarie Square] to be involved in this project, and we've worked hard for months to get it off the ground," he said.

Kosher consumer Roz Schneidman noted that there is a need for this type of kosher food merchandising. "How well it will do will depend on how they keep it up. It has to be clean and the staff friendly, and, most of all, the prices have to be competitive."

Other people interviewed (they did not want their names used) said they were pleased to find everything they need under one roof, and that they don't have to worry about non-kosher foods getting mixed in with their groceries. One couple said the personalized service is enough to keep them coming back.

Certainly, Le Monde Cachère was bustling in its first week of operation. The novelty, opening specials and pre-holiday shopping may explain the rush. The people with a stake in the enterprise hope that those are not the only reasons for the rush and that the store is filling a previously unmet need in Montreal.

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Coast to Coast

Canada ends probe of Mossad passport affair

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

OTTAWA — Canada has ended its investigation of allegations that Israel broke a promise never again to use Canadian passports in spy operations.

Ottawa is satisfied Israel did not break a 1997 pledge that it would refrain from using the passports, and that it would no longer approach expatriate Canadians in Israel for their documents.

Canada has accepted Israel's assurances, "and there is no basis at this time to doubt them," Valerie Noftle, a spokesperson for the Foreign Affairs Department, told *The CJN*.

This was the second time the federal government probed Israel's use of Canadian passports in its secret missions. The first incident involved the bungled assassination attempt two years ago in Amman of Khaled Meshal, a key leader of Hamas. Two Mossad agents were found to be carrying forged Canadian passports.

The affair severely strained Canada-Israel relations. Ottawa recalled its ambassador to Israel, David Berger. Israel expressed regret, and then-prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu personally assured Canadian Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy that the Mossad would no longer use purloined or doctored Canadian documents in its missions.

But a short time later, allegations arose from Leslie Jacobs, a Canadian who's been living in Jerusalem since 1992, that he was approached by government officials who asked him for his passport.

Lewis said he had been contacted by agents of the Bureau of Immigrant Affairs, which intelligence officials believe is a Mossad front.

He said the agents also asked Lewis' daughter to fly to Canada, obtain a passport, return and hand it over.

It was the second time Lewis had been approached. In 1996, he gave his passport to Israeli agents, who said it would be used to bring Jews from oppressed countries to Israel. He obtained another one from the Canadian Embassy in Tel Aviv, where he was told never to give his passport to anyone again.

Lewis informed the embassy after the second time he was contacted. A Canadian diplomat interviewed him.

Axworthy ordered a new probe last November. Canadian officials found that the evidence given by Lewis was vague and inconclusive.

Noftle told *The CJN* that Canadian consular officials in Israel informed Lewis last spring that handing over a Canadian passport to anyone is a contravention of the law. She said Lewis signed a document agreeing he would not do it again, and that he would inform the embassy if he was ever approached again by Israeli officials.

Israeli authorities denied asking Lewis for his passport, and also denied that the Bureau of Immigrant Affairs existed.

As a result of the Meshal/Lewis affair, there is now a warning in Canadian passports, informing the bearer that selling the document "or permitting any other individual or agency to use [it] may lead to criminal prosecution and is cause for revocation of the passport and refusal of future passport services."

Not everyone believed that Canada's probe was sufficient or that Ottawa should take Israel at its word.

Recent published reports quoted unnamed Canadian intelligence officials as denouncing Canada's investigation as shoddy and incomplete. They said Canada simply did not want to upset Israel.

Shul council created

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The creation of the Winnipeg Council of Synagogues was announced in mid-August.

Dr. Michael Helper, head of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council's Multiple Appeals Commission (MAC), initiated the move to create this organization two years ago after the High Holy Day fundraising appeals.

"We found that, as we were meeting to address MAC issues, other synagogue-related issues also came up," says Steven Feldgaier, immediate past president of the Rosh Pina Synagogue and one of the original representatives on the synagogues committee formed to negotiate with MAC.

"We invited the city's other synagogues to join us, Feldgaier said. (Originally, only the major synagogues were involved.) "We have been pleased with the response."

The Winnipeg Council of Synagogues consists of 10 of Winnipeg's 11 congregations ranging from Chabad to Reform. Just one small Orthodox synagogue has held back.

"All the synagogues are feeling very positive about this initiative," Feldgaier said. "There is a lot of potential here for sharing concerns and reaching out to the community in a way that we haven't done in the past."

CJC national officer Marion Mayman presents a cheque for $18,000 to Turkish ambassador to Canada Erhan Ogut for earthquake relief.

CJC earthquake fund for Turkey hits $18,000

By DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — Immediately following the recent earthquake in Turkey, Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) established a special relief fund.

On Sept. 2, Marion Mayman, a CJC national officer, presented a cheque for $18,000 to Erhan Ogut, ambassador of Turkey to Canada, at his residence. Also present was Eric Vernon, director of government relations for CJC.

In presenting the cheque, Mayman explained to the ambassador the significance of the number 18 in Judaism. Because the number represents chai, or life, she said, it is a symbol of our wishes for Turkey's future.

The donation is "a small token of our concern for the people of Turkey, the money was raised by Jews from coast to coast. Its human suffering has touched our hearts," Mayman said.

In accepting the cheque, Ogut said, "This kind of [gesture] ... [illegible] ... appropriate manner."

Ogut said there are two components to rebuilding his country, the material and psychological. "Although the material aid is very important, this international solidarity is giving a moral boost and gives us the strength to rebuild the country," he said.

"I would like to convey my sincere thanks to the Jewish community in this country and to the Canadian Jewish Congress for what they have done. It is a great pleasure to see that we are not alone, that there are people who care."

Following the presentation, the ambassador handed Mayman a letter of thanks addressed to Moshe Ronen, national president of CJC.

CJC is part of a North American and British coalition of Jewish organizations actively raising funds and doing relief work in Turkey. The coalition is coordinated by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. Those wishing to contribute to the Turkish Earthquake Relief Fund of CJC [illegible] ... Mayman ...

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Hamilton Jews explore future of their community

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — The UJA 2000 campaign was launched recently with a spirited discussion on whether the community here will survive the next millennium.

About 200 people attended the program at Beth Jacob Synagogue, but to the disappointment of the mostly senior audience, the generation they hoped to attract – young parents in their 40s – was only sparsely represented.

The four panelists, all young parents, were: award-winning farmer and Shalom Village president, Carl Loewith; Faigie Itkin, coordinator, with her husband Rabbi Zalman Itkin, of the Chabad Jewish Student Centre; lawyer Martin Halpern; and Wendy Schneider, editor of the *Hamilton Jewish News*.

The moderator was CBC radio and TV personality, Ralph Benmergui, who kept the discussion going at a brisk pace, with humor and the occasional provocative statement.

Lack of community involvement by the younger generation was the main concern expressed by all.

Principal reasons cited were the lack of programs to attract teens and young adults; changing family structures and the increase in two-income families, with both parents having demanding careers and no time for community involvement; little or no Jewish education beyond the elementary level; and the young leaving the community while no new families are settling here.

Some were disturbed at the lack of new leadership, while others lamented the fact that those who are involved often tend to retire at 65 because they feel they have done their share.

Rabbi Bernard Baskin, rabbi emeritus of Temple Anshe Sholom, was more optimistic. When he first came here 50 years ago, the Hamilton Jewish community numbered 3,500, he noted. Today it stands at 5,000.

"We may be a small group," he said, "but we have many organizations; 85 percent belong to a shul, one of the highest affiliations in North America; because we are a smaller community, each one of us counts…Let's reach out to the younger people."

And, added Rabbi Baskin to applause, "we have to be more ecumenical, with Reform, Conservative and Orthodox all working together."

Talented young Israeli singer/performer Marina opened and closed the program with brief selections of Israeli songs. Welcoming remarks were made by campaign chair, Cele Steinberg, and other speakers included federation president Cheryl Greenbaum and executive director, Patricia Tolkin Eppel.

On behalf of Jewish Immigrant Aid Service (JIAS), Jewish social services chair, Jack Leon, made a special presentation of a JIAS scholarship for outstanding achievement in math, business and computer science at McMaster University and for his involvement with the McMaster Jewish Students Association to Steven Karan, who came here from Minsk in 1991.

Winnipeg CJA holds Super Week

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Instead of the traditional Super Sunday campaign this year, the Winnipeg Jewish community's annual Combined Jewish Appeal (CJA) campaign kicked off this year with a new concept – Super Week.

CJA executive director Gerry Koffman reports that the new idea proved successful in every way.

"We raised $132,000, an increase of 9 percent over last year's Super Sunday," Koffman reports. "We had close to 1,500 pledges compared to about 1,000 last year."

Super Week began on Aug. 29, and continued through Sept. 2. Calls by volunteers were made Sunday morning and during weekday evenings.

"We found an overwhelming ratio of phone calls to contacts," Koffman says. "Often, on Super Sundays, after lunch our callers found most people were out. This concept also made it easier to get volunteers because it was spread out over the week."

The campaign target is $3.25 million as compared to a little more than the $3 million raised last year. The Super Week phase of the campaign focuses on donors who traditionally give $400 or less.

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Jewish Women International Markham/Unionville chapter first monthly meeting of the new year, covering some new business and featuring a guest speaker. Old and new members welcome. **Sheryl** 905-305-7026 or **Susan** 940-0286.

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NCJW OPENING MEETING

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KIDS' YIDDISH CLASSES

Free children's Yiddish classes, Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8, are held Sundays 9:30 a.m. to noon, starting Sept. 19. Yiddish Hotline 635-2883, ext. 150.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Help plan events in the Jewish community. Your ideas will be heard. Your input is needed. Community service, fundraising, membership campaigns. Join Tikvah chapter, Jewish Women International, get involved and make a difference. 633-6444.

HEBREW COURSES

The following Hebrew courses will be offered at Kehillat Shaarei Torah starting the week of Oct. 4:

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All classes led by **Yael Lev**. Register. 225-6151.

STUDY CLUB

Forum 15 Study Club is looking for new members. Club offers lectures for women, with emphasis on literature and Jewish studies. Club meets Thursday evenings, starting in the fall. **Randy** 756-0183.

TAI CHI

National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, is holding ongoing Tai Chi classes every Wednesday afternoon, 1:30-2:30 p.m. and Wednesday evening 7:30-9 p.m. at Council House. Seniors $35, adults $48 (eight classes). Register. 633-5100.

SINGERS TAKE NOTE!

The Choraliers of North York, a volunteer choir singing for seniors and disabled persons, welcomes singers of all ages and all voice ranges – younger members especially welcome. Rehearsals are Tuesdays 8:15-10:30 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre, Room 2. **Fay Cohen** 633-7233 or **Judy Gordon** 221-3161. To book a concert for your facility, **Rose Terrance** 633-0433.

FAMILY SUPPORT

The Family Support Program, Community Outreach Services of Toronto East General Hospital, offers an eight-week group series for families and friends of people with serious mental health problems. Group provides education, offers support and coping skills. No charge. **Dana** 461-2000, ext. 223.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service groups. For registration/information **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800, ext. 215.

Beyond the Chupah: Becoming a Couple, a six-week marriage preparation program. Discuss changing roles, finances, realistic expectations, communication, in-laws and out-laws, building a Jewish home. Begins November.

Parenting the ADHD Child, a series for parents of children who have been diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder. Learn what ADHD is, coping strategies, medication and other treatment modalities, how to maintain an effective treatment plan, and how to become a successful advocate for your child. Begins Oct. 13.

Adult Child Losing a Parent begins Oct. 21; Single Parent Challenge begins Sept. 21; Bereavement Group begins daytime Sept. 22.

JEWISH FOLK CHOIR

Toronto Jewish Folk Choir has begun its new season with rehearsals Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Morris Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. This amateur choral group, a part of United Jewish People's Order, will be performing at the Holocaust Memorial Ceremony Nov. 6, and its annual spring concert is May 7.

All are welcome to sit in on rehearsals. New members are welcome, especially men. An ability to follow music is desirable. **Howard Kaplan** 593-0750.

FOR SENIORS

LZA Seniors Club is taking registration for its Miami trip. Limited number of rooms available for three, four and six weeks at the Thunderbird Hotel. **Libby** 782-2059 or **Shelagh** 250-1234. Ladies Folkdancing classes Thursdays 1:30 p.m. and Cultural Discussion Group Tuesdays 10 a.m. in the Borochov Centre, 252 Codsell Ave. Centre is open for socializing Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Sept. 16, a video; Sept. 23, Hebrew lecture by **Joseph Penk** on the political situation in the Middle East; Sept. 30, Sukkot, no program; Oct. 7, lecture in English by **Shura Vorona** on UFO; Sunday, Oct. 10, Simchat Torah dance with Teddy Band, for tickets, call **Malka Colla** 630-5771. For information, **Jerry Bengall**, president, 905-707-7334 or Malka Colla, chair of social committee.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club: Opening meeting, a travelogue with **Stanley Witkin** Monday, Oct. 4; *West Side Story* at Stratford Oct. 12; a trip to Israel is in the planning for Nov. 21-Dec. 8. **Lena** 785-5773. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Sunday dances, Oct. 17, 31; trip to Leelanau Sands Casino, Michigan Oct. 4-7. $469 (Cdn). 395-7881.

Young at Heart Seniors winter Florida holiday at the Glatt kosher Saxony Hotel, one month, six weeks, two months or more. Tips, gratuities included, entertainment, efficiency double occupancy, with or without meals, one month $2,620 (Cdn), does not include plane fare. **Helen** 635-6343.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 225-2112.

The centre is highlighting four outstanding people in the International Year of Older Persons as living legacies, honoring their importance as role models with contributions to our older adult society. On Wednesday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m., media personality, educator **Hugh Innis,** Ryerson Polytechnic University.

Hearing Assistance Clinic with **Brenda Vernon** of the Canadian Hearing Society – hearing screening; information on assistive devices for TV, phone, door bell; check hearing aids. Thursday, Sept. 23 1-4 p.m., La' Briyut Wellness Centre clinic. Book appointment, ext. 131.

Israeli Club Etrog: Do you speak Hebrew? Join club members every Tuesday at 7 p.m. for movies, lectures, dances, sing-alongs, bingo. Sept. 21 is a movie. **Anna** ext. 110.

BATHURST JC

Bathurst Jewish Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. 636-1880.

Fifty-Five Plus Department of Adult Services annual Variety Show celebrating the Year of Yiddish Culture featuring professional dancers, musicians, Yiddish and Hebrew songs, Thursday, Oct. 7, 2 p.m. Leah Posluns Theatre. reserved seating $10. **Teme** ext. 364 or **Janet** ext. 259.

Fifty-Five Plus offers the following courses starting the first week of October:

Bridge – Intermediate; Tai Chi, Yoga. Register at first class. These courses are co-sponsored by Toronto Board of Education and BJC.

Sign up and register for fall session courses at BJC: Ballroom Dancing, Painting, Needlecrafts, Beginners Bridge, Line Dancing, Tap Dancing, Creative Writing; also Lunch n' Learn with **Rabbi Ronnie Cahana** of Lodzer Synagogue starting Friday, Oct. 8, noon to 1 p.m. (continues first Friday of each month).

BLOOR JCC

Bloor Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 924-6211.

Registration for fall programs is underway at the Bloor JCC. Come and take a tour and find out more about programs for children, adults and seniors.

Seniors Club: Thursday, Sept. 16, 2 p.m., afternoon tea. Learn about programs, meet friends, enjoy honey cake, celebrate the New Year; Thursday, Sept. 23, 2 p.m. Seeing Within and Beyond: The Lesson of the Sukkah with **Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich** of Beth Sholom Synagogue. For information, **Judy.**

ABOUT PEOPLE

GESHER APPOINTMENT

The Canadian Jewish Educational Fund, also known as Gesher Canada, has announced the appointment of **Viviane Ship** as its new executive director in Toronto. She is replacing **Ruth Lockshin** who is spending a sabbatical year in Israel.

Ship, who hails from Antwerp, Belgium, was brought up in a family of survivors who were Zionists. After completing university in Brussels, she lived in Jerusalem for several years where she met her Montreal-born husband. Residents of Toronto since 1975, the Ships have two sons in university. The family has always been active in various Jewish organizations including Bialik PTA, Holy Blossom Temple, Beit Halochem, Israel Cancer Research Fund and National Council of Jewish Women.

AT THE KOFFLER

Michelle Galati, performer, choreographer and dance teacher, is returning to the Koffler Centre School of Dance after a year's absence recovering from knee surgery. Her strength lies in her skill as a teacher of acro, tap, jazz and choreography for winning routines in dance competition.

For information and class availability, call 636-1880, ext. 273.

DENTAL STUDY CLUB

Dr. Wayne Wolfstadt assumed the presidency of the Toronto Crown and Bridge Study Club this spring. With over 500 members from Ontario and Upper New York State, the goal of the study club is to promote excellence in prosthodontics and restorative dentistry. Wolfstadt, a 1981 University of Toronto graduate, is in private practice in Toronto. He is a member of the Ontario Dental Association, Chicago Dental Society, Ontario Dental Society of Anesthesiology and the Toronto Alumni chapter of Alpha Omega.

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Jewish fraternity members gather for convention

By GEOFFREY DUVINER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Swapping ideas and forming friendships were the focus of activities at Alpha Epsilon Pi's (AEPi) annual convention last month.

The largest Jewish fraternity in North America, AEPi had representatives from chapters across North America at its meeting in Morristown, N.J., Aug. 18 to 22, where the members shared tips on how to run a successful fraternity.

And, in the spirit of brotherhood, they formed bonds with fraternity brothers they had never met before.

The convention "created an atmosphere of caring and friendship unlike any convention I had been to before," said Josh Koziebrocki, one of five delegates from AEPi's University of Toronto chapter, Tau Omega.

Among last year's successes reported by Tau Omega were their role in helping organize a campus-wide clothing drive, packaging and delivering goods for a Passover food drive, volunteering to paint an elderly man's house and hosting community Shabbat dinners.

Koziebrocki, the chapter vice-president, won the Phillip Cohen Undergraduate Key, an award presented for social presence and academic achievment.

Harley Gold, the chapter's president, won an award for outstanding leadership.

The chapter won both the Outstanding Colony award for best startup chapter and the Outstanding Jewish Communal Activity award for most dedication to community service.

A small group of U of T students introduced the AEPi chapter in the fall of 1997 after a previous chapter had dwindled in the early '90s. Tau Omega now has 29 members.

For information on joining Tau Omega, check the Web site at http://

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Student volunteers in Israel

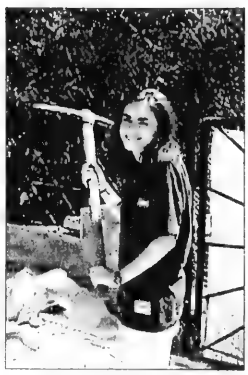
TORONTO — Naomi Cutler, 21, recently spent four weeks in Jerusalem doing community service through Livnot U'Lehibanot's volunteer program.

Cutler helped to paint and plaster three separate apartments, she dug in the tunnels under the Western Wall and she visited members of an senior citizens home.

"I felt a sense of accomplishment, painting and plastering," Cutler said. "It was good to see the apartments we were working on look better, and to witness how happy it made the people whose homes they were. I felt like I contributed to the community,

"It was also rewarding working in the tunnels with the regular Livnot participants. I was digging in historical areas which people would be looking at for years to come."

Cutler's roommate was an American volunteer. "We shared similar interests and would spend a lot of time together in the afternoons and evenings. I met many of her friends with whom I continued to have contact even after she went back to New Jersey," Cutler said.



Naomi Cutler

She described a typical day at the program. Up at 8:30 a.m., volunteers would leave with their foreman after breakfast for the apartment they were painting. They painted together for about three hours, with breaks and then picked up a falafel in town and returned to the Livnot campus.

In the afternoons and evenings, Cutler said, they would meet friends who were studying at the Hebrew University or chat with the participants in Livnot's regular programs.

On weekends, she generally visited family. She also spent a Shabbat at the Livnot campus in Safed.

Cutler recommends the volunteer program to anyone who wants to spend time in Jerusalem, meet great people, do worthwhile community service work and have time to pursue other interests. "I'm strongly considering coming back again some time next year," she said.

Cutler attended the Associated Hebrew Day Schools and the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto. She is now entering her third year at the University of Toronto.

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Features

Netsky plays a central role in klezmer's revival

By ANNA TURKIENICZ
CJN Staff

TORONTO — Music has always played a part in the Jewish cultural experience. Recently, Jewish klezmer has re-emerged and is playing a part in the contemporary musical scene.

Ashkenaz '99

One of the central players at the core of this musical revival is Hankus Netsky, 44, founder of the Klezmer Conservatory Band (KCB). Netsky and the KCB opened this year's Ashkenaz Festival of New Yiddish Culture.

"Klezmer music," according to Netsky, "is about communicating certain aspects of Jewish culture. It is about hearing my grandfather daven with a certain kind of *kavanah* (spiritual intention)."

Netsky, or Professor Klezmer, as he is known in his column in the *Philadelphia Exponent*, was born into a musical family – his grandfather and two uncles were musicians.

"While it wasn't a surprise that I became a musician, it wasn't considered a tremendous blessing," Netsky said.

"By sixth grade I was already organizing bands," he said. One of his first bands was the Olympians, which had its debut at the dedication of a new Torah for one of Philadelphia's small Orthodox synagogues.

Hankus Netsky

"I became enamored with Jewish music early on," he said. "I enjoyed good cantors and choir leaders, as well as religious and synagogue music. Later on, I also became interested in popular music and jazz.

"When I was 19, I went to one of my great-uncles and asked him about Jewish music. He had my great-grandfather's record collection and I realized that there was a great world out there. I started looking for anyone who would play this stuff with me."

In 1978, Netsky started teaching at the New England Conservatory of Music, after completing an undergraduate and a master's degree in classical composition. He discovered that other people were also interested in klezmer.

"There was a grass-roots reaction happening across the country, completely independently."

Jews and non-Jews were finding it through Balkan music, some through jazz, blues, and some through bluegrass music, Netsky said.

"I couldn't walk away from it, the community was clearly interested. Until this point, klezmer was a derogatory name for a musician who couldn't earn a living. Now it seemed that klezmer was a badge of honor."

In February 1980 he put together a group that had the instrumentation of a large 1920s band, the KCB.

"We were big, 15 pieces – all conservatory people, all creative. We produced a sound that was very different," Netsky said.

"Within a year, we made our first record, *Yiddish Renaissance*.

"At this point, I decided to become less involved with the jazz side of my life, and concentrate on [the klezmer] part of my career."

Since then, the band has produced several albums. They've been on Garrison Keillor's *A Prairie Home Companion*, a U.S weekly radio talk show. Netsky and the KCB appear on Itzhak Pearlman's *In The Fiddler's House*. Netsky also composed the music for Robin Williams' *Fool and the Flying Ship*, a children's video.

As for the different styles that are emerging in klezmer today, Netsky said that styles are no longer regional.

"It is not uncommon to find a band in New York playing small-town Romanian music.

"There are a lot of styles, they're all mixed up and they're everywhere. However, if people don't bother to learn the essence of the music, it will die out.

"I feel that it is my role to show how deep these roots are. That this is a secular, cultural expression of just being Jewish.

"There is a divide between the establishment Jewish culture and the new radical Jewish culture. I feel strongly about being a bridge between the two worlds."

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Mazel tov to Larry (Cookie) Scolnik on your 65th birthday. Love, Frances, Marcie, Dena, Elliot, Hannah and Jordan.

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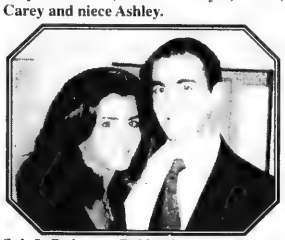

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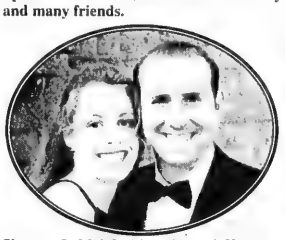

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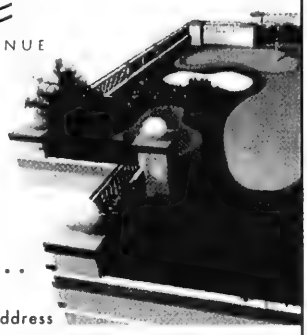

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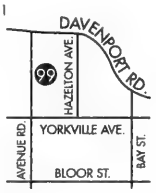

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Clinton expected to join Syria, Israel talks

By NITZAN HOROWITZ
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton is likely to intervene if mediation efforts by U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and her peace team fail to restart talks between Israel and Syria, American officials say.

According to sources in Washington, neither Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak nor Syrian President Hafez al-Assad is keen on their contacts with Albright and her peace team, which includes special Middle East envoy Dennis Ross. Both Barak and Assad feel that, at least for the decisive first step of renewing the talks, presidential action is needed.

The White House is apparently aware of this, and has hinted in recent days that Clinton is trying to achieve a comprehensive peace in the Middle East as a part of his legacy in the field of foreign policy. He is therefore likely to become directly involved in the process.

Washington sources are also saying that, in accordance with Barak's request, Albright and her team have focused primarily on negotiations with the Palestinians. Ross was to be in Israel this week for the ceremonial opening of the final status negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians, and was to remain for a day or two.

Albright, the sources say, held "indecisive talks," with Assad in Damascus and with Barak in Washington. She intends to continue contacts with the two countries' foreign ministers, Syria's Farouk al Sharaa and Israel's David Levy, when the two arrive in New York for next week's UN General Assembly meeting.

At the State Department, officials are pointing out that Albright was never enthusiastic about shuttle diplomacy in the region, and prefers to conduct "diplomacy by telephone." The gaps between Syria and Israel, however, are likely to entail more extensive American involvement at a higher level.

Prof. William Quandt, an expert in government and foreign policy at the University of Virginia, said Assad is interested in the Golan Heights and in improved relations with the United States, "but nothing will move during Madeleine's visits."

Quandt, a past member of the National Security Council, said "Assad wants Clinton to be involved, and if Clinton wants things to happen during his term, Assad will work with him."

Judith Kipper, the director of the Middle East Forum at the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington, also expressed misgivings about the U.S. peace team. "They simply can't do it alone," she claimed.

At this stage, sources in Washington are saying that there is still no shared basis for renewed talks. The situation leaves the Clinton Administration with two options. They can wait, while pressing Barak to announce his agreement to a full withdrawal from the Golan, as Assad is demanding before the talks are restarted; or they can help formulate arrangements to cover security and water, as Israel is requesting prior to the official resumption of negotiations. Such arrangements are likely to include demilitarization and alternative means of security to be provided by the United States.

U.S. President Bill Clinton

American concerns focus on the central question of whether Assad is truly ready for peace with Israel. Senior researchers close to the U.S. government are openly voicing these doubts.

"The Syrians have exaggerated their forces in the past, and for all we know, they'll miscalculate again," claimed Richard Hass, foreign policy research director at the Brookings Institution. "Barak wants a deal, but not at any price," he said.

Dr. Daniel Pipes of the University of Pennsylvania believes Assad is interested in the peace process, but not necessarily in peace itself.

"He'll always find an excuse to say no," Pipes said.

Final status negotiations set to start

By ALUF BENN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Foreign Minister David Levy and the chairman of the PLO executive committee, Abu Mazen, were to officially renew final status negotiations on Sept. 13 at the Erez Crossing.

The timetable stipulated in the Sharm el Sheikh agreement calls for a framework accord within five months and a comprehensive treaty within a year, by Sept. 13, 2000.

It is no coincidence that the reopening of final status talks was set for last Monday. Six years ago, on Sept. 13, 1993, Yitzhak Rabin and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat signed the first Oslo accord – the Declaration of Principles – on the White House lawn.

The final status negotiations had already begun in May 1996 at Taba, but the talks were a one-time event, cut off by the elections and Benjamin Netanyahu's ascent to power in Israel.

The event on Monday was intended to serve as a festive opening to negotiations, with speeches by Levy and Mazen. The foreign minister was expected to speak about Israel's commitment to reaching a final accord that will end the conflict and enable Palestinians and Israelis to be separated.

Prime Minister Ehud Barak said on the weekend: "I believe that it is possible to reach a framework accord within five months. There is an historic opportunity to try to put an end to the conflict and to march in the direction of peace and security."

Barak will decide today who will lead the negotiating team following the resignation of his original candidate for the job, attorney Gilad Sher. Levy and Mazen will meet later this week to conclude an agreement on the format for the talks.

The final status accord is intended to provide a solution for the three most difficult points of contention between Palestinians and Israelis: borders, refugees and Jerusalem.

Other central issues include the Palestinian state and its areas of sovereignty, security arrangements, the future of Jewish settlements, control of water resources and economic relations.

U.S. President Bill Clinton is expected to invite Barak and Arafat to Washington early next year to wrap up a framework accord. Barak believes that such an accord can help identify areas of agreement and dispute, without getting bogged down in details at the initial stage.

At the meeting this week, the Palestinians and Israelis were also scheduled to announce resumption of the work of the joint committees established under the interim accords.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat has expressed optimism that a final status agreement could be achieved within a year: "I believe it is possible. If the Israelis are interested in an historic reconciliation, they're aware of the timetable."

The Israelis "must also realize that the eastern part of Jerusalem is occupied and they must carefully read United Nations Security Council Resolution 194, which pertains to the refugees," he added.

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Israeli court bans interrogation method

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Human rights groups are hailing an end to Israel's use of interrogation methods they say are tantamount to torture.

Israel's High Court of Justice last week barred the Shin Bet domestic security service from using physical force when questioning prisoners.

In its decision, the panel of nine justices unanimously ruled that the Shin Bet had no right to use the interrogation methods, which had been applied over the years to thousands of Palestinian detainees suspected of terrorist activity against Israel.

Yossi Beilin

The decision, written by Chief Justice Aharon Barak, said these methods included violent shaking, sleep deprivation and placing detainees in uncomfortable positions for prolonged periods.

The court, in accepting the seven petitions filed by human rights groups, rejected the conclusions of a government-appointed commission eight years ago, which gave the General Security Service authority to exert "moderate physical force" in certain situations.

In its decision, the court said it recognized the special security concerns of the country, but concluded that in a democracy such as Israel, humiliating and painful interrogation methods are unacceptable. The court left room for the Knesset to legislate on the matter.

Attorney Avigdor Feldman, who submitted one of the petitions, welcomed the ruling.

"For many years we have waged our battle," he told reporters. "We lost many times, but for once we have won."

Political reaction to the ruling was mixed. Supporters of the decision hailed it as a beacon for democratic rule in Israel.

Critics expressed concern that the tough measures used by the security service were intended for "ticking bombs," the term used for detainees suspected of having information that could prevent an imminent terrorist attack.

"I am very proud of the decision," Justice Minister Yossi Beilin told reporters.

He said he hopes the decision "will allow in the future for the security services to deal with special and extraordinary situations to prevent a situation of a ticking bomb."

Centre party Knesset member Dan Meridor, the chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee and a former Likud justice minister, also welcomed the ruling.

Deputy Defense Minister Ephraim Sneh expressed concern that it could damage state security.

Likud Knesset member Gideon Ezra, a former deputy head of the Shin Bet, said that in the wake of the ruling, he was sure the security service was already trying to come up with other ways to obtain the information it required. Ezra denied that Shin Bet officials had used the methods liberally, or that they caused undue discomfort.

The ruling came amid heightened security in Israel in preparation for possible terrorist attacks before the High Holy Days and in the wake of two car bomb attacks recently in Tiberias and Haifa in which an Israeli woman was wounded and the three perpetrators killed.

Israel aids Greece

Continued from page 1

This is the second time that an Israeli unit has come to the rescue after an earthquake struck Greece. In 1953, Israel dispatched help after the entire island of Cephalonia was razed by a temblor.

At that time, a ship belonging to the still-young Israeli navy was on manoeuvres in the Mediterranean and headed for the island, arriving even before Greek officials were able to send help.

The Greek government honored that effort earlier this year.

The Week in Israel

Sept 6

• Police arrested five people suspected of involvement in two car bomb attacks that occurred on Sunday in Tiberias and Haifa. *(Subsequently it was established that Israeli Arabs were involved, with the probable instigation and support of Hamas and Islamic Jihad.)*

• Ariel Sharon, 72, was confirmed as leader of the Likud party.

Sept. 7

• Deputy Defence Minister Ephraim Sneh met with Jewish settler leaders to show them maps indicating the portions of the West Bank from which Israel will withdraw in the first of the Wye 2 redeployments.

Sept. 8

• Prime Minister Ehud Barak indicated he would support legislation aimed at softening a landmark Supreme Court ruling barring the use of force by the Shin Bet during interrogation of prisoners. "There must be an authority that can, in the hour of need, work quickly…to approve the necessary investigation in the case of immediate danger," the premier said in a statement. The court's ruling was supported by both the justice and public security ministers.

Sept. 9

• Security officials released 199 Palestinian prisoners, reviving the peace process after nearly a year of stalemate. None of the prisoners had been convicted of killing Israelis.

• Security officials imposed a closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip before the start of Rosh Hashanah. The closure came after the Palestinian Authority warned that terrorist groups may try to carry out a suicide attack in one of the cities.

Sept. 10

• The strike by nearly 100,000 municipal workers, which lasted nearly eight days, ended.

• Israel's population on the eve of Rosh Hashanah 5760 totals 6,145,000 of whom 4,847,000 are Jews; 922,000 Muslims; and 376,000 Druze, Christians and others.

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Art Eggleton makes his third visit to Israel

By EDGAR ASHER
CJN Israel Bureau

TEL AVIV — Minister of National Defence Art Eggleton made a short visit to Israel last week as part of a six-day tour that included Jordan and Syria.

It was Eggleton's third trip to Israel. The first trip was in 1991, shortly after he completed 11 years as Toronto's longest serving mayor.

"My first visit was in an unofficial capacity," he told *The CJN*. "I came here with the Canadian Jewish Congress after retiring from being mayor of Toronto. I managed to see a considerable amount of Israel.

"Then I came as trade minister in 1997 to inaugurate the Canada/Israel Free Trade Agreement (CIFTA), signed just a few months before with Natan Sharansky.

"I understand that we are doing quite well in terms of trade increases, about 30 percent, and I am happy to see that happen.

"Now I am back in a new role, as Minister of Defence."

Eggleton had intended to come to the region earlier in the year to commemorate the 25th anniversary of UNDOF (United Nations Disengagement Observer Force) which has had Canadian participation since its inception, but he had to reschedule his visit to the force, based on the Golan Heights, due to the Kosovo conflict.

"The command of UNDOF is now with General Ross, a Canadian, and there have been Canadians on the Heights for all 25 years," explained Eggleton.

"We have only about 200 [Canadians] there now, but over the course of the 25 years some 20,000 Canadian Force members have participated."

Speaking of his meeting with Prime Minister Ehud Barak, who also holds Israel's defence portfolio, Eggleton said, "On meeting with Mr. Barak last evening he indicated how strongly he felt about proceeding with peace talks, not only with the Palestinians on final status negotiations, but with Syria and the Lebanese.

"There is a very strong determination, I gathered, on his part to move ahead.

"Of course, Canada has a considerable interest in the area; not only have we been involved with UNDOF over the past 25 years, we have also been involved in peacekeeping here as long as peacekeeping has been around in the Middle East.

"This time also appears to be opportune inasmuch as the Wye 2 agreement has just been signed and there is considerable focus on Israel's new prime minister and government.

Asked if Canadian peacekeepers might potentially have a pivotal role in Southern Lebanon when Israeli troops pull out from the region, Eggleton said, "I have asked both Prime Minister Barak and Lt. General [Shaul] Mofaz, [IDF Chief of Staff], about that very question.

"At this stage I don't think that they have a notion as to how that might be done, whether that might be needed or not.

He said that if the Golan Heights does go back to Syria, what would be needed on the border would be a UN defence force.

"So, there are potential areas, but it's still very early and the process of the peace talks will determine how [Canada] might fall in.

"In any case, we would have to look at that situation at the time, in terms of our capabilities to provide troops for such a mission, as we have troops today in 22 different parts of the world.

"But, let me say that we have obviously demonstrated over a great number of years our interest in the Middle East – to bring peace, security, prosperity to the people of Israel and the people who are in the neighborhood of Israel."

Eggleton, who was to go directly on to Jordan and Syria, was asked if he was taking any specific message to the Syrians.

"I'll certainly be telling them that Israel wants to start peace talks; it's a very clear message I received from the leadership here.

"The Israelis have not asked me in a formal way to convey this message, but I will do so, just as Madeleine Albright did a few days ago when she was in Syria."

The minister was asked to comment on recent reports that Canadian citizens living in Israel are still being asked to provide Canadian passports to the Mossad.

"I have heard nothing about this," responded Eggleton. "The former [Israeli] government, on two occasions, made it quite clear that the government did not support any misuse of Canadian passports and would make sure that this does not happen again. To the best of my knowledge it hasn't, but it doesn't come in my purview as defence minister."

Summing up, Eggleton said, "I am very keenly interested in our relationship with Israel.

"Back home I represent a constituency where a great number of Jewish people have a big interest in what happens in Israel, and I do too.

"We want to do what we can to help bring peace and security to this area, so we will continue to make our contribution. Israel has a good friend in Canada."

Shin Bet urges govt. response to Islamic Movement

BY AMOS HAREL
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM – The Shin Bet will recommend that the government implement harsh measures against the Islamic Movement in Israel.

A senior security official told *Ha'aretz* that the proposed recommendations are in response to recent attempted terror attacks in Haifa and Tiberias perpetrated by three Israeli Arab members of the Islamic Movement. They were killed when their car bombs detonated prematurely.

The above-mentioned official, said, "The Islamic Movement must be made to understand that all the red lines have been crossed here."

The investigation regarding the two car bombs that went off earlier this month revealed that members of the Islamic Movement were deeply involved in terrorist activity and had close contacts with the Hamas movement in the territories.

"If until now we thought that the members of the movement involved in terrorism were merely exceptions, we now realize that we were wrong," the senior security source said.

"The movement can no longer say that it did not sow the seeds of violence.

"We must treat these two attacks as if they had succeeded and we had been faced with dozens of casualties and hundreds of wounded. What would have happened had the two cars exploded simultaneously in busy centres just before the holiday and right after the signing of the Sharm al-Sheikh accord?

"It is hard for me to estimate whether the peace process would have continued and what the impact on the relationship between the state and its Arab citizens would have been."

The key figure in the group, according to investigations, was Imam Amir Masalha of the village of Dabouriyeh, who studied in religious institutions affiliated with the Hamas on the West Bank.

Over the last year he visited Jordan several times, returning from there only several days before embarking on his attempted suicide mission in Tiberias. Masalha, like his two accomplices who were killed, had close ties with the leaders of the Israeli Islamic Movement. Leading figures in the movement, as well as several Arab members of Knesset, attended the funerals of the three men.

"On the visionary plain, the Islamic Movement still supports the destruction of the State of Israel, even if it does not believe that this should be accomplished by means of a Jihad," the security source said.

"They work to change society by means of preaching and education. The final goal is a religious Islamic state in which the Jews are a minority."

He added that the leaders of the movement were in close contact with the Hamas in the territories. "They are very welcome guests at the home of Sheikh Ahmed Yassin and at Hamas rallies in Gaza."

The senior official refused to say whether he supports outlawing the Islamic Movement. "It is a difficult dilemma. I also doubt whether it is legally possible.

"The significant question is how the Islamic movement will now interpret the recent events."

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Shas backs down from leaving coalition

By YAIR SHELEG AND YOSSI VERTER
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — The Shas party has decided to give Prime Minister Ehud Barak more time to resolve the crisis over covering the deficit in the party's educational system.

The decision was a reversal of declarations made by party members before Rosh Hashanah, according to which Shas would bolt the coalition if sums to pay the overdue salaries of school employees were not immediately delivered.

The party's Council of Torah Sages, which had been scheduled to meet today in order to decide on the departure from the coalition, are now not planning to convene. Shas has refrained from officially declaring the time-extension in the hopes that Barak will not prolong the crisis.

According to sources in Shas, party leaders had accepted the agreement of Finance Minister Avraham Shochat and Minister Without Portfolio Haim Ramon to transfer NIS 6 million for the payment of the employees' salaries.

This came after the Shas school system agreed several weeks earlier to the government's ratification of only minimum commitments. But the agreement was sabotaged by Education Minister Yossi Sarid, who had not been party to it.

Likewise, Shas personnel were also demanding the sum of NIS 14-16 million for the payment of their salaries, and were also not prepared to sign the agreement.

Shas members are still demanding of Barak that he carry out his promise to relinquish Sarid of his authority in the matter, and to take it upon himself to transfer the money for the salaries – separate from the discussions on the long-term rehabilitation program for Shas' educational network.

Discussions between Shas and the Finance and Education Ministries on transferring the money for workers' salaries will be renewed today.

The main difference is the demand of the Education Ministry to budget the funds for the network according to the number of students, and not the number of classrooms, as Shas is requesting.

Sources close to the prime minister are blaming Shas for the breakdown in the talks. According to them, there was an agreement to transfer NIS 12 million already on Friday morning, but Shas representatives refused to sign a commitment to discuss the method of allocating funds, for the network and the network's large deficit, within the next 45 days.

In a Thursday night meeting with Shas members held at the offices of the defence minister, which was attended, among others, by Shochat, Ramon, and Sarid, the participants reached agreement on the formula for the obligations to be submitted to Shas.

The prime minister said that he didn't want to destroy the Shas educational system, and that he wanted to give it another chance to reform itself, through the monitoring, control, and accompaniment of an authorized accountant, as was proper in such cases.

According to Barak, every suspicion of improper management and excess must be investigated by senior officials of the network, but that every administrative body that fails such a test deserves a second opportunity.

At a certain point in the talks Shas representatives told Barak: "Either Sarid or Shas." Barak rejected the threat and proposed that Shas sign an agreement.

Wye II at a glance

BY MITCHELL DANOW
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

The Israeli-Palestinian agreement signed recently in the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheik comes after a 10-month suspension of the peace process. The accord, known as Wye II because it revises the Wye accord signed last October, includes the following provisions:

- Israel will hand over 11 percent, or some 230 square miles, of the West Bank to the Palestinian Authority in three withdrawals. The first is slated to take place in the coming days, followed by further withdrawals on Nov. 15 and Jan. 20.
- Negotiations for a final Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement will begin after the first withdrawal. The two sides will reach a framework outlining the agreement by mid-February and sign the completed agreement a year from now.
- Israel will release 200 Palestinian prisoners in the coming days and an additional 150 in October. The two sides agree to negotiate additional releases.
- The Palestinian Authority agrees to co-operate with Israel in the war against terrorism.
- The Palestinian Authority agrees to implement specific security steps, including the collection of illegal weapons and apprehending terror suspects. It also agrees to provide Israel with a list of all Palestinian police officials.
- Israel agrees to allow the Palestinian Authority to begin construction of a Gaza seaport on Oct. 1.
- Israel agrees to open on Oct. 1 the first of two safe-passage routes for Palestinians travelling between the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

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Guide offers info, support for women dealing with assault

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The second edition of *Guide to Services for Assaulted Women in Ontario*, published by Community Information Toronto, with the support of the Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses and other community groups, is now available.

The guide, which offers information and support to women dealing with emotional, physical or sexual assault, was written specifically for women in abusive situations, but is also a resource for people who work with them.

The first part of the 120-page guide contains suggestions on the steps abused women can take to change their lives and those of their children. There are descriptions of services available, including basic legal information.

The second section has province-wide listings of shelters and crisis lines; hospital-based emergency services for victims of physical and sexual assault; victim services and court support programs; domestic violence courts; cultural interpreter services; women's centres; community information centres; and distress centres.

Also included in the guide are definitions of various types of abuse including physical or sexual assault, psychological and emotional abuse, stalking or financial abuse.

Jean Greenberg, senior information officer with Community Information Toronto, who co-ordinated the guide, says a Toronto guide has been available for several years, but there seemed to be a need for one for women living across the province. The first province-wide edition came out about one year ago. "There has been tremendous feedback to the book, which shows there is a need.

"So many women who are abused and isolated do not reach out for services. If they can find this guide, they may become reassured that help is available. It could be a first step."

It is important, she said, for women to realize that they are not alone. "We hope [they] will use the information in this guide to begin to make a change. [They] don't need to think about everything at once. Maybe the first step is getting information, or starting to think differently."

The guide is available in English and French by calling the order desk of Community Information Toronto at 392-4575 or toll-free from outside Toronto at 1-800-836-3238.

Home care cuts to impact on community

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The provincial government's underfunding of home care will have a serious impact on the Jewish community, said Al Gorlick, chair of the Alliance of Seniors to Protect Canada's Social Programs.

He was referring to reports that the number of hours of home care has been cut by at least 50 percent and that it is now being restricted to people who require help in bathing and dressing. The cutback means most people will be unable to get help for cleaning and cooking.

Gorlick said the alliance is concerned that the government is travelling the route of giving contracts for home care to for-profit agencies who pay $2 an hour less to their employees than not-for-profit groups.

"But aside from the level of care, we are very concerned that the underfunding has resulted in the number of hours being cut," he said.

In the last three months, the government has given contracts for home care to private agencies, a move that has hurt the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON), St. Elizabeth Nurses and Circle of Care, Gorlick said.

The difficulties arose when the government ruled that the pay scales of not-for-profit agencies had to be comparable to that of hospital employees doing similar work.

"But the private agencies did not have to meet pay equity rules and they are paying lower wages," he said. "The VON and other agencies like it are being hit by the private sector hiring nurses on a contract basis."

Referring to another type of assistance in the home, namely help for the caregiver, Canada's Association for the Fifty-Plus (CARP), a group representing seniors, has asked the federal government to make changes in the current law.

People who quit jobs to care for old or frail family members deserve government compensation, a representative of the association said.

The association called for an amendment to the Canada Health Act extending public funding to home care services in the same way as hospital and physician services are publicly covered. It also asked for home-based training for informal caregivers.

According to Statistics Canada, nearly three million Canadians were providing informal care in 1995, the most recent year for which such statistics are available.

"One way or another, every family is going to be touched by informal care," said Lillian Morgenthau, president of CARP.

But most families aren't prepared for the overwhelming demands such care entails, she said.

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Arts & Travel

Real-life dramas filmed at Sick Kids Hospital

By NICOLE SALAMA
Student Intern

TORONTO — Life and death scenarios in hospitals are depicted in many television dramas.

Now, a new Canadian series will document real-life dramas. Entitled *Little Miracles*, the series takes a look inside Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children. It debuts on the Life Network on Sept. 20 at 8 p.m.

According to the show's executive producer, Ira Levy of Breakthrough Entertainment, the purpose of the series is to reveal "compelling stories about ordinary people and how they find the strength to come to terms with adversity in a crisis situation."

Barri Cohen

The stories range from that of a little girl in a coma after an accident to one about a young man's broken thumb.

The series is co-produced by Breakthrough and HATASA-Wychwood Park Productions Inc.

Breakthrough has produced numerous documentaries including *The Riot at Christie Pits*. As well, the company produces the children's series *Dudley the Dragon* and the cooking show, *What's for Dinner*.

The CJN was invited to view a rough cut of the first episode of *Little Miracles*, which had the working title *Kaitlyn's Journey and Stephanie's Fear*. Each episode highlights two true medical stories.

The CJN also spoke with Ron Singer, another of the series' executive producers (from HATASA-Wychwood Park) and Barri Cohen, one of the directors.

Because of the time spent with the children and their families, the crew are sometimes emotionally affected by the stories they film, Cohen said. As one of the directors, she is particularly at risk, and noted that she "tends to get very involved and knows it has changed her but not how."

Singer says there are "so many special kids [at the hospital]." Consequently, choosing which stories to portray is difficult. For Levy, stories must "have a number of elements: a good story for people to follow, an interesting situation, consent and timing – [because you] can't control real life."

The Hospital for Sick Children was chosen specifically because there are "many medical programs involving adults but few with children, and there is a crucial difference between adult and children's hospitals," said Singer.

After watching some of the children, their families and the doctors who care for them, Cohen noticed that "little miracles" occur on a daily basis.

She says the "character of the hospital is aggressive; [it] never quits and has a 'can do' attitude." The hospital never gives up, and Cohen sees the staff as nurturing and the hospital as a "friendly environment for children and their families."

Not only does the production team want to focus on the special stories that occur daily at the hospital, Cohen also wants to "demystify a lot of the things that are scary about hospitals and show intimate human interaction between families and strangers [hospital staff]."

Singer said that because the show deals with sensitive topics and real medical procedures, consent and respect for the children and their families are paramount. It is important that the show is "not voyeuristic, not just entertainment."

People might think a show filmed at a children's hospital will be depressing, but the goal of the series is to appeal to people's emotions and leave them "with a sense of hope," Levy said.

In Cohen's opinion, this inspiration comes from the "every day courage and heroism of people in general, of all ages."

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Joy of Yiddish word

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "Let me come close to the joy of the Yiddish word."

This is the first line spoken in *Diamonds in the Dark*, a presentation at Ashkenaz by A Traveling Jewish Theatre of San Francisco.

It is from a poem written in 1961 by Jacob Glatstein, an American Jew from Poland who died in 1971. The line is a lyrical tribute to a vanishing language and an endangered culture, which is the raison d'être of *Diamonds in the Dark*.

It is unfortunate, in this reviewer's opinion, that the show's program flyer does not list anything about the Yiddish writers except the titles of their poems.

This would have helped the audience in the Premiere Theatre to have a context for the fine work done by Naomi Newman, Corey Fischer and Albert Greenberg, the ensemble trio that authored and performed the play.

The interpretation of these poems was done in an avant garde style to the background of post-modern music, and required acute listening, an understanding of new theatre styles, and an appreciation of how these artists attempted to relate the content to today's world.

This was not always easy to do, especially when English and Yiddish lines (in translation) followed quickly, one after another. The beauty of the poems was sometimes not realized, as they might have been if given completely in Yiddish, in some cases.

The content was impressive. In *Crazy Levi*, by Canadian Rachel Korn, the actors tell the story of a bedraggled Jew who wanders the back roads telling his plight at being turned down by the daughter of the town's leading citizen. "Why don't you find a woman who will do your laundry and your cooking like the rest of your people do," tease Polish peasant women on the roads.

But Levi disappears, never to walk the roads again, and dogs sniff in vain for his tracks.

Told in a poetic setting, the story of the Yiddish poet who comes to America and must learn English, and thus becomes lost between two languages, is very touching. As one actor puts it, "language is the homeland."

Also well done is Fischer's solo on being alone and forgotten, and his contribution to the piece in which a husband stares out into the night but can't find words to tell his wife, who sits nearby, that he loves her.

An audience favorite was *Jazz*, by A. Lutski, in which the performers mimicked jazz instruments and sang rapid-fire lyrics, perhaps denoting the young Jew of today. Greenberg stood out in this and wrote music for it.

Newman gave a strong performance in *A Few Words in the Mother Tongue* by American writer Irena Klepfisz, illustrating the choices that a woman has in life.

All in all, *Diamonds in the Dark* was only partly successful in showing how rich a resource Yiddish poetry is, at least to this Toronto audience. It was, as Ashkenaz promised, theatre for the future.

Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

As we turn the page into the New Year of 5760, Eye On Arts presents its annual survey of what some people in the literary community are reading.

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Lilian Nattel

Toronto-based writer **Lilian Nattel**, author of the internationally acclaimed first novel *The River Midnight*, is reading *The Penguin Book of International Women's Stories* (edited by **Kate Figes**, 1996), a collection that "is exposing me to writers I haven't read before, many from countries in the Middle East and Asia who aren't as well known to us in Canada and the United States."

The stories are "generally very good," Nattel reports, adding that she is particularly impressed with **Irene Dische's** story, *The Jewess*.

"It's about a German Jew whose family assimilated to the point of conversion. He goes back to Germany to claim an inheritance and encounters a Jewish woman who knew his father very well. It takes place about 15 or 20 years after the Holocaust. I'm enjoying it very much."

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Montreal Yiddish writer **Yehuda Elberg** is presently "refreshing himself" with *Crime and Punishment* by **Fyodor Dostoyevsky**, a work that he first read many years ago. More than one critic has noted Dostoyevsky's influence on Elberg's novel *The Empire of Kalman the Cripple* and his other literary creations. It is an association Elberg proudly acknowledges.

"I greatly admire Dostoyevsky's writing. He is the founder of psychoanalysis – Freud said, 'I didn't invent psychoanalysis, I learned about it from the great novelists,' and he mentioned Dostoyevsky and Tolstoy.

"I don't think anyone has managed yet to write a psychoanalytical book as great as one of Dostoyevsky's novels. He didn't write psychoanalytical books, he wrote fiction. But you can check his books with a modern textbook of psychoanalysis and they will fit. If they don't fit, it's because there's something wrong with the textbooks."

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Cuba Libre, a recent book by American mystery writer **Elmore Leonard,** is presently occupying the attention of Toronto novelist/lawyer **Morley Torgov.**

"I adore him," Torgov says exuberantly about Leonard. "Normally, I don't read Agatha Christie or other types of mystery-suspense thrillers, but Elmore Leonard is in a class by himself.

"At Harbourfront a few years ago, he said one of the cleverest things I've ever heard from any author. An interviewer asked him, 'To what do you attribute the success of your prose?' and he answered, 'I leave out the parts that people don't read.' That's the best piece of advice I've ever heard from an author."

Torgov, whose most recently-published novel is *The War to End All Wars*, is currently finishing a new book.

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The Reader, a novel by **Bernhard Schlink** (Random House, English translation 1998) is "a very important book," says Toronto Yiddishist **Shirley Kumove**.

"Schlink is a German lawyer and judge, not Jewish, and he writes about the generation of Germans after the Holocaust. He looks at the post-Holocaust generation who are carrying on their shoulders the guilt of their parents and grandparents, and he's showing how they come to terms with it."

Kumove's second collection of pithy Yiddish folk sayings, *More Words More Arrows*, was published recently by Wayne State University Press. She is currently preparing a third volume of Yiddish phrases for publication.

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Two literary titles are currently holding the attention of **Cary Fagan**, the Toronto-based author of *Felix Roth* and other novels. American writer **Joseph Skibell's** *A Blessing On The Moon* is "a strong and magical work, a realist novel set during the war. It deals with a lot of Jewish folk traditions, yet it's very modernist in its approach."

Fagan is also reading *Into the Looking-Glass Wood* (Knopf, 1998), a collection of essays by **Alberto Manguel,** the Argentinean-born writer and critic who lives in Canada. "I've always been glad that he's decided to make Canada his home. I think he's brought an international perspective to writing and reading that we previously lacked."

One of Manguel's essays, Fagan notes, is entitled *On Being Jewish.*

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German diarist **Victor Klemperer's** book *I Will Bear Witness: A Diary of the Nazi Years 1933, 1941* (Random House, trans. by **Martin Chalmers,** 1998) helps illuminate the question of why Jews didn't leave Germany when things got bad in the 1930s, according to Montreal poet **Robyn Sarah.**

"As things got worse and worse, the book allowed me to understand how a person might not try to leave until it was too late. There's that false hope, and to condemn that hope would be inhumane…

"I had the sense as I went through the book that he's like an animal caught in car headlights. There's a paralysis that sets in. You see something coming and you say, 'Maybe it won't hit me, maybe I'll wait it out. And anyways, if it does hit me, I won't have to worry. That's the end.'"

Sarah's most recent publication is *Questions About the Stars*, a collection of poems.

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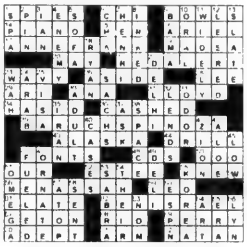

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Award-winning Israeli film screened at Toronto festival

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Strangely enough, Jonathan Sagall's first feature, *Urban Feel*, elicited reactions which broadly echo its theme.

"My film deals with the double facetedness of life," said Sagall, a dual Canadian-Israeli citizen whose movie was recently screened at the Montreal World Film Festival. This week, *Urban Feel* will be shown at the Toronto International Film Festival.

A corrosive drama about shifting relationships set in contemporary Israel, *Urban Feel* won first prize at last year's Haifa International Film Festival and two awards from the Israeli Academy of Motion Pictures.

It also aroused the ire of haredim. Offended by its sexually explicit scenes, they ripped the film's posters to shreds outside Tel Aviv's Cinematheque.

"I don't think it's a controversial film," said Sagall, a 41-year-old actor, screenwriter and director who was born in Toronto and who divides his time between Israel and Canada.

"When I wrote the script, I simply wanted to tell a mayseh," he said, using the Yiddish word for a story.

Sagall, who directed and stars in *Urban Feel*, was able to make it thanks in part to a $600,000 grant from The Fund for the Promotion of Israeli Quality Films, an Israeli government agency.

But he doubts whether he could have finished it without additional financing from the Israel Film Theatres Association and Keshet Broadcasting, a privately-owned cable TV station.

"Making a film in Israel is a long and strenuous battle," explained Sagall, who was a staff writer on *Sesame Street*, the American children's television program which was transplanted in Israel as a bilingual Hebrew-Arabic production. "It took years of rewriting and lobbying."

Sagall, whose original career goal was to be a marine biologist, went into show business after landing the lead role in *Lemon Popsicle*, a successful Israeli film series.

After *Lemon Popsicle* – an adolescent comedy – ran its course, Sagall popped up in two Hollywood movies – George Roy Hill's *Little Drummer Girl* and Steven Spielberg's *Schindler's List*, in which he played the role of Poldek Pfefferberg, a black marketeer who sells Oskar Schindler contraband goods.

Sagall made his directorial debut in the mid-1980s with two shorts. *Zenach Lipshitz's Last Little Vacation* was inspired by a J.D. Salinger story. *At Home* was based on the life of gay British playwright Joe Orton.

Jonathan Sagall and Dafna Rechter in *Urban Feel*.

Meanwhile, at the Habimah National Theatre in Tel Aviv, he appeared in plays by Joshua Sobol and Franz Kafka.

Sagall and his younger sister, Naomi, an architect in Haifa, spent their formative years in Toronto. His father, Baruch, now a retired Haifa University philosophy professor, pursued postgraduate degrees at the University of Toronto. Ruth, his mother, is an actress. She is associated with the Haifa Municipal Theatre.

In Toronto, Sagall lived in Willowdale and studied at the Associated Hebrew Day Schools. One of his classmates, Isaac Barzilay, is an orthodontist today.

At the age of 11, his parents returned to Haifa. Sagall struggled to adjust to what essentially, for him, was a new country. "It was a very horrible time for me," he said.

After graduating from the Reali School, he was inducted into the army. He does not care to discuss this experience. "All I can say is that I wasn't a very good soldier."

Upon being demobilized, he briefly studied English and French literature at Haifa University, but it was not for him. He found his true calling in London, enrolling at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

Currently, Sagall is trying to round up funds for *Lipstikonn*, a thriller he wrote and plans to direct. It's about two Holocaust survivors who run into each other decades after World War II has ended.

Sagall is also adapting *Hugo Asparagus* for the screen, a series of short stories concerning Jewish and Arab relationships he originally wrote for *Rosh Ehad*, an Israeli weekly magazine.

In retrospect, he is generally satisfied with the arc of his career so far. Yet he has no illusions. As Sagall put it in his best hardboiled fashion: "Expect the worst and hope for the best."

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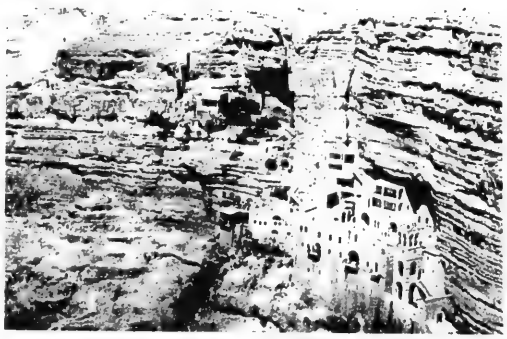

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Today, hikers imbued with an adventurous spirit are drawn to its rugged vistas.

The Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel offers trips to Wadi Kelt from Tel Aviv and Jerusalem every Monday. Last month, I joined one of them.

On this morning, the weather was particularly hot. When our group reached the starting point at about 11 a.m., the temperature was already in the mid-30s. As a result, our guide announced that the hike would be shortened to two or three hours.

The news initially disappointed me, since I had hoped to complete the entire circuit. But shortly after we got started, I realized that I had been a little too eager. As we descended into the ravine, the sheer limestone cliffs closing in on us, I concluded that the guide had been right.

My first view of Wadi Kelt was from a lookout guarded by three heavily-armed Israeli soldiers. Peering over the edge of an abyss, I caught a glimpse of one of its famous sights, the monastery of St. George of Koziba, clinging precariously to the walls of the canyon.

Originally a spiritual refuge for hermits, St. George was hewn out of the rocks more than 1,500 years ago. Destroyed by Persian invaders, it was restored by the Crusaders.

Having fallen into a state of disrepair by the mid-19th century, St. George was renovated to its former splendor in a project lasting from 1878 to 1901.

Distinguished by three sky-blue cupolas, St. George is a sprawling complex, set off by graceful cypress trees, lush gardens and orchards laden with citrus, figs, dates and bananas.

It is an oasis in a barren wilderness, remarkably like St. Catherine's monastery in the Sinai Peninsula.

Inside the cool, silent premises, patrolled by lean, hungry cats, a Greek Orthodox monk greeted us in Hebrew.

"Shabbat Shalom," he called out, his flowing brown ponytail cascading down his black cassock. He offered us a cold drink in exchange for a modest donation.

Leading us on a brief tour, he pointed out a presumably priceless collection of sombre icons affixed to the walls. Next, he drew our attention to the mummified remains of St. George, who lies undisturbed in a casket.

As we left the monastery, we were accompanied by a young Israeli man, a recently demobilized soldier with a rifle slung around his shoulder.

He was there to protect us from trigger-happy Arab marauders. In the past few years, several Israeli hikers here have been murdered by nationally-motivated Arab youths. In the immediate aftermath of the Six Day War, Palestinian infiltrators from Jordan fought gun battles with Israeli troops in Wadi Kelt. And in one such battle, on Dec. 10, 1968, an Israeli colonel was felled.

Of late, though, Wadi Kelt has been quiet, but precautions are still the order of the day. Hence our armed guard.

Fortunately, the day unfolded uneventfully and we were able to concentrate on the spectacular scenery along the winding trail.

The rock formations, eroded over the centuries by the elements, were particularly striking.

This being the height of the summer, the floor of the wadi was bone-dry. But in winter and early spring, flash floods roar through the wadis without warning, washing away everything in their path.

As the afternoon wore on, I felt the scalding heat still more keenly. It was at least 40 degrees celsius as we approached Jericho, supposedly the oldest city in the world.

Thirst was never a problem. On the advice of experts, I had two bottles of spring water in my knapsack. I drank copiously and never felt dehydrated.

From afar, Jericho was an expanse of green against the backdrop of Jordan's brown, hazy Moab mountain range. Emerging from Wadi Kelt, we stopped to examine the ruins of King Herod's winter palace, which is still being excavated.

As we got closer to Jericho, the first city in the West Bank to be relinquished to the Palestinians under the Oslo accords, we heard the plaintive moan of a meuzzin from a mosque.

It seemed like a fitting end to a jaunt in Wadi Kelt.

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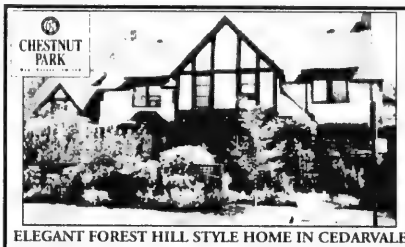

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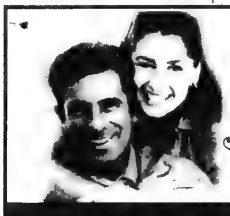

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Smashnova flees Russia to pursue tennis

By MARVIN GLASSMAN
Special to the CJN

TORONTO — Stories of abuse have become an issue among young women competing on the pro women's tennis circuit.

That was the case for Russian born tennis prodigy, Anna Smashnova, who competed recently at the $1 million du Maurier Canadian Open tennis championships held at York University.

In Smashnova's case, the abuse did not come from her parents, but from her country. Despite being Russia's number one ranked junior player in 1986, Anna and her family were denied access to good housing and jobs because they were Jews.

"My family were victims of discrimination. When we took a bus to travel, we were forced to sit only in the back," recalled Smashnova.

"We got sick and tired of the years of harassment. My father applied for emigration to Israel so that we could live freely as Jews."

Since the Smashnovas emigrated to Israel in 1990, what seemed to be a fairy tale come true. Anna's father, Sasha, worked as an engineer and her brother, Yura, became a computer engineer.

Smashnova became Israel's best woman tennis player when she won the French Open junior tennis championship at age 14 in 1991.

Smashnova continued her rise in tennis, defeating top stars Jana Novotna, Lori McNeil and Natasha Zvereva at the Grand Slams tournaments in 1994. By year's end, she was named by TENNIS magazine as rookie of the year.

Along the way to becoming a tennis star, Smashnova learned about being Jewish by staying with families while traveling around the world.

"On a Friday night, I saw a woman making a blessing over candles. I asked 'What is this?' It was my introduction to Judaism," said Smashnova.

From 1996 to 1998, Smashnova's ranking dropped from 42 to 149 when she traded her tennis racquet for a rifle, serving in the Israeli army for two years.

Since returning to the pro circuit full time in 1998, her ranking has been as compelling as her name. She is currently ranked 45th and at age 23 seems to be on the rise despite losing 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 to Russian Elena Likhovtseva in her opening round match at the du Maurier Open.

Toronto fans marvelled at her hustle and backhand. Smashnova's best moments in the match came when she sliced her backhand over the net numerous times, saving three break points on serve and breaking Likhovtseva's serve to win the opening set.

Drop Shots

Former tennis great, Harold Solomon, who was inducted into the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame in 1985, is now coaching tennis star Jennifer Capriati. The coach is making strides. Capriati has won two tournaments since working with Solomon in March. Over his career, Solomon won 22 titles, including a 1975 Toronto tournament and a 1980 title in Tel Aviv.

Will Jordan Bohnen become the next great Canadian Jewish tennis player? Bohnen, at 18, is ranked ninth among Canadian juniors. The Toronto native who won a bronze medal in mixed doubles at the 1997 Maccabiah Games, hopes to pursue a tennis scholarship at an American university. With a rise in his rankings, Bohnen may be competing at next year's Canadian Open at York University.

GRAPPLING WITH EACH OTHER AND A NEW COUNTRY
New Russian immigrants Gotcha Tzitzashvili (left) and Henry Papiashvili have put Israel on the map in Greco-Roman wrestling. When Papiashvili won the world championships in Cairo in 1998, this was the first time that the Israeli flag had ever flown above the winners podium and the Hatikvah played at a sporting event in an Arab country. [WZPS photo by Vladimir Godnik.]

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Israelis seek berth in European Cup

By JOSEPH SERGE
Arts Editor
With files from Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

Israel moved one step closer to qualifying for soccer's European Cup by easily beating San Marino last week at the national stadium in Ramat Gan.

If Israel qualifies, it will be the first time the national team qualifies for the most prestigious soccer tournament in Europe after the World Cup.

Israel has won its last three home games, scoring 16 goals and conceding r one.

The 6-0 victory over San Marino could hardly have come at a better time for Israeli soccer, just three days after a disappointing loss in Cyprus.

Last Wednesday's victory did little to sweeten the national team's head coach Shlomo Scharf, who is still bitter after losing to Cyprus earlier that week. "I still cannot forgive the players for what they did on Sunday," he said after the match. "Only if they beat Spain next month will I forgive them."

With an 8-0 trouncing of Cyprus last Wednesday, Spain clinched the top spot in Group 6.

The top nine teams from each group automatically qualify for next summer's finals. The runner-up with the best record will go automatically, and the next eight teams will play off for the final four spots.

Even if Israel loses in Spain next month, however, it could still grab second place in the group if Cyprus fails to beat Austria.

Belgium and the Netherlands automatically qualify as tournament hosts.

In his first full game for his country, Yossi Benayoun orchestrated the Israeli performance. The 19-year-old midfielder made a very convincing case for his inclusion in the opening line-up, scoring a hat-trick of well-taken goals.

"it may have been 8-0, but it could just as easily have been 28-0. Yossi Benayoun put in a decent performance, but tonight's game proves nothing."

One social worker's odyssey

As I was saying...

By RON CSILLAG

A year ago, Lillian Freedman found a homeless Jewish woman on the streets of Toronto, and in the process, found herself.

Freedman's discovery (in a bus shelter) of "Rachel" – 50ish, frightened, emaciated – led her into a three-month odyssey that effectively shamed the community into confronting Jewish homelessness, at least for awhile.

A one-time social worker who has had her own personal tzuris, Freedman felt her old instincts kick in. Spurred by Rachel's sad plight, Freedman approached Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS), which agreed to pay her a small stipend – $2,500 and a continuous float of $200 – to locate homeless Jews and get them into temporary shelter.

It didn't take long to find five of them, four of whom were found permanent accommodations. Freedman's often vocal and sometimes abrasive efforts led to JF&CS establishing its first-ever task force on homelessness. The agency at first believed there were no more than a dozen Jewish homeless on Toronto's streets, but last December, the task force announced that in the previous six months, it helped 27 Jews who had been living in shelters, cars and with friends, "but had no independent accommodations."

Freedman – soft-spoken yet iron-willed, and wholly dedicated to the notion that if Jews don't watch out for fellow Jews, no one will – butted heads with the underfunded, overburdened and defensive JF&CS. Freedman envisioned a more crisis-oriented, long-term approach, complete with telephone hotlines and teams of volunteers hitting the streets to look for Jewish homeless. JF&CS, while adopting several groundbreaking (for it) recommendations, believed the homeless issue could be folded into existing services.

Freedman did not exactly win popularity contests with the community powers-that-be. She rubbed a lot of people the wrong way, partly because she exposed a failure. Only two rabbis in Toronto came forward to help her with personal expenses.

But the good that came out of this union more than made up for any conflict in personalities. The episode left Freedman sad and frustrated, but motivated.

All this is by way of introducing the fact that having racked up an enviable record in tikkun olam, Freedman, at age 57, is packing up her meagre belongings and making aliyah. She's off to Tel Aviv. To do what? Work with the homeless, of course.

She has already arranged to fundraise and volunteer for the city's Program for Street Dwellers, which caters to the growing number of homeless in Tel Aviv, currently estimated at between 80 and 100 on any given night. Over the last two years, officials with the city's social services department have noted some interesting numbers: Among the homeless, 75 percent came to Israel after 1991; there's been a 40 percent increase in substance abuse among them over the last two years; and 16 percent have been categorized as having a mental illness (with the rest suffering, in varying degrees, from personality disorders).

Freedman can hardly wait, mainly because the approach in Israel is geared toward more long-term solutions than in Toronto, where answers tend to resemble band-aids. While Freedman is a fan of the largely church-run Out of the Cold program, she does not have kind words for the project launched last winter by the Jewish humanitarian group Ve'ahavta, which takes out a van once a week to dole out soup, sandwiches and sleeping bags. "It's voyeurism," she says flatly. "The homeless have become trendy. Put yourself in their place. You get a bowl of soup. So what? You're still out on the street, and the person who gave you the soup goes home to a warm bed. Another sandwich? C'mon. Our community can do better."

In Tel Aviv, "it's like a rodeo. They hang on and on, until the person is okay, and they see things right through until the end. They make sure a person lands on his feet."

Toronto's loss is Tel Aviv's gain.

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2 tsp vanilla
1 loaf challah, cut into 1 1/2" thick slices
1 tsp cinnamon
5 eggs
3 cups milk
1 cup cranberries

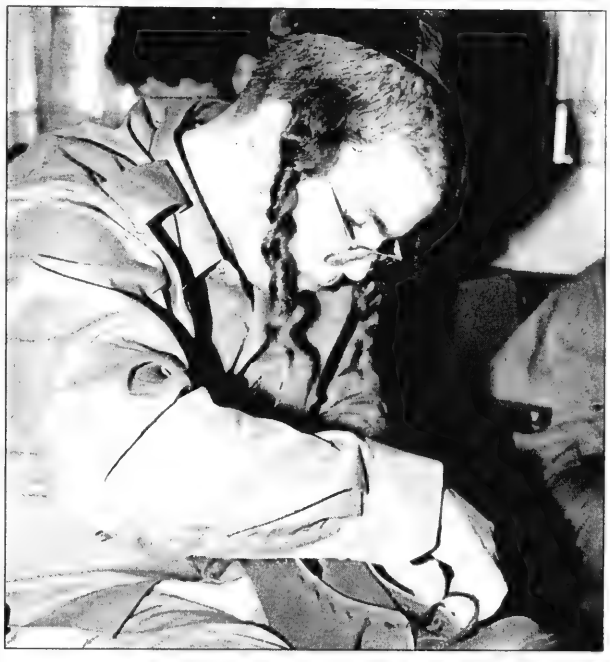
Cranberry-Maple sauce
1 cup maple syrup
2 cups cranberries

Grease 13"x9" baking dish. Lay bread slices in baking dish. After the first layer has been laid out, sprinkle with cranberries. Continue layering bread and sprinkling cranberries until ingredients have been used up.

Beat cream cheese, sugar, butter, vanilla and cinnamon in large mixing bowl until well-blended. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Stir in milk.

Pour cream cheese mixture over bread in baking dish. Lift up bread slices and tilt the baking dish to allow cream cheese mixture to flow into all areas and come in contact with all the bread. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.

Bring maple syrup to a boil in saucepan. Add cranberries. Cook over low heat for 10 minutes. Serve warm over casserole.



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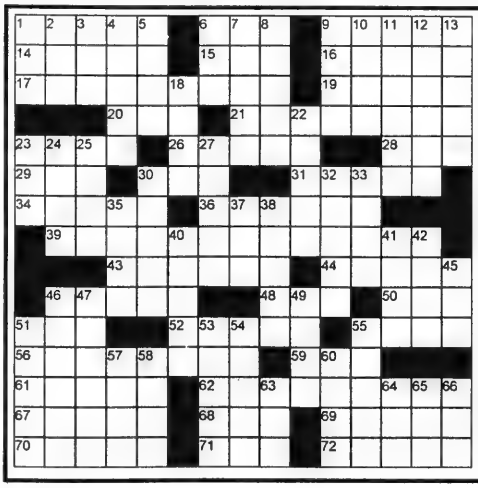
A member of the new Haredi Nachal unit laces his shining brown army boots at the IDF induction center at Tel Hashomer. [Isranet photo]



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By Matt Gaffney and David Bianco (QSyndicate@aol.com)

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THIS BABY KNOWS SHE'S HOME

This mother and child arrived as new immigrants to Israel from Dagestan on the day after Rosh Hashanah . They were part of a group of 77 Dagestani Jews. The Jewish Agency For Israel, supported by Jewish Federations and communities around the world, has rescued 550 Jews from Dagestan thus far in 1999. *[Israel Sun photo]*

Vatican denounces book on Pope Pius XII

By RUTH E. GRUBER
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

ROME — A new book that claims deep-seated anti-Semitism caused the wartime pope to condone the Holocaust and facilitate Hitler's rise to power has drawn Catholic outrage and bolstered Jewish calls to open Vatican archives to scholars.

The issue has also prompted warnings that the troubled legacy of Pope Pius XII – and plans for his possible beatification – could be manipulated to reverse positive strides in Jewish-Catholic relations.

Excerpts from *Hitler's Pope: The Secret History of Pius XII* by British historian John Cornwell appear in the October issue of *Vanity Fair* magazine. Not only do they describe Pius XII, who was pope from 1939 to 1958, as a knee-jerk anti-Semite, but they assert that he helped Hitler consolidate power through the Vatican's 1933 Concordat with the Third Reich.

Pius XII, according to Cornwell, had "undermined potential Catholic resistance in Germany. He had implicitly denied and

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The CJN talks to new Supreme Court Justice

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Louise Arbour knew her three years of investigating atrocities and bringing to justice the perpetrators was having some effect when a journalist related the following story to her.

Louise Arbour

He had interviewed an ethnic Albanian from Kosovo who had been severely victimized by the conflict. Her husband was missing or dead, the bombing was still on; and there was little hope of resolution.

He asked her what she would do if and when she returned home.

"She answered: 'I will kill all the Serbs. If I can't, I want to speak to 'that woman judge.'"

"Five years ago, that alternative was not part of the landscape. There was no alternative to the perpetuation of the cycle of violence," Arbour said in an interview.

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CANADA

Christians Urged to Visit

TORONTO — Israel's Ministry of Tourism has launched a $250,000 marketing campaign aimed at encouraging Christians in Canada to visit Israel. Radio and print ads urge Canadians to mark the new millennium in the land where Jesus was born, preached and died.

CJC Accuses Burger King

OTTAWA — Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) is expressing "profound concern" over Burger King's recent revocation of a franchise in the West Bank town of Ma'aleh Adumim, five kilometres east of Jerusalem. The fast food chain closed the outlet after the Arab League threatened a boycott. President Moshe Ronen said CJC is "shocked that Burger King has capitulated to such political pressure. We find the company's actions ill-advised and unacceptable."

ISRAEL

Arab Indicted for Murder

JERUSALEM — An Israeli Arab was indicted last week for the August murder of a Jewish couple hiking in a forest in northern Israel. Police said Abdullah Igbariya, 20, planned to use the couple's car to carry a bomb, but was arrested before he could do so. He was arrested days before three other Israeli Arabs were killed when they carried out car bombings in Haifa and Tiberias.

Gas Field Found

JERUSALEM — A large undersea natural gas field has been discovered off the coast of the Gaza Strip by a marine geologist who was trying to locate an ancient shipwreck. The discovery was announced by the National Geographic Society.

WORLD

Cemetery Vandalized

WARSAW — Vandals broke into Warsaw's only surviving Jewish cemetery over Rosh Hashanah, smashing tombstones, scrawling satanic graffiti and strewing ashes, beer cans and other rubbish. Andrzej Zozula, executive director of the Union of Polish Jewish Communities, said Warsaw police were investigating. Zozula added that the desecration appeared to have been the work of a satanic cult and it that was not clear whether anti-Semitism played a primarily role.

Synagogue Trashed

BUDAPEST — A synagogue in eastern Hungary was burned to the ground by arsonists, according to local police. The synagogue in the town of Tokaj has not been used for religious purposes since before World War II, when there were still thousands of Jews still living there. Just the same, the synagogue had been undergoing renovations during the past four years, with local officials planning to use it for cultural events.

Lawsuits Dismissed

NEW YORK — A lawsuit brought on behalf of Nazi-era slave workers against Ford was dismissed last week by a federal judge in Newark. The judge ruled that the claims were filed after the expiration of time limits imposed under U.S. and German law. The ruling came hours after another judge in Newark threw out a similar class action lawsuit brought against two German firms, electronics giant Siemens and chemicals manufacturer Degussa. Experts said the rulings could bolster the position of German firms in ongoing negotiations for the creation of a fund to compensate former slave laborers.

Bar Mitzvah Plans

LOS ANGELES — Actor Kirk Douglas plans to celebrate his second bar mitzvah when he marks his 83rd birthday in December. According to tradition, a person's allotted life span is 70 years, so the actor feels that in his "second life," his bar mitzvah is due 13 years later. A spokesperson for Douglas said the ceremony will be held in Los Angeles.

Greeks Pay Tribute

ATHENS — Greek officials last week honored the Israeli team, and units from other countries, that helped with the rescue efforts in the wake of the earthquake that shook the city this month. During the ceremony, Greek President Kostis Stefanopoulos addressed the Israeli rescuers, saying, "In spite of your own troubles, you came to our help. We will not forget this. We are your friends." Some Greek Jewish observers said the Israeli team did more to improve often strained Greek-Israeli relations than any government officials could have done.

Netanyahus Questioned, Could Face Charges

JERUSALEM — Police fraud investigators questioned former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his wife Sara separately for more than eight hours last week on suspicion that they received bribes and misused public funds du ing Netanyahu's three-year term of office.

Netanyahu is also suspected of trying to suborn a witness and disrupt the investigation. His former bureau chief, Uri Elitzur, was also questioned in the affair, and the interrogation of Avner Amedi, the Jerusalem contractor involved in the affair who was remanded into custody last week, continued.

Investigators at the Bat Yam fraud squad headquarters cautioned all those questioned in the affair that they may face charges.

The Netanyahus, who deny the allegations, are likely to be questioned again. Police also plan to question workers in the Netanyahu household, including Sara Netanyahu's former secretaries.

According to police sources, there were "significant" contradictions between the accounts given by Benjamin and Sara Netanyahu, and between their accounts and those given by Amedi and his wife, Aliza.

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Free Israel trips offered to young adults

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In February, 1,000 university-aged Jews from across Canada will be taking a free trip to Israel for 10 days of fun and learning.

The free trips are a gift from Birthright Israel, a $300 million international program launched by Charles Bronfman and Michael Steinhardt, aimed at preventing assimilation and giving young Jews a strong sense of Jewish identity.

Organizers hope the tours will foster a strong bond among participants.

"This is above all a social experience. What we want them to come away with, as much as the love for Israel and as much as learning about their roots and their heritage – we want them to feel a part of the Jewish community," said Adam Minsky, assistant director of Birthright Israel Canada.

Meals, entrance fees, and the cost of travelling to and from Israel will be subsidized by the program.

Participants must be between 18 and 26 years of age and need only pay for travel insurance and bring spending money, said Minsky.

Twenty-five tours will be leaving departure points across Canada during university and college reading weeks throughout February.

These tours, organized by the Canada Israel Experience Centre in partnership with Jewish Campus Services (JCS), Hillel, the United Jewish Appeal and Combined Jewish Appeal Federations across Canada, are the inaugural program of Birthright Israel Canada.

The program's campus partners are planning optional pre-trip activities aimed at "building a sense of togetherness and community so by the time they get to Israel, there will be that sense of energy," said Zac Kaye, executive director of JCS in Toronto.

While still at the brainstorming stage, JCS's ideas for pre-trip activities include an Israeli film night, a Chanukah party, a mock Knesset session dealing with the peace process and a wine and cheese party.

Campus organizations are also planning post-trip activities to rekindle the excitement of the Israeli tour, Kaye said.

"Hopefully, relationships will have been built so people will want to come together," he said.

Birthright Israel

Although there are 25 trips leaving at different times, they will have similar itineraries and all participants will visit major sights.

"There isn't anybody who's going to come back from this not having been to the Old City of Jerusalem, not having been to Masada, to the Dead Sea, not having been to a variety of sites in the Galilee, not having spent time in Tel Aviv," said Minsky.

These Israel adventures will be a hybrid of education and fun, Minsky added, noting that 25 top Israeli educators and tour guides were chosen to act as consultants.

"We sat down and said we have 10 days in Israel, we have a very strong educational vision for this. If you had to prioritize ... what would you focus on, what sites would you go to?"

Each tour will be going to an ancient Roman hot spring in Hammat Gader southeast of the town of Tiberias, an archaeological dig at Beit Guvrin (a national park) followed by a party in ancient caves. Each tour will also spend a Shabbat in the old city of Jerusalem and visit Tel Aviv clubs at night.

The Canadian tourists will have scheduled interaction with their Israeli peers. Some groups will actually travel with Israelis their age, while others will have programs with young Israelis such as cooking together or spending time with soldiers on an army base.

The staff on the trip will include Israeli educators and tour guides, Canadian Israel tour experts and Jewish outreach workers from campus organizations like Hillel and Jewish Campus Services.

One of the goals of the program is to reach out to young, unaffiliated Jews – those apathetic to Judaism and those who have had little exposure to the religion growing up.

"We want them identifying themselves in a way that they haven't up until that point. Feeling a connection to Israel and to its people that they've never had," said Elizabeth Sokolsky, national director of Birthright Israel Canada.

Sokolsky hopes young people who otherwise might never have gone to a Jewish campus program will return to their university or college feeling "comfortable and connected," she said.

Organizers expect the trips will have a lasting impact.

"I see this as a stepping stone. I don't want these 10 days to be their

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From the editor's desk

A deadly irony

At time of writing, Moscow has been rocked by three terrorist bombings in the past three weeks that have violently taken the lives of almost 200 people and injured countless more.

Earlier this month, in Dagestan, a bomb exploded an apartment complex housing Russian soldiers and their families, killing 64 people and leaving many more wounded. When tallied alongside the 17 or more killed in the bombing last week in Volgadonsk, the total body count has left the Russian people, and particularly Muscovites, angry but also numb with fright.

They have every right to be frightened because most of the bombs now seem to be aimed at them – unarmed individuals who are helpless to defend themselves.

The more victims, and the more helpless the victims – children, seniors and the infirm – the greater the sense of achievement and accomplishment celebrated by the terrorizing, craven murderers who pass themselves off as "guerrillas" or "freedom fighters" or "holy warriors."

These brutal outrages afflict Russia at a time when it is already economically and politically weak. Few people have faith in the institutions of its society, in the effectiveness of its law enforcement agencies or in the trustworthiness of its leaders.

It is a vulnerable place where ruthless people lie in the wings, awaiting their chance to exploit the people's sense of burden and distress. They are quick to point fingers at the "enemies of the state."

To his credit, Russian president Boris Yeltsin tried to rein in the sense of xenophobia spreading quickly and dangerously in many circles of Russian society. In a nationwide television address last week, he said that "terrorism has declared war on the Russian people." He was harsh in his condemnation. "This enemy does not have a conscience, shows no sorrow and is without honor." But he specifically did not single out any group. "It has no face, nationality or belief."

Russian leaders were not as cautious in their responses. Moscow Mayor and presidential aspirant, Yuri Luzkhov identified "Chechen bandits" as the source of the bombings.

A group calling itself the Dagestan Liberation Army has claimed responsibility for the bombings.

Most analysts believe Chechen rebels and their radical Islamic allies from Dagestan to be behind the bombings. Indeed, some Russian officials have even said that Osama bin Laden, the exiled Saudi being sought by the Americans in connection with the bombings of U.S.embassies in Africa last year, has been supporting the Dagestani rebels.

In truth, however, it is not yet certain who is behind the bombings.

Some people even attribute the bombings to rogue security agents or fascist political elements intent on wreaking a measure of political havoc in the run-up to the impending Russian presidential elections.

To help instil a feeling of security among its people, the Kremlin is turning to other countries for assistance. Interior Minister Vladimir Rushailo told the press last week that Moscow had appealed to Britain, France, the United States *and Israel* (our emphasis) to share their anti-terrorism expertise.

I deplore and condemn and denounce all terrorism. The loss of innocent Russian life is no less grievous than that of any other human life. However, the irony in the Russian appeal to Israel is too significant to ignore.

Israel's expertise in anti-terrorism was in large part acquired by fighting the terrorists whom the Kremlin, for many years, encouraged, financed, trained and supplied; and by fighting the Soviet Union's client states who sheltered and championed those terrorists and who were the Kremlin's automatic anti-Israel allies in the General Assembly.

I quote from an excerpt of an article written by the world-renowned scholar Yonah Alexander entitled "Some Perspectives on Terrorism and the Soviet Union," which appeared in the *Terrorism Reader*, edited by Alexander and by Walter Laqueur in 1987, Meridian Press.

"But despite all efforts at control, the level of terrorist violence remains high. There are many reasons for this, but there is one universal key factor: the toleration, encouragement, and even support of terrorism by the Soviet Union."

The legacy of the terrorist is slaughter and mayhem. His ways are ways of hatred, violence and cowardice. Eventually, however, the hatred turns on itself, for hatred is all it knows. The chief ambition of the hater is to destroy, not to build.

How wise our sages were when they warned that "he who sows the wind will reap the whirlwind."

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This photo was taken in Grand Falls, Nfld., during the High Holy Days in 1940. At the back, from left, are Bob Raphael, Simon Goldenthal, Sol Rosenthal, two unidentified soldiers, Harvey Stern, Jack Adelberg and Harry Rose. In the front, from left, are Freddie Harris, the Cohen family and Roy Berk. Harris was the only one to die on D-Day. [photo supplied by Simon Goldenthal]

Triathlete bows out of competition on holiday

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — As an elite triathlete, Shawna Novak is used to seeing things through. After all, it takes rare single-mindedness to swim for 1.5 kilometres, followed immediately by 40 kilometres of biking, and topped off by a 10-kilometre run.

But when the 1999 Triathlon World Championships were held in Montreal on Rosh Hashanah, Novak, among the few Jewish triathletes competing on the world stage, was thrown into uncharacteristic doubt.

It took a few weeks of soul-searching, but Novak, 22, finally decided not to compete.

"I had to really think about what was important to me," the fourth-year chemistry student and athlete told *The CJN* from her parents' Markham home. "Judaism is a big part of me and my family."

This year's world championships had been scheduled to take place in Germany in early September. But the event was moved to Montreal, and Novak and about a half-dozen North American Jewish triathletes found out in July that one of the two days of races would coincide with the Jewish new year.

Novak had been scheduled to race on Sept. 12, the second day of Rosh Hashanah.

Despite initial doubts that she would attend, she went ahead and qualified for the event, and reserved a spot for herself. It would have been her first world championship.

She spent the next few weeks looking inward. A graduate of Associated Hebrew Day Schools, Novak has also taught Hebrew in Kingston, where she attends Queen's University.

> *'Judaism is a big part of me and my family'*

Shortly before the championships, she consulted Rabbi Philip Scheim, spiritual leader of Beth David Synagogue, where Novak's parents have deep roots.

"But by that time, my mind was made up. I wouldn't go."

Novak says she has no regrets about her decision, but "there is a lot of frustration and wistfulness. I know I could have done well.

"But I had to be true to myself."

She points out that the scheduling also presented problems for the Israeli team, which has 30 members. Three Israelis ended up competing in Montreal anyway.

Novak says a petition protesting the scheduling has been started by an American Jewish triathlete, Joanna Zeiger. And, she adds, an apology to Jewish triathletes was posted on the Triathlon Canada Web site.

Novak, who won a bronze medal for Canada in the last Maccabiah Games, plans to turn professional when she's 24.

But before that, she has a big duathlon in October (two events, biking and running). The next world triathlon championship is scheduled to take place in Perth, Australia next April.

Novak half-jokes that she's hopeful it won't take place on Passover.

Shawna Novak [Ron Csillag photo]

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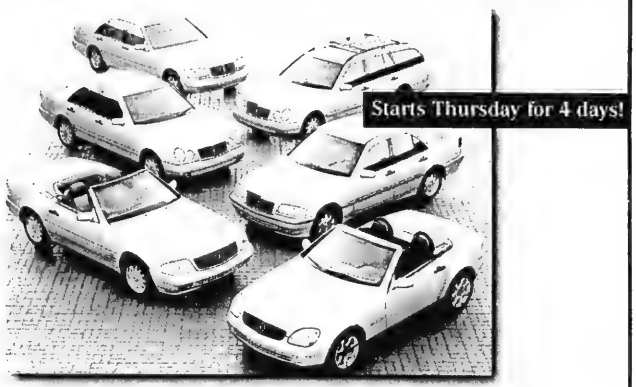

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Women's role in law lauded by chief justice

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The most important development in the legal profession has been the dramatically increased role of women, according to Roy McMurtry, chief justice of Ontario.

When he became a lawyer 40 years ago, "there were only seven women amongst the more than 250 lawyers called to the bar, [but] now in Ontario, at least half of every law school class has been female," he said.

McMurtry's speech was delivered by Susan Himel, a judge on the Superior Court of Justice, at Toronto Hadassah-WIZO's recent fall general meeting and bazaar launch, because McMurtry was unable to attend.

"Women are now amongst our most skilled advocates, and while women are still under-represented on the bench, much progress is being made," McMurtry said.

He and his wife were stereotypical of the '50s, he said. "Ria went into teaching and I went into law. However, our eldest daughter went into law, and is now a criminal court judge in Regina, and our eldest son is a teacher."

The topic, women and the law, said McMurtry, embraces a much wider range of issues than women in the legal profession. "Indeed, this year is the 70th anniversary of the famous Canadian Persons case when the judicial committee of the Privy Council in Britain over-ruled the Supreme Court of Canada, and held that women were legal persons and therefore qualified to sit as senators.

"The Supreme Court of Canada had ruled that because only the masculine pronoun was used legislatively to describe a senator's qualifications, the term 'qualified persons,' therefore, did not include women."

McMurtry was proud, he said, that in 1978, when he was attorney general for Ontario, the first family law reform act was introduced. The law was changed to presume an equal ownership of the matrimonial home and the removal of the concept of fault-finding in relation to support obligations.

In the realm of criminal law, McMurtry said, it has only been in relatively recent years that the legislators and courts have promulgated reforms that have resulted in fairer treatment for female victims of sexual assault.

"So pervasive is violence against women throughout the world, that in 1981, the international community adopted the convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women. Central to that definition of discrimination was that it included violence that is directed against a woman and that affects women disproportionately."

It was within this framework, he said, that Canada developed the sexual assault provisions of the criminal code, particularly with respect to the issue of consent.

With regards to women in the legal profession, he said, since the 1980s, there has been an increase in the number of visible minority women at the bar, "although they were, and continue to be, under-represented relative to their numbers in the general population."

Although still in the minority, he said, women are increasingly occupying leadership roles in the profession. There have been a number of appointments of women to judicial posts, and there are now tenured women professors in Ontario faculties of law.

"Affirmative action programs in legal education and in the professional environment will likely contribute towards correcting imbalances. Issues such as parental leave, sexual harassment, discrimination and flexibility of working conditions have to be addressed."

There have been definite efforts by women, McMurtry said, to challenge the structure and focus of the legal profession. "They have endeavored to influence the way in which law is taught and practised, to challenge traditional assumptions, and to educate the profession and judiciary on gender issues.

"Beyond gender, women are recognizing that they are not a homogeneous group and that issues such as race and sexual orientation, among other differences, have to be addressed."

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Sounds of joy at hearing impaired girl's bat mitzvah

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Rachel Wayne has never let the sounds of silence interfere with her life.

The poised and articulate 12-year-old is hearing impaired. But that didn't prevent her from celebrating her bat mitzvah earlier this month.

The Sept. 4 event, attended by some 150 family and friends, is still all the buzz at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, where Cantor Yehuda Rottner shakes his head in near disbelief at his student's ability.

"She's just unbelievable," enthuses the cantor. "She speaks fluent Hebrew, and she chanted her parshah absolutely accurately."

Rachel depends on lip reading and limited hearing. Both her parents, Martyn and Andrea Wayne, and her little sister Brooke are profoundly deaf.

Her parents are fluent in sign language. "Not me," Rachel confesses. "My bubbie wants me to talk."

And, no doubt, sing. Rachel learned her Maftir and Haftorah from an audio cassette provided by Rottner, who also employed special methods to teach her the many high, low and trilling notes.

He would enunciate the words slowly and carefully, and accompany that with facial expressions and fingers near his mouth pointing up or down.

"And we practised a lot," Rottner adds.

Rachel shrugs. "It wasn't hard," she says.

A Grade 8 student at Associated Hebrew Schools, Rachel is an accomplished baseball and hockey player, a top student, and a regular competitor in Bible contests. Her goal is to one day play Olympic hockey.

The highlight of the ceremony came when Rachel and 8-year-old Brooke led the congregation in Ein Kelokaynu and Adon Olam. "It was remarkable," Rottner recalls. "The place went bananas."

Rachel remembers, "Brooke hogged the microphone."

Martyn and Andrea Wayne, who are active in TJAD, the Toronto Jewish Association of the Deaf, kvelled at their daughter's accomplishment.

In remarks to the assembled guests, Rachel's grandmother, Barbara Lieberman, praised the bat mitzvah girl's "undaunted spirit and remarkable sense of determination that have helped you face all your challenges and brought us here, now, to this monumental event."

Rottner now has his eye on Brooke. "I can't wait to teach her," he says.

Bat mitzvah girl Rachel Wayne is flanked by her parents, Andrea and Martyn. [Ron Csillag photo]

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Disney, but no fantasy

Flush from their successful bullying of Burger King to withdraw a franchise licence from one of their fast food outlets in Ma'aleh Adumim, The Arab League has now set its sights on a new target: Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

Along with various Arab American groups, the Arab League has put Disney on notice that they, effectively, want a say in how Disney refers to and depicts Jerusalem in a new 24-pavilion, multi-media display called the Millennium Village scheduled to open at The Epcot Centre on Oct. 1. Israel is one of the 24 countries sponsoring a pavilion in the Millennium Village. Indeed, Israel's foreign ministry has contributed $1.8 million (US) of the $8 million cost of the pavilion.

Disney officials have said that the Israel pavilion will trace the country's religious history and showcase Israeli technological advances. The core of the exhibit is "Journey through Jerusalem," a simulated tour tracing the city's history.

Though no details of the Israel pavilion have been revealed to the public, Arab American officials have, nevertheless, launched their protest. "Disney World is making a political statement about an issue that has not been settled yet," said Khalid Turaani, the executive director of the Washington-based organization American Muslims for Jerusalem.

Our main objective is "to be sure that Walt Disney is not bringing politics into its commercial activity in a way that will hurt the Arab and Islamic rights to Jerusalem," said Khalid Abdallah, the Arab League's chief representative in Washington.

"We will continue to press to ensure that Arab east Jerusalem is not portrayed in Disney's exhibit as part of Israel," said PA member Hanan Ashrawi.

American Jewish groups are carefully monitoring the situation. But it is a situation that, in various forms and shapes, and with infuriating regularity, will arise throughout the period of final-status talks between Israel and the Palestinians.

It is the next phase of the battle for Jerusalem. In this battle, we, the entire Jewish people are all soldiers. The "arms" we take up are those of passion, truth and justice. They are weapons whose "purity" inspires us to wield them with conviction.

Back at the UN

The 54th session of the General Assembly convened this year on Yom Kippur. Despite the efforts of the government of Israel and many Jewish organizations in the United States to have the opening postponed, the General Assembly's current president, Didier Opertti of Uruguay refused. The UN is closed on major Christian and Muslim holidays. Even though Secretary General Kofi Annan appears to have been embarrassed by the Assembly's brutish insensitivity to the Jewish people, let us hope that this is not an augury for the proceedings that unfold over the course of the next few months. Somehow, every year, we expect less and less from that august body of united nations.

CAPTIVE IN IRAN

The government of Iran still holds the following members of the Jewish community as prisoners. Each is a universe of life and existence unto his own. And each has a name. Let us not forget them.

Javeed Beit Yakov, Navid Bala Zadeh, Nejat Broukhim, Ramin Farzam, Nasser Levi Haim, Faramarz Kashi, Farzad Kashi, Ramin Nemati, Shahrokh Paknahad, Farhad Saleh, Dani Teffilin, Omid Teffilin, Ashessr Zadmehr.

Dry Bones
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THIS MIGHT REQUIRE A FEW MORE HONEY DIPS!

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Says *CJN* should not adopt American spelling

I have noticed again and again that *The Canadian Jewish News* should really be called the American Jewish News. I would strongly encourage the editorial staff to review the inappropriate American English spelling found throughout the paper (eg. honor, color, neighbor, program), etc.

Students in the Canadian public school system are penalized for using American spelling and learn the British English language from day one! As *The CJN* is a Canadian national publication, editors and writers should be much more careful especially when this sort of thing even pops out at the reader in headlines (eg. page 19 of the Sept. 2 issue).

I would suggest that the word processing software in your offices be reset accordingly.

Thank you for looking into this. I look forward to seeing this corrected in upcoming issues.

Thomas M. Rado
Managing Director
Reena Foundation

New Judaic museum in Paris a must

Having visited France and Israel this summer, I offer two short comments about recent stories. First, your correspondents Curt and Erika Leviant in their article on Paris (Aug. 26) noted "the new Picasso Museum," which is actually some 10 years old, in the historical Marais district, but completely omitted any mention of the really new (opened December 1998) and spectacular Museum of the Art and History of Judaism also located in the Marais. This stunning museum, housed in a restored 17th-century palace, truly is a must for all Jewish visitors to Paris.

Second, the story about the terrible toll of road accidents in Israel, by Viva Press (Aug. 26) was excellent. My wife and I drove over 3,100 kilometres in our rental car, all over the country. We were last there in 1990. The quality of the roads has greatly improved, and most drivers are driving only a little over the limit and with better care. The police are out in force to catch speeders and those behaving crazily – I never see as many cruisers on the 401 as I did on the Ayalon and other Israeli expressways.

Bernard Katz
Toronto

Millennium applies only to Christian calendar

For quite some time I have been wondering about the hype in some Jewish circles about the new millennium. Now we hear even from an Israel official that we should visit Israel "the official destination of the millennium." (*CJN*, Aug. 19)

I could give 1,000 reasons why we should visit Israel any year, but none for the year 2000. That time frame is a Christian calendar and it is appropriate for Christians to celebrate it in the Holy Land where their lord was born.

If we are looking for a reason to celebrate the coming year here or in Israel, may I humbly suggest 5760, which has a numerical value of 18 – chai. Am Yisrael chai b'shalom.

Shanah tovah to all.

Robert Engel
Toronto

Suggests another meaning for *beit chaim*

In From the editor's desk (*CJN*, Sept. 9) MBD is trying to translate cemeteries' names. I would like to suggest another version for *beit chaim*.

I remember reading in a paragraph of *Hok Leisrael* a commentary on the following verse: "And Benayahu Ben Yehoyada was the son of a man alive (chai)." It is followed by the logical question: "Are all the other people in the world sons of dead men?" The commentator explains that "chai" in this case doesn't mean alive but "just," and what the verse wanted to say is that Benayahu was the son of a "tzaddik" (a "just" person).

I propose to translate *beit chaim* by the place (or the house) of the just, because our sages say that "the tzaddikim are also called alive and considered more alive."

Salomon H. Benzaquen
Toronto

Reader liked the article on Eliezer Steinbarg

It was very refreshing to read the essay about the famous Yiddish fabulist Eliezer Steinbarg. (*CJN*, June 10). It was a beautiful analysis by Baruch Cohen. Thank you, Baruch Cohen.

Joel Schneiderman
Montreal

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures. Letters sent by e-mail must also include the sender's municipal address.

Perspectives

The Dreyfus trial: its place in Jewish history

The following is part 1 of a two-part essay, to be continued next week.

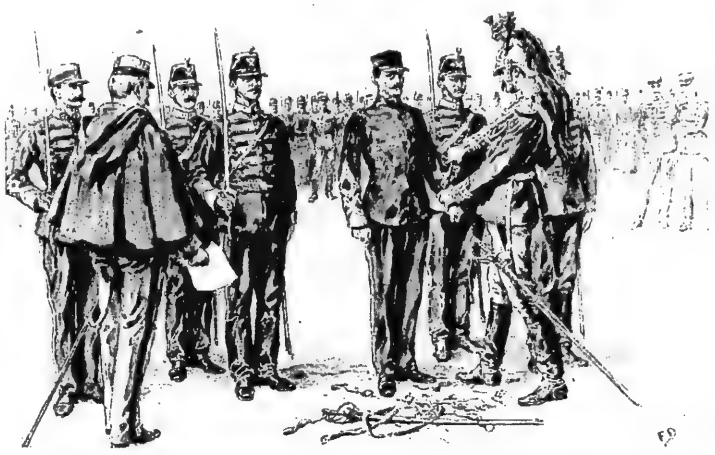
By RABBI SHLOMO JAKOBOVITS

Of the many public trials that must have taken place in the course of the millennium, which now is about to end, there is one which stands out above all — the Dreyfus trial. It wielded enormous impact on both the history of France and on the future of the Jewish people, and it constitutes the crucial link in the chain of events which ultimately brought the State of Israel into being.

Alfred Dreyfus and Theodor Herzl were two very assimilated Jews, who in the first 35 years of their respective lives never saw themselves as playing any major role in Jewish life, nor even a minor role. They were born seven months apart — Dreyfus in France and Herzl in Austria-Hungary — but other than being of the same age, they had no connection with each other and no knowledge of each other. And there was nothing visibly Jewish about either of them.

Then in 1894 their paths crossed at the trial of Dreyfus, and suddenly their names became dramatically emblazoned in the annals of history.

Alfred Dreyfus was born in Mulhouse, Alsace in 1859, to a Jewish-French family of successful bankers. After Prussia's victory over France in 1871, Alsace became part of Germany. The Dreyfus family staunchly identified with France, so they left their home town and moved to Paris. Young Alfred entered military school, and, as a result of his natural talent and intense diligence, he rose to membership of the general staff and to the rank of captain.



The public humiliation of Alfred Dreyfus. **[Beit Hatefutsot]**

French Anti-Semitism

Anti-Semitism was more intense in France at the time than in any other democratic country. This had been the case ever since the French Revolution: indeed, a delegate in the National Assembly, referring specifically to French Jewry, spoke in 1790 of "this influx of Africans which has infested our homeland of France."

However, the French Constitution protected all citizens, and thus there were no formal barriers to Jewish social and economic advancement. On the face of it, such absence of impediments would have been highly desirable. But it also generated adverse fallout. There was resentment against the large number of Jews holding high positions in industry, government, and military service, and this resentment served to stoke the fires of anti-Semitism.

In 1871, France suffered a humiliating defeat by the army of Prussia. National adversity, whether military or economic, tends to encourage the growth of anti-Semitism, and this was indeed very much the case in France after the Franco-Prussian War – especially so in the 1890s, which was a period of severe economic depression.

Newspapers with anti-Semitic leanings became more brazen, and their circulation increased. New anti-Jewish journals appeared on the scene, some with the sole purpose of denigrating Jews.

In 1889, the French National Anti-Semitic League was established, and two years later, a motion by 32 deputies of the National Assembly demanded the expulsion of all Jews from France. Nowhere in the world had any country, even the most oppressive, resorted to nationwide expulsion of Jews at any time in that century — so this proposal was indeed most extreme.

In 1892, a newspaper financed by the Jesuits launched a virulent campaign against Jewish army officers, accusing them of selling French military secrets for personal profit.

Treason in the Army

It was against this hostile background that in August 1894 the French Intelligence discovered a sheet of paper which was to become world-famous. They called it the *bordereau*, meaning document. It was addressed to an attache at the German Embassy in Paris, and apparently had somehow been extracted by a French agent from the embassy's incoming mail.

The *bordereau* conveyed French military data to Germany, now the arch-enemy of France. The contents indicated that the writer was a staff-officer, otherwise he would not have had access to the classified information it contained. The conclusion was inescapable that within the upper circle of the French military there was a traitor, and it was imperative that he be apprehended immediately.

Investigators went through the names of French staff officers, and inevitably they were drawn to Dreyfus, the Jew. Background checks indicated that his character was impeccable, his military record exemplary, and his financial situation so comfortable that he had no pressing need for additional funds. The one finding which might be used against him was his handwriting: it could be construed, if so desired, to bear some resemblance to the script on the *bordereau*.

Dreyfus Arrested

But Dreyfus was a Jew, and in the pervading bias of the day that one factor outweighed all others. Indeed, the *bordereau* included some data which Dreyfus would almost certainly not have known, and also some factual errors that would have been highly uncharacteristic of him. These details were summarily dismissed and Dreyfus was pronounced to be the traitor. He was secretly arraigned and held in custody, but not given any explanation. The arrest struck him like a bolt of lightning out of a blue sky. His wife was warned not to tell anyone, not even the immediate family.

Nothing could be publicized, however, nor any further action taken, without the approval of the secretary of war, Gen. Mercier, and the materials were laid before him. What he saw left him with grave doubts. He sought hard evidence of Dreyfus' guilt, and he found none. So he consulted with colleagues and experts.

But at this juncture, the story leaked out to the press. Bold headlines appeared, such as, "Jewish officer Dreyfus arrested." The press spoke of "absolute proof," and cited the prisoner's "full confession." Falsehoods such as these immediately roused nationwide fury, and in the court of public opinion the verdict was reached on the first day — a resounding guilty.

Dreyfus on Trial

That placed the war minister in a dilemma. He had been inclined to drop the case for lack of evidence, but were he to do this now in the face of an enraged electorate, he would be vilified as a Jew-lover, protecting a traitor. He would have to resign in disgrace.

If, on the other hand, the case proceeded and the judges found the evidence inadequate, that too would be a humiliating setback. He opted to proceed with the trial, and in order to effect a politically desirable verdict, he devised a plan to ensure that the outcome would be conviction.

He ordered that all available evidence from other spy cases which could in any way be construed to refer to Dreyfus should be gathered, retouched as necessary, and then conveyed to Dreyfus' judges, without being revealed to the defence lawyers. Had these lawyers been aware of this material, they would undoubtedly have demonstrated its irrelevance. Included in this secret dossier were some incriminating letters purported to have been written by Dreyfus and some by German officials, but in fact all were forged.

This entire secret procedure was contrary to French legal practice, but not one of the seven judges objected. All these materials were destroyed as soon as the judges had seen them, so that they could never be subsequently examined or challenged.

The court itself was a military tribunal, and thus its deliberations and its decisions were identified with "the honor of the French army." This identification with military honor was to render it extremely difficult to pose any future appeals or challenges. In the scale of values of that era, challenging the honor of the French army was almost akin to treason.

Court sessions commenced on Dec. 19, 1894 and lasted four days — all in closed chambers. Dreyfus, of course, knew that he was innocent, and his faith in French military justice was, as yet, unshakable. He was thus confident of exoneration. But the verdict went the opposite way: guilty of treason, by unanimous vote. The penalty was to be public degradation, then exile for life to Devil's Island.

Upon hearing the verdict, Dreyfus became visibly disoriented. But the governor of the prison where he was incarcerated was fully convinced of his innocence and helped him regain his composure. An appeal was quickly filed but was rejected after only the briefest of hearings.

After the Trial

The degradation ceremony was set for Jan. 5, 1895, and to this the public was invited. Dreyfus' military stripes were torn off, his sword broken, and he was marched around the square. The shrieking crowd jeered him and shouted insults, such as, "see the new Judas," "bring back the death penalty," "you filthy traitor," "death to the Jews."

It was a sickening scene, reminiscent of public floggings in the Middle Ages. The unfortunate Dreyfus maintained his military composure throughout, repeatedly declaring his innocence and his loyalty to France.

Journalists were assigned a designated place in the square. Among them was the correspondent of a German-language newspaper in Austria. His name, Theodor Herzl. This was the fourth year of his assignment in Paris, and it was now his task to report on the ugly scene unfolding around him. He listened in horror as the journalists at his side, some of them his personal, professional friends, joined enthusiastically in the catcalls of the bloodthirsty mob.

This scene, the trial which preceded it, and the nationwide anti-Jewish demonstrations which were to follow, entirely changed Herzl's outlook on Western civilization, and, more importantly, on the future of the Jewish people. France, a bastion of democracy and advanced culture, was the land of liberty, equality, and fraternity. He was astounded at how readily such a country resorted to perversions of justice and to unbridled anti-Semitism. The values he had espoused a few weeks earlier were now shattered.

For the first time in his life he determined to be, above all, an advocate for the Jewish people, and for the first time, his goal was Jewish statehood. In 1896, the year after this degradation ceremony, Herzl wrote his monumental work, *The Jewish State: An Attempt to Solve the Jewish Question.* Thus was set in motion the chain of events leading to the State of Israel.

Opinions

Albania's Jews

In a recent article, I set forth briefly how well the Jews were treated in Albania during the days of the Nazi terror. My sources were sparse, but I came across a more specific letter that Rabbi Bernard H. Rosenberg of Edison, N.J., published in the *National Jewish Post & Opinion* (a weekly published in Indianapolis).

Rabbi Gunther Plant in Toronto

With the permission of the author, I would like to acquaint you with his argument: "Albania was an asylum for Jews escaping the Nazis, even before World War II started. Thousands were able to obtain visas to pass through or stay in Albania. Jews have lived in Albania since the start of the Common Era.

"When the Nazis asked for a list of Jews in 1943, the Albanian government refused, and Jews went into hiding. Albanian Jews and others ... were hidden by both Muslims and Christians. In keeping with the character of their country, in which anti-Semitism was never a problem, Albanian underground fighters issued an order in 1943 that anyone refusing to give sanctuary to those in need would be subject to execution 'for the crime of disgracing the Albanian people.'

"Albanians never turned over lists of Jews to the Germans, nor were Jews ever mandated to wear the yellow star. Even the Italian occupying forces in Albania went along with the Albanian policy toward the Jews. All Jews in Albania escaped the Holocaust.

"Abraham H. Foxman, national director, Anti-Defamation League, remarks that 'the Albanian people, the majority of whom were Muslim, protected and saved the entire Jewish population.'

"Until recently, Albania followed an isolationist policy; and no one outside the country reported the heroic deeds. Albania's achievement in saving all its Jews is even more impressive when compared to the fate of Jews in Greece, its neighboring country. More than 90 percent of the Jewish community there perished.

"As a child of survivors of the Holocaust, and as one who was born in a displaced persons camp in Germany, I plead that we help our Albanian brethren. We must save their lives. I lost most of my family in the Holocaust. We dare not allow history to repeat itself. We must be able to tell our children and grandchildren that we stood up and spoke out. Never again can we allow brutality to reign supreme."

So far Rabbi Rosenberg's letter. He reminds us of a time when Albania was indeed a hermetically sealed Communist nation of which we knew very little. Circumstances have made it now the centre of our attention. At last we are able to draw the curtain of history aside and see who our friends were during World War II.

The one place that is rarely mentioned in dispatches is Montenegro. It has no large cities, but boasts beautiful mountain slopes and a lovely beach along the Adriatic Sea. In Nazi days this small part of the Yugoslav Republic harbored a Jewish community that was fortunate in being occupied not by Nazi troopers but by Italian forces who were unenthusiastic about Nazi plans for the Jews. Today Montenegro can boast the highest per capita acceptance of refugees in Kosovo. It is a fact worth remembering.

Sukkot and back-to-school

Is it coincidental that Sukkot, a holiday signifying movement, comes at the same time of year as the new school year? Or since Sukkot came first, is it coincidental the new school year is so close to Sukkot?

Jennifer Fax on campus in Halifax

It has always made sense to me that the Jewish new year coincides with the start of the school year. They are both times to hope for something better and to forgive the mistakes of the past. How often have I sworn to myself, each September, that this would be the year I gained some appropriate study habits and prayed my teachers would forgive any past transgressions.

Rosh Hashanah, which is millennium compatible for another 240 years, is not the only holiday symbolizing the life of the September student. Sukkot also fits in well with the back-to-school theme.

When I returned to Halifax this year, I moved into an apartment complex instead of the house I shared the previous year. This change in location introduced me to a new form of chaos.

I watched as truck after truck pulled into the small parking circle and off of each vehicle came a bed, some form of beat-up furniture ranging from kitchen tables to ratty sofas, and students preparing themselves for the year ahead.

The sight conjured up images of an ant colony as scurrying students tried to lug objects which seemed too large for them to possibly bear, marching (or rather grunting) two-by-two through the door and into their new homes.

Though the unloading of household items is reminiscent of a bug's life, it is also a reminder of Sukkot.

Students who don't live at home during their higher-education years tend not to return to the same place each year. Their households are not permanent, but boxed up each May and unpacked each September at a new address.

Much like the makeshift homes the sukkah provided our ancestors, so too does the university student know that their four walls and roof are only temporary. Each year they must, figuratively, rebuild their bed, bath and kitchen supplies and arrange their belongings. Similarly, although we take the same old pieces of lumber out of the garage to build a sukkah, we must still construct and nail down our ceremonial homes again each year.

There are other similarities between the sukkah and the student apartment. My family would build a small sukkah in our backyard, using the side of our house and fence as two of the four walls.

There was only enough room for the five of us to stand over a little table to recite the blessings. The same could be said of my room last year in Halifax. Big enough for standing around a desk, a few people at a time, and not much else.

Sukkot was also a time for harvest. A time for gathering and storing for the upcoming year. School is both a place for gathering and storing. The gathering of minds and the storing of necessary lessons – not all of which are academic. And though we students whine and complain, as those travelling towards Jerusalem might have done, the end is worth any test we might endure.

Outside my window, the ants continue to scurry into their new colony, challenged with the task of building a liveable anthill with thrift-store finds and nifty products from the local hardware store.

Their homes are only temporary. The hill will eventually be kicked over and a new one constructed with cooler furniture and more kitchen supplies.

We bless our homes with a housewarming party and, like our sukkah, hope it stands for the required time.

The significance of names

Oh the joys of university! Long lines at the bookstore, book buy-backs where they don't actually buy back any of the books you have to sell, classrooms with too few seats, oodles of pages to read in books that are not yet available – a real headache and a test of my nervous system.

Erica Horn on campus in Montreal

Despite the list of logistics still to be ironed out, I can report, after five days of school that my classes are intriguing and thought-provoking.

Picture this. There I was in my Hebrew language and literature course, sitting in a classroom at one of those desks with the chairs attached to them, reading an article about people's proper names. My teacher asked us to think about whether our names have given us trouble either here or abroad and whether they have some significance.

My first brainstorm was Lou Bega's song *Mambo #5* where he sings about having "Erica by [his] side." My second thought was that whenever a stationery store is selling personalized items such as mugs, pens or paper, the name Erica does not usually exist, or if it does then it is spelt with a "k."

Putting my bitter thoughts aside, I decided to finish reading the article. The piece proposed that a person's first name often teaches others about a person's parents. For example, in the '50s, in Israel, patriotic and zionistic names were extremely popular, such as Tzion, Herzl, Geulah, Aliyah. In the '70s, the names chosen by Israeli parents were more easily adapted to the Diaspora culture; the names included were Sharon, Keren and Michal. I thought of my Israeli cousins and friends, and realized that for the most part the proposed theory is true. My friend Tamar's (Tamar meaning date) parents love nature, and Ilan's (Ilan meaning tree) mother is a botanist; both of them come from Israel.

I then skimmed a mental list of my Canadian friends' names in search of a potentially similar pattern. However, all I could conjure was that parents having children born in 1977-78 loved the letter J. When I got home, I opened my high school yearbook and observed the following results: Of the 128 graduates my year, there were six Jons, three Jasons, three Jeremys, two Jessicas, two Jennifers, one Jackie, one Jack, one Jeff, one Jean, one Jami, one Julia and one Julie. There were 16 individuals whose first names began with the letter A, 14 with the letter D and 13 with the letter M. Ilana (spelled a variety of ways) and Michael were also popular in my grade.

I decided that a more practical way to figure out whether or not my friends' first names were representative of their parents in any way was to ask them. So I picked up the phone and called one of my friends who has three siblings. He told me that none of them have first names that mean anything, his parents simply liked the names, but that all their middle names were names given in honor of late family. The same conclusion was drawn from each of my five subsequent phone calls. In my family, my middle name is after my bubbie's late mother and my youngest brother's middle name is after my late zayde, while our first names were those admired by my parents.

The trend seems to be towards naming your children a name you like as their first name and a more significant name tied to family history for their middle name. In my opinion, this pattern reflects sensitivity towards our changing environment, which fosters individuality and a respect for where and from whom we came.

My brother is still thanking my parents for shying away from their strongly felt desire to name him either Shoe or Fog!

Based on what I learned in my Hebrew language and literature course, I am more inquisitive and sympathetic to others when they introduce themselves to me for the first time. The next time I stand in line for books, I now have a topic for small-talk conversation – or simply something to think about.

Dry Bones
GENETIC ENGINEERS HAVE CREATED A SMARTER MOUSE.
BUT OUR REPORT ON THIS SCIENTIFIC BREAKTHROUGH HAS BEEN CANCELLED.
THE MOUSE IS GONE.
IT MANAGED TO PICK THE LOCK OF ITS CAGE AND ESCAPE!
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The Kirshner File

The Jews of Iran - a tolerated minority

At best, the Jews in the Islamic Republic of Iran are a tolerated minority, susceptible to the vicissitudes of government policy. The recent arrest of 13 Iranian Jews, charged with spying for Israel, may be the result of a power struggle between moderate and conservative forces in Iran. But more to the point, it is symptomatic of the vulnerable status of Jews in this authoritarian, fundamentalist Muslim state.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

One of the charges laid against the accused is that they conducted Hebrew lessons. To the anti-Zionist regime in Teheran, Hebrew is a subversive language inextricably associated with Israel, often described in satanic terms. By this twisted logic, Hebrew is synonymous with espionage. Lest we forget, the former Soviet Union banned the teaching of Hebrew, too. Some of the Refuseniks, including Natan Sharansky, were Hebrew teachers.

With the collapse of the pro-Western monarchy in 1979, Iran's first post-revolutionary leader, the Ayatollah Khomeini, issued a fatwa concerning Jews. As the people of the book, they were to be protected and permitted freedom of religion, alongside Christians.

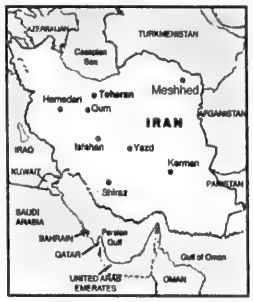
In line with Khomeini's decree, Jews have a right to practise Judaism. There are 11 functioning synagogues in Teheran, where the vast majority of Jews live, as well as a Jewish hospital, a library containing an estimated 20,000 books, two kosher restaurants, an old-age home and a cemetery.

There are no Jewish schools per se, since all schools are under the jurisdiction of the state. But Jewish religious studies are included in the curriculum.

There is a Jewish representative in parliament, yet Jews are powerless politically. Jews were vested with equal rights under the 1906 constitution, but as a tolerated minority they walk on eggshells, never sure when an edict or a development will change their lives irretrievably.

With 25,000 to 35,000 Jews, Iran today is still home to the largest Jewish community in the Muslim world, one whose roots are ancient.

Before Israel's establishment, when approximately half a million Jews could be found in Arab countries, more than 100,000 Jews lived in Iran. Tens of thousands made aliyah, leaving about 60,000 by the mid-1960s.



Under the Pahlavi monarchy, Jews fared reasonably well, certainly far better than Jews in, say, neighboring Iraq or Syria. And because Iran had diplomatic relations with Israel, Iranian Jews were free to travel back and forth. In retrospect, the Pahlavi era was a golden period in the history of Iranian Jewry.

The new Islamic government immediately severed ties with Jerusalem and forbade Jews to visit Israel on pain of imprisonment. As a totalitarian atmosphere descended on Iran, Jews left in droves, mainly for Israel and the United States, particularly the Westwood area of Los Angeles. By all accounts, upwards of 1,000 Jews manage to emigrate every year. Jews who try to leave illegally face real dangers. Since 1994, 11 Jews who have attempted to flee have vanished into thin air.

The crypto-Jewish community of Meshhed

One hundred and sixty years ago, a furious mob rampaged through Meshhed's Jewish quarter, murdering 39 Jews and forcing the conversion of 400 Jewish families in this northeastern Iranian city.

Like the Marranos of Spain, the newly converted Jews, or Jadid al-Islam, lived double lives, practising Judaism in the secrecy of their homes, but following Islamic religious laws and customs in public.

Their tortuous saga is told by the late anthropologist Raphael Patai in his final book, *Jadid al-Islam* (Wayne State University Press).

To this day, the causes of the 1839 pogrom, known as the Allahdad, are shrouded in mystery. One theory has it that local Muslims vented their fury against Jews after a Jew supposedly killed a dog – a symbol of uncleanliness in Muslim lore – on an Islamic holiday. According to another version, Muslim criminals apparently murdered a Muslim child, left the corpse in a synagogue courtyard, then accused Jews of having perpetrated the misdeed.

These events, whether apocryphal or not, strongly suggest that Jews in 19th century Iran (Persia) were vulnerable targets. As Patai points out, the Shi'ite Muslims of Iran, who formed the vast majority of the population, were more intolerant of different faiths than Sunni Muslims. "In this respect," Patai writes, "the Shi'ite Muslim attitude resembled that of medieval Christianity toward the Jews."

In the wake of their conversion, following the Allahdad, the Jadid al-Islam maintained the appearance of being Muslims during family festivities and observances. Yet, clandestinely, they adhered to Judaism. In their efforts to be true to Judaism, the Jadid al-Islam maintained secret synagogues and schools. They married each other, and through the subterfuge of arranged marriages, ensured that their children would not be betrothed to Muslims.

As the 20th century dawned, the Jadid al-Islam gradually jettisoned the pretense that they were Muslims. Under the strictures of Islam, a Muslim who abandoned the faith could be executed. It didn't matter whether she or he was of new or old Muslim stock.

For a number of reasons, the provision was rarely enforced. The Jadid al-Islam bought the authorities' goodwill with lavish gifts. More importantly, there was never an organized inquisitional body in Iran whose task was to track down, expose and punish individuals who strayed from the path of Islam. Once a Jew accepted Islam, he or she was considered a Muslim. Unlike in Spain, no attempt was made to check the Islamic bona fides of the Jadid al-Islam.

Further, the structure of Persian society was such that ethnic groups were encouraged to maintain their separate identities. And so it was not deemed strange that the Jadid al-Islam were clannish.

Radical Muslim clergymen who resented their "apostasy" incited mobs against them in 1892 and again in 1902. Patai says that these outbreaks were officially frowned upon and stopped. Occasionally, the inciters were subjected to severe penalties.

The Jadid al-Islam began immigrating to Palestine in 1903. A few of the crypto-Jews were prosperous merchants like the Azizullayoffs, the Aminhoffs and the Nasruallyoffs. The spiritual leader of the Jadid al-Islam, Mullah Murad (Mordecai) Aqlar, the author of several religious texts in Judeo-Persian, also made aliyah.

After the 1979 Islamic revolution, the majority of the Meshhed Jews still left in Iran immigrated to Israel and other countries. By 1995, no more than a dozen Jewish families remained in Meshhed.

No matter where they may reside, they continue to preserve their traditions, proud to be the descendants of the Jadid al-Islam, a chapter in Jewish history which Patai illuminates with scrupulous care.

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A 1,000-year-old conflict

***A Journey To The End Of The Millennium*, by A.B. Yehoshua (Doubleday, $34.95).**

Books
Bernard Baskin

The time is the last few months of the year 999. Across Europe there is mingled excitement and fear, mounting at times to religious frenzy in anticipation of the Second Coming.

Ben Attar, a Moroccan Jew, prosperous trader and merchant, shares a three-way partnership with his nephew, Abulafia, and a Muslim, Abu Lufti. The company trades in exotic goods – spices, bolts of embroidered cloth and jewelled daggers procured in Africa and sold in northern Europe.

One day, Ben Attar learns that his nephew wants to terminate his involvement in the business. His reason appears strange and unreasonable. His newly married wife, Esther-Minna, pious and Ashkenazi, objects to Ben Attar's marriage to two women. Polygamy had recently been outlawed among the Ashkenazim, but was still practised by Jews in the Arab world.

The revulsion of Abulafia's wife to Sephardi custom represented the cultural gulf between Jews of Arab-Islamic culture and those of the Christian-European world. The author suggests, however indirectly, that this 1,000-year-old conflict is still – in its fullest sense – the basis for antagonisms between eastern and western Jews in modern Israel.

Ben Attar, eager to preserve the partnership and also convince Esther-Minna that a polygamous family can exist in love and harmony, sets forth by sail from North Africa to Paris. He is accompanied by an ill-assorted group: a rabbi from Toledo and his son, his Arab partner, an Arab crew, a timorous black slave boy and his two wives.

"Not once but many times in the course of the voyage Ben Attar had asked himself... which of Satan's brood had tempted him into abandoning his home and his children and endangering both his two beloved wives and his merchandise on such a ghastly escapade ... And each time he had reminded himself once again that in truth it was not Abulafia's heart that he was trying to win back by means of this crazy journey, but that of his new wife, who, though he had never beheld her face nor heard her voice, was extremely important to him..."

With remarkable fidelity to historical and sociological detail, Yehoshua brings to life the many places the travellers visit – from the tiny port of Rouen, "the cathedral crumpled and sad in its dark severity with its sweet-sour smell blended of incense and sweat, to the fantastic island city of Paris which resembles a gigantic illuminated ship sailing along beside them."

Ben Attar pleads his case in two makeshift courtrooms in isolated Jewish communities of the French countryside. In the first public trial he prevails. But Esther-Minna refuses to accept the verdict and vows that she will divorce her husband. The rabbi from Toledo rashly proclaims his willingness to debate the question again before a second court. This time there is a different verdict with unexpected and unhappy results for all involved in the fierce religious and emotional struggle.

The author, with great skill, relates this complex, densely layered story of love, sexuality, betrayal – against an agitated background of the twilight days when faiths are sharpened at the hinge between one millennium and the next.

In allusive, languorous prose, the author presents both sides of the conflict with sensitivity and understanding. He explores the characters' minds and yearnings, describing the inner and outer journeys in extraordinary details. This is a novel of great power and beauty, perhaps the best of the author's work to date.

Yehoshua, born in 1936, lives in Haifa where he is a professor of literature at Haifa University. One of Israel's most internationally acclaimed writers, he has published 17 books in Hebrew and is a recipient of the coveted Israel Prize.

The etrog and lulav

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

"You shall take for yourself the fruit of the beautiful (etrog) tree, a palm frond, myrtle twigs and willow branches of the stream (lulav) – and rejoice for seven days before the Lord your God." (Leviticus 23:40) **[http://bible.ort.org/bible/htm/leviticu/torah/23392340.htm]**

They are simply three branches and an odd-looking fruit. But when these four species are bound together, something special happens: an annual ritual can be celebrated. Today, the etrog and lulav on the World Wide Web.

There are many interpretations about the significance of the components of the lulav and etrog and similarities drawn between the four species and those of the Jewish people **[http://www.aish.edu/calendar/sukkot/unity.htm]**.

The four species all have different qualities: A lulav (date palm) is edible but has no smell while the myrtle has a good fragrance but is inedible. But unless they are bound together, the lulav is not kosher. Similarly it is suggested that the Jewish people must be unified in order to be truly effective.

For more on the deeper meaning of lulav and etrog, see Nishmas **[http://www.nishmas.org.il/chasidus/holidays/sukkos58.htm]**. Celebrate with JOI **[http://www.joi.org/celebrate/sukkot/4-main.htm]**, and Ohr Somayach **[http://www.ohr.org.il/special/sukkos/species.htm]**.

A superb lulav and etrog set can cost well over $100. So what should you look for when you're buying? **[http://www.aish.edu/calendar/sukkot/4species.htm]** An etrog should be turning yellow rather than green. There should be no little dots on its upper part and it should preferably be turning yellow rather than red.

Which hand do you use to pick up the lulav? Should the etrog point up or down? In what order should the lulav be shaken? Those questions are answered in a very step-by-step guide created by the Huntington Jewish Center on Long Island **[http://www.uscj.org/metny/huntinhh/shake.html]**.

The lulav is shaken in all the four directions of the compass plus up and down to acknowledge God's all encompassing presence. But the movements of the lulav can also be given a mystical interpretation **[http://www.mishpacha.org/sukkotlulav.shtml]**. For example, facing right signifies the attribute of chesed or kindness. "Do you find it too hard to be generous? Pray for God to grant you the proper measure of chesed."

Most of us think about etrogs once a year and really have no idea about the rich history of the citron (citrus medica) **[http://www.hort.purdue.edu/newcrop/morton/citron.html]**. Did you know that etrog seeds have been found in Mesopotamian excavations dating back 6,000 years? The armies of Alexander the Great are thought to have carried etrogs to the Mediterranean region about 300 B.C.E. In India, the peel is eaten to overcome bad breath. And in Panama, citron leaves are ground up and combined with other ingredients and given as an antidote for poison.

All too soon, Sukkot is over and you are faced with a problem: what to do with the lulav and etrog **[http://www.torah.org/linkedlists/torah-forum/vol3/0012.html]**. Many people refrain from simply throwing a lulav in the garbage and will bring their lulavs to synagogue and place them on top of the Aron Kodesh. Others will save them until Passover and burn them with the chametz.

As for the etrog, don't throw it away. Eat it! You can find a couple of recipes for etrog jam at **[http://www.eskimo.com/~jefffree/recipes/etrogjam.htm]** and **[http://www.shamash.org/listarchives/mailjewish/volume4/v4n89]**. But if you want to treasure your etrog year-round, stick some cloves into it and use it as the spice during your weekly havdalah ceremony.

Have a Chag Samayach.

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Education versus politics

By AVI BENLOLO

A battle over control of the education system is brewing as Israeli children return to school for a new year, a battle which threatens to further polarize the country's population while creating an atmosphere of uncertainty about the future of schools run by the Shas political party.

The new minister of education, Yossi Sarid of the Meretz party, is withholding funding to Shas schools unless they meet his ministry's criteria. As a result, Shas is now NIS 100 million in debt. The party is scrambling to keep its teachers working and its schools running as it figures out how to maintain funding.

Shas is the official Sephardi party representing some half a million Israelis. Its official mandate is to enhance the political, economic and religious status of Sephardim in Israel. To achieve these objectives, the party founded numerous schools, as well as other social programs, through a grassroots organization called El Hama'ayan.

Despite the fact that the party became the country's third largest in the last elections, Prime Minister Ehud Barak chose to give the Education Ministry previously controlled by Shas to another party (Meretz). No longer in direct control of the portfolio and left to the mercy of Sarid (a serious opponent), Shas is now threatening to leave the coalition unless funding resumes.

Shas has further been weakened as a result of former party leader Aryeh Deri's recent conviction for taking bribes while serving as an Israeli government minister. Unfortunately, Deri's actions created skepticism about the party's management style within the government's top echelons.

The question as to whether there should be a Sephardi school system at all is one which requires careful consideration (although Barak maintains he wants to keep Shas schools). Some theorists argue that by reinforcing ethnic identities, educators are inhibiting the movement toward social unity, that they are contributing to social fragmentation and the Balkanization of a nation. This perspective suggests that one curriculum can equal one people.

But what if the Education Ministry's curriculum does not meet every group's needs? Since a student's social context plays a significant role in his or her development, some would argue that educational programs must be specifically designed to accommodate needs.

According to education analyst Shlomo Swirsky, some of the factors that contributed to the historically low educational achievement of Sephardi children were a shortage of teachers in developing towns and settlements, inadequate teacher qualification, poor educational facilities, a curriculum that was foreign and strange to the children, and the alienation of parents.

Clearly, social and developmental factors need to be taken into account in an assessment of the Shas school system.

As well, a comparison of Shas schools with other Israeli educational systems would better reflect Israel's current education atmosphere by providing a more global picture.

In a political battle encompassing various ideologies, however, a decision should be made based on what is in the best interest of the children rather than on the political agenda.

New sources available

By ZE'EV GLICENSTEIN

In 1989, American Jewish genealogist Miriam Weiner wrote a letter to a regional museum in Priluki, Ukraine, requesting information on any Jewish documents there.

Just 10 years ago, relations between western and Iron Curtain countries were still affected by the deep freeze of the Cold War. Throughout the 1980s, relatively few Jewish genealogists even attempted to correspond with archives in communist countries. Positive responses were rare and considered remarkable exceptions to the usual prevailing silence.

In Weiner's case, her letter fell into the hands of Natalia Elkin, a Jewish woman who worked in the Priluki museum. Elkin translated the letter and took it to the town hall, where she found many documents pertaining to Weiner's family, including a birth certificate for Miriam Odnopozov, Weiner's maternal grandmother.

"At that time," Weiner writes in her new book, *Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova*, "access to this sort of material was more wishful thinking than reality, and seeing my grandmother's name in Natalia's letter brought me to tears." Ultimately, she located more than 50 family documents through this vital Priluki connection.

Documenting one family tree in such detail is a wonderful accomplishment. But Weiner did not stop there. A professional family tree researcher from New Jersey whose company, Routes to Roots, pioneered Jewish genealogical research trips to Poland and Ukraine, Weiner began to keep inventories of all materials of Jewish provenance that could be located in the countries of Eastern Europe in which she travelled and did her work.

Her book *Jewish Roots in Poland*, which came out last year, provides an unprecedented listing of Jewish genealogical sources. It is also an outstanding picture-book and memorial album to a vanished world.

Recently published by Weiner's Routes to Roots Foundation, in conjunction with New York's esteemed YIVO Institute, *Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova* is a unique and unprecedented window into the former Jewish civilizations of Ukraine and Moldova (previously known as Bessarabia).

The book contains inventories of Jewish materials, including civil records, tax and voter lists and much more, in some 1,400 shtetls and towns. But it's much more than a dry archival catalogue.

For me, the strength of the book is its vast collection of about 1,000 photographs, most in full color. Those who have seen *Jewish Roots in Poland* know that it is packed with photographs. *Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova* has more. They illuminate Jewish life not only in major cities such as Kiev, Odessa, Lvov, Kishinev, Zhitomir, Berdichev and Brody, but also hundreds of lesser-known places such as Nemirov, Sudilkov, Soroki and Priluki.

Town squares, Jewish cemeteries, old and beautiful synagogues that did not survive the Nazi era, Holocaust memorials, tombstones and more tombstones ... evocative and poignant, they ultimately tear at your heartstrings, and bring Jewish history to life.

Chapters were contributed by a number of local authorities. For example, the book introduces Rabbi Moishe Leib Kolesnik of Ivano-Frankovsk (Stanislawow Province), who has collected many books and documents pertaining to local Jewish history, including some passport applications rescued from a dumpster.

Rich with history, illustrated with many maps and examples of documents, *Jewish Life in Ukraine and Moldova* can only be regarded as a colossal achievement and an outstanding addition to our resources. You don't have to have roots in these countries to appreciate Miriam Weiner's second magnum opus in as many years.

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New president set to promote Jewish libraries

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Zena Glassman, newly elected president of the Ontario chapter of the Association of Jewish Libraries (OAJL) is determined to make her organization better known.

Glassman, librarian at Beth Tzedec Synagogue's Max and Beatrice Wolfe Library, says her goal during her two-year term is to highlight the association and "make people understand that we are there to help.

"We offer a place where members can share their professional concerns, needs or successes, and where we can learn from each other. We provide a sense of belonging and professionalism for Jewish librarians," she says.

Zena Glassman

OAJL is part of the Association of Jewish Libraries, an international association started up in 1965 in order to deal with Jewish librarianship issues in places such as universities, Holocaust museums, schools, community centres, and public libraries with Judaica sections.

Chapter members come mostly from the Toronto area, but some are in Ottawa, St. Catharines and Hamilton. "Membership is not restricted to libraries. Any information professional specializing in Judaica can benefit from our services," says Glassman.

Many small libraries such as those in synagogues, she says, are staffed by technicians or volunteers, not professional librarians. "These people have varying levels of experience and they often need help running the library. That is where our organization comes in."

All members receive the quarterly *Association of Jewish Libraries Newsletter* which contains book reviews, information on library accreditation and updates on current issues. "Members can post questions on a Web site, and a bibliography bank is available."

The association also provides on-site evaluations, runs programs and lectures, and assists people who are computerizing their library.

Gloria Jacobs, past president of OAJL says that association members who attend the annual convention "have an incredible opportunity to meet people working in other organizations. We are still small enough to be able to make contact with people at all levels of the organization."

As well, says Glassman, the organization has developed standards for Jewish libraries, and will help members bring their libraries up to professional standards, and become accredited by the association. "After they are accredited, they are presented with a certificate at the annual convention. It really gives them nachas to have their library highlighted," Glassman says.

Holy Blossom Temple's Sisterhood Library, headed by librarian Anne Dublin, vice-president of OAJL, recently received advanced accreditation for its achievements, Glassman says.

Glassman often gets calls from librarians in small communities who want to model their library after the Max and Beatrice Wolfe Library, which, she says, is known for its high professional standards and up-to-date selections. "They can come and speak to me or board chair Marjorie Rasky, and we will show them how the library is set up, and discuss our circulation and acquisition policies.

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UJA Federation Welcomes Barrett Back

The head of one of the world's leading financial institutions and one of Canada's most well-known banking personalities will be addressing an audience of leading UJA Federation supporters.

Matthew Barrett, former CEO and Chairman of the Bank of Montreal, is returning to Toronto for the highly anticipated visit only months after assuming his new position as Chief Executive Officer of Barclays Bank P.L.C. in London. Barrett, who resigned from his high profile position last February after 37 years at the Bank of Montreal, earned a worldwide reputation for achieving record-breaking corporate profits and changing the landscape of Canadian banking.

In addition to his professional responsibilities, Matthew Barrett, shown here in Ottawa, also works on behalf of hospitals, business groups and other organizations.

CP Picture Archives. (Tom Hanson).

The topic of Barrett's evening address, at the Royal Ontario Museum, October 14, will be *Trends in Global Financial Services and the Impacts on Canada.*

"Matthew is a true visionary," notes Greg Wolfond, who is co-chairing Barrett's speaking engagement with Paul Godfrey and Neil Nisker. "We are very pleased to have the opportunity to hear, first hand, his personal insights and perspectives."

Colourful Creations By Chihuly

During the opening week of an exhibit of his vibrantly coloured glass sculptures at the Sandra Ainsly Gallery in Toronto, world renowned artist Dale Chihuly spoke to UJA Federation Hineni donors at a private luncheon. Chihuly talked about his internationally acclaimed series of works currently on display in Jerusalem.

(above l-r) Diane Bald, Dale Chihuly and Denise Green.

Shirley Granovsky admires one of Chihuly's works.

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Ben-Gurion Society Established

UJA Federation has launched a brand new initiative to recognize generous young adult contributors.

Inspired by the vision of Israel's first Prime Minister, the Ben-Gurion Society is designed to acknowledge dedicated young leaders through unique educational programming and networking opportunities. Close to 400 Toronto area adults under age 45, who have contributed at least $1,000 to the UJA Federation annual campaign, now count themselves among the thousands of North American Ben-Gurion Society (BGS) members.

(l-r) Ben-Gurion Society Co-Chairs Gil Palter and Tammy Anklewicz with UJA Federation Campaign 2000 Co-Chairs Mel Wolfond and David Engel.

At the recent BGS launch coinciding with the opening of UJA Federation's Campaign 2000, members chatted with CNN White House correspondent Wolf Blitzer. "People are still telling me what a great time they had," says Tammy Anklewicz, who is co-chairing BGS with Gil Palter. Anklewicz believes other high quality programs planned for this year will encourage new contributors, as well as existing donors, to strengthen their commitment to UJA Federation. "We are very proud of this new venue for recognizing future leaders."

Ben-Gurion Society members have demonstrated a deep commitment toward UJA Federation through their gifts and involvement," adds BGS member Michael Shiner. "Meaningful acknowledgment of their efforts will only enhance their important role in the future of the community."

Other UJA Federation Young Leadership programs include the highly successful *Hands On Toronto* community service project and the bi-annual International Young Leadership Conference.

For more information about the Ben-Gurion Society, call Avi Benlolo, Director of Young Leadership at (416) 631-5688.

Volunteer Appreciation

UJA Federation is showing appreciation to hundreds of its canvassers at a preview screening of one of the most talked about movies at the Toronto International Film Festival.

"The Campaign is still in full swing but we didn't want to wait until the end to show our dedicated volunteers how important they are," says Agi Mandel, who is chairing the Volunteer Recognition event on September 22.

UJA Federation canvassers are being treated to a screening of *Jakob The Liar*, a film about the Holocaust starring Robin Williams, at the Varsity Theatre two days before its official release to the public. "This is a great perk for our hard-working campaigners, as well as a good incentive for them to keep up the momentum so we can reach our goal," adds Mandel.

The Campaign's first set of Answer the Call telethons took place last week, adding an additional $1 million to the $15 million raised so far.

If you are interested in becoming a UJA Federation volunteer campaigner, call (416) 635-2883 ext 184.

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CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS

Associated Hebrew Schools Kamin branch senior kindergarten students (from left) Daniel Geist, Jordana Herblum and Samuel Tenenbaum welcome the Rosh Hashanah through Simchat Torah holiday period with musical celebration.

Yiddish classes offered for adults, children

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Children and adults attending Yiddish classes will participate in the events celebrating 1,000 years of Yiddish being sponsored by the committee for Yiddish of UJA Federation.

"We want everybody to take part in this celebration," said Naomi Miller-Tureck, committee co-ordinator.

An unprecedented revival in Yiddish is expected as a result of the fall term's adult classes, from October to December, in many locations.

A total of at least 75 children are expected to enrol in the free of charge Sunday morning classes at Associated Hebrew Day School, 6100 Leslie St., between Cummer Avenue and Steeles Avenue East.

The classes run from 9.30 a.m. to noon and cover junior kindergarten to Grade 8. All children in the Greater Toronto Area are eligible.

The classes are funded by the Toronto District School Board and UJA Federation's committee for Yiddish, as part of the Heritage Language and Culture program.

Three new adult courses are being introduced this year, including Yiddish for beginners with Hindy Abelson, Level 1, which starts Monday, Oct. 4, 7 to 9 p.m., at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre (Bloor JCC). No prior knowledge of Yiddish is needed.

Other new adult classes are Yiddish Literature in Translation, beginning Tuesday, Oct. 5, 1.30 to 3.30 p.m., at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, led by Ellie Moidel; and History of the Yiddish Language, beginning in October, date, time and location to be announced, with Richard Bassett. These two courses are given in English.

Special Sunday adult classes for beginners, levels 1 and 2, start Sunday, Oct. 10, at Associated Hebrew School, in the same location as the children's classes. They will cover Yiddish conversation, grammar and culture through songs, poetry and humor. Those with some knowledge of Yiddish will attend classes from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m., while those with no knowledge have classes from noon to 2 p.m.

A weekday class from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. in Yiddish, intermediate, Level 2, beginning Tuesday, Oct. 5, will be held at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue led by Ellie Moidel.

Another weekday course in Yiddish, beginners, Level 1, starting in October, will be held from noon to 2 p.m., with Richard Bassett, day and location to be announced.

Evening classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m., in levels 1 and 2, beginning Tuesday, Oct. 5, at Workmen's Circle, with levels 2 and 3 beginning Wednesday, Oct. 6, at the same time. Levels 3 and 4 will begin Thursday, Oct. 7, at the same time and location. All these classes will be taught by Richard Bassett.

Advanced Yiddish, Level 1, begins Wednesday, Oct. 6, at UJPO, Morris Winchevsky School, 585 Cranbrooke Ave., from 7 to 9 p.m. with Ellie Moidel.

The fee for the 10-week adult classes is $70, while the fee for Yiddish 2 at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue is the same but $35 for seniors.

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Greater Toronto Area

Freak accident fails to slow Jewish composer

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Dan Mazor has learned to think of his body as a car that needs frequent "five-point checks" if he wants to maintain it in top condition.

The strategy is working for the 32-year-old composer and music producer, who was paralyzed below the neck in a freak accident almost three years ago. Mazor works approximately five hours a day in a home studio built to meet his needs.

Earlier this year he was commissioned to compose the music – a modern rock/pop piece – for a June wheelchair race in Hamilton.

He donated his services for the fund-raiser, and has worked with about 10 paying clients since his injury.

One of his recent productions is a CD of club dance music, *Hey Mickey*. Now Mazor is working on an album of his own, which will synthesize technology with recorded live music.

He has enough business to support himself, he said in a recent interview.

In October 1996, on a vacation in Cuba, Mazor – who then co-ran his own company, Prime Time Studios – was struck and flipped by a wave while standing in knee-deep water.

The accident damaged his second and third vertebrae, paralyzing him below the neck and necessitating surgery before he could be flown home.

After three months in the Neurological Intensive Care Unit of Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and almost a year at West Park Hospital, Mazor moved into the basement of his parents' Richmond Hill home. Provincial government funding made it possible to build the studio and make the house wheelchair accessible.

Mazor's days begin when an attendant gets him up, washed and dressed, a process that takes about two hours.

To compose music, Mazor sits in his sip-and-puff wheelchair in front of two color computer screens, wearing a headset that uses infrared technology to control what appears onscreen.

He uses a mouthpiece to work synthesizers and volume control mixers. A soundproof recording booth for clients is steps away.

Mazor uses the same equipment as before the accident, he said, "but to compose a piece of music in which I used to use my hands on a keyboard, now takes a month. I'm still trying to get faster at it.

"Each of these blocks represents a different instrument," he explained, indicating onscreen shapes representing guitar, base and drums. "I'll pick an instrument and then plop in each note. Because I used to play, I know what I want to hear."

Dan Mazor uses specially adapted computers for his work in the music business. [Frances Kraft photo]

Mazor's schedule includes four to five trips a week to Lyndhurst Fitness Centre for rehabilitation workouts. He has motorized pedals under his work table so he can "bicycle" and work his leg muscles.

If a cure is discovered for his condition, he wants to be prepared (by preventing muscle atrophy through exercise), but he's more concerned with everyday life, he said.

"I don't sit and freak out. I'm over that grieving period." He has had a few temporary medical setbacks, but on the whole his health has been "quite good," he said.

"He's very strong," noted Mazor's mother Dorit.

Getting out of the house helps him socially and mentally, he added.

Since the accident, he has regained some movement in his arms. "I can't lift a glass, but I can exercise my limbs, at least...get some circulation going."

He has also progressed from relying on a ventilator to using one only occasionally if he is tired.

Meeting others who have suffered spinal cord injuries has helped him adjust, as has his girlfriend Susie, whom he met when she was volunteering at West Park. "Just having her around" was good for him, he said.

"I lead a pretty busy life and it's independent as much as possible. And it's productive. That's the most important thing to me."

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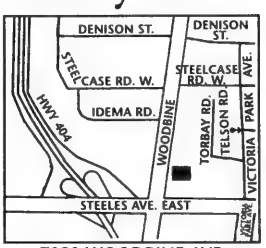

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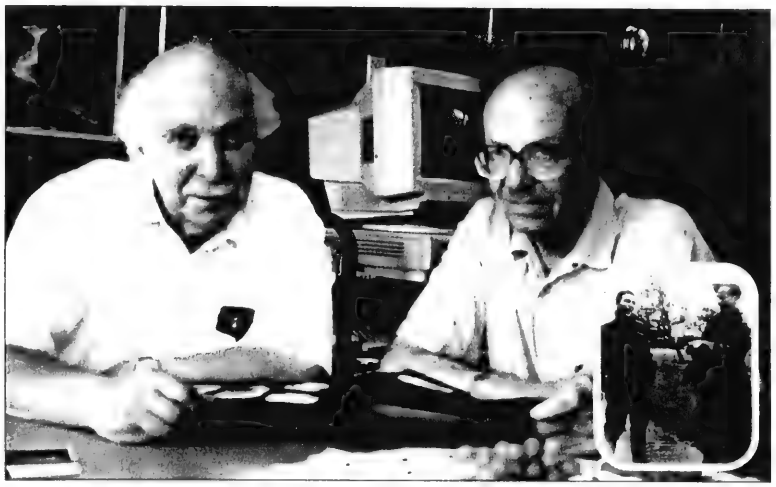

Seen are Richard (Micky) Goldberg (left) and Melville (Moish) Goldberg in a recent photo and in the inset from 1945. [Barbara Silverstein 1999 photo]

Two former servicemen reunite after 54 year absence

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
CJN Staff

TORONTO — Watching the two men laughing as they kibitzed with each other on a recent summer evening, one would think they saw each other on a regular basis.

But this get-together was the first time they had seen each other in 54 years.

A story in *The CJN* in December about a 1945 Chanukah party for child survivors in Hamburg, organized by Canadian Jewish airmen, helped reunite the two men.

Both in their mid-70s, Richard (better known as Micky) Goldberg, and Melville (known as Moish to old friends) Goldberg – they're not related – had served overseas in the air force during World War II.

They met in Great Britain during the summer of 1944 and became reacquainted at the end of the war when they were both posted in the same occupation unit near Hamburg, Germany in 1945.

Richard, a Montrealer now living in Toronto, said the Jewish men in this unit had grown close as a result of their involvement helping Jewish children in Hamburg who had survived the war.

He explained that he and another serviceman, Samuel Kirshner, now deceased, had spearheaded a project to feed these children, but all the other Jewish men had helped out in some way.

He said he and Kirshner had discovered some 25 Jewish children in Hamburg; they decided to help them by getting all the Jewish servicemen in their unit to donate food for distribution to the young survivors.

The food in the mess hall was awful, and so the men would rely on the packages of food they received from their families, Richard said. "Everyone was getting packages from home. It was a pleasure to eat real food again.

"But these guys were giving up their packages – we collected 20 parcels a week.

"We only asked Jewish airmen. Had we asked others they might have given too, but it was easier to ask the Jewish men because the food was for Jewish children."

Richard said it was easier to form friendships with other Jewish soldiers."It was a normal thing for the Jewish boys to get together and to be friendly together."

He became particularly close with Melville, he said.

"He was part of the group that helped the German Jewish kids. He was one of those who donated packages like all the Jewish guys in the unit.

"We were friends back in the air force until I was repatriated to Canada."

The Toronto-born Melville, a long-time Ottawa resident, recalled meeting Richard back in 1944.

He noted that they always stood next to each other in the line-up because they had the same last name; their friendship "took off from there."

Melville said they renewed their friendship, which he described as a light-hearted one, when they were stationed in Germany a year later.

"In all we knew each other for about a year."

In January of 1946 Richard returned to Canada; Melville left a month later.

And while they tried to maintain contact, their correspondence ended shortly after the birth of Richard's son, Melville said, explaining that they both got busy with their lives, – he went to school, and became a lawyer for the federal government and Richard ran a large printing business.

Both men tried to locate the other, Melville said. "I thought of him several times [over the years.] I used to go into Montreal and I tried to find him. Micky tried to find me in Toronto. He was unaware that I left in 1959. It's one of those things, like star-crossed lovers."

He said he was very excited when he saw *The CJN* article on the Chanukah party in Hamburg and he immediately contacted the newspaper. "This was a heaven-sent opportunity. It was a great moment. I called him as soon as I got his number.

"It was a great pleasure. After 55 years we are still compatible… The affinity apparently is still present. We got along then and we get along now.

"He didn't have any idea of what I had been doing the last half century… We planned our get-together and we swapped 50 years of history."

Richard said, "The surprise of my life came when I got the phone call. It was Chanukah time and I was down in Florida... Our first conversation on the telephone was as if we just parted company the day before.

"All these years had gone by and we hit it off again. [Now] we've met our respective wives…

"It was really a pleasure. I had lost track of him and out of the clear blue sky he reappeared."

CORRECTION

A photo caption in last week's *CJN* erroneously identified as David Fluss a man carrying a Torah dedicated to the new Chabad centre on Flamingo Road in Thornhill. The man was not Fluss, who dedicated the Torah in the name of his parents and father-in-law.

The CJN regrets the error.

Greater Toronto Area

City apologizes for exhibit

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The City of Toronto has apologized for a photo exhibit that angered Jews last week.

"I have no problem with issuing an apology," Toronto Mayor Mel Lastman told *The CJN* last Thursday. "If it were up to me, this wouldn't have happened at all.

"And nothing like this will happen again," Lastman pledged.

The exhibit, which was displayed for five days until last Friday in the rotunda at City Hall, was mounted by the Friends of Sabeel, a pro-Palestinian group.

The two dozen or so large black-and-white photographs with accompanying captions showed Israeli troops as aggressors, and Palestinian women and children as victims. They evoked images of the intifadah, the Palestinian uprising of the late 1980s and early '90s.

The display, titled When the Stones Cry Out: The Palestinian Experience, 1948-1998 – Dispossession, Diaspora and Occupation, was erected Sept. 13 and slated to run until last Friday, Sept. 17.

The Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) called the exhibit "offensive and highly inappropriate," and said its timing, coinciding with the High Holy Days, was "particularly insensitive."

CJC said it received several complaints.

Susanne Borup, executive director of facilities and real estate for the City of Toronto, said that while the photos were "well done and compelling," her department requested that four captions be changed, just one day before the exhibit was slated to end.

Those captions referred to "Jews," and Borup said her department asked they be changed to refer to "Israelis," or "the Israeli government."

Borup said the Friends of Sabeel agreed to the changes.

But according to Lastman, the offending captions were taken down, and not replaced.

Borup also apologized for the display.

It was "highly insensitive, particularly at this time of year."

She said "chaos" resulting from the creation of one megacity was responsible for the display's approval.

As a result, new guidelines will be developed for access to public space and facilities by multicultural and ethnic groups, she said.

Harold Brief, who chairs the Israel affairs committee of CJC's Ontario region, called the exhibit "crass propaganda" and said it was offensive, especially during the High Holy Day period.

The Sabeel Centre was founded in Jerusalem in 1990 by a group of Christians to promote the Palestinian view of the Israeli capital.

Last November at a conference in Ottawa, Canon Naim Ateek, founder and director of the Sabeel Centre, caused a stir when he said Jews use the Holocaust to "silence criticism of unjust policies in Israel."

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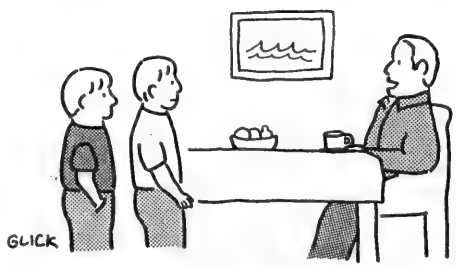

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Israeli folkdancing classes held at Bathurst Jewish Centre in the Studio Theatre:

New beginners class, 8-9 p.m. starting Monday, Sept. 27, followed by the Intermediate class from 9-10:30 p.m.

Intermediate/Advanced Israeli dance class, every Tuesday 8:30-11 p.m.

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Each class is $5. For information, **Teme** 636-1880, ext. 364.

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FOR SENIORS

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Trip to Leelanau Sands Casino, Michigan, Oct. 4-7, $469 (Cdn); Casino Rama Oct. 6 and 20, members $5, non-members $10. Sunday dances Oct. 17 and 31. 395-7881.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club: Oct. 4, opening meeting, travelogue on South Africa with **Stanley Witkin**; trip to Israel Nov. 21-Dec. 8, in the planning. **Lena** 785-5773. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

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Osteoporosis Support Group meeting Tuesday, Sept. 28, 1:15-2:30 p.m. **Rachelle Bronfman**, author of *Calci Yum*, discusses Calcium Rich, Dairy Free, Vegetarian Cooking. **Joan** ext. 126.

Literary Luncheon, *Memoirs of a Geisha* by **Arthur Golden**, reviewed by **Maria Bonanno**, Wednesday, Sept. 29, at noon. Members $10, non-members $12. Sign up at Ticket Sales Desk. For information, **Bookie** ext. 116.

Arthritis Series features **Bev Tobe**, physiotherapist, presenting an Update on Osteoarthritis, Thursday, Sept. 30, 1:15 p.m.

Israeli Club Etrog: Do you speak Hebrew? Join club members Tuesdays at 7 p.m. for movies, lectures, dances, sing-alongs, bingo. Sept. 28 is a sing-along. **Anna** ext. 110.

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Seniors Club, Thursday, Sept. 23, 2 p.m., Seeing Within and Beyond: The Lesson of the Sukkah with **Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich** of Beth Sholom Synagogue; Thursday, Sept. 30, 2 p.m. artist/educator **Sylvia Galvanek,** speaks about The Century in Review: Ideas and Events That Shaped the 20th Century. **Judy.**

ABOUT PEOPLE

CHAIR OF JEWISH STUDIES

Gerald Tulchinsky has been appointed chair of Jewish studies at Queen's University for a term from Sept. 1, 1999, to June 30, 2002. Born in Stratford, Ont., Tulchinsky attended the University of Toronto and McGill University and graduated with a PhD from Toronto in 1971. He taught at Loyola College, Montreal and the University of Saskatchewan before coming to Queen's in 1966. He teaches courses on urbanization, the Jewish experience in North America and the Holocaust.

Gerald Tulchinsky

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Under the banner of Toronto's New Ben Gurion Associates, 250 people attended a fundraiser for Ben Gurion University (BGU). The evening at Ontario Place included a sailboat regatta on Lake Ontario, a pre-performance reception and a production of *Dralion* by Cirque du Soleil. It raised $56,000 towards BGU's Community Action Unit. From left, front row, are Brian Kalishenko, Mitchell Oelbaum, Claudia Faierman, Joanne Bergen, Claire Horowitz. Back row, Elliot Kohn, Rob Kozlov, Bruce Bronfman, president; Michael Spigelman, Jordan Gould, Ralph Shepherd.

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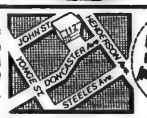

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Jewish school enrolment continues decline in Winnipeg

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — For the second year in a row, there is a 10 percent drop in enrolment at Gray Academy which is located at the Asper Jewish Community Campus. The school, which runs from junior kindergarten to Grade 12, is under the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education (BJE).

This year's student population is 660 as compared to 760 last September, and 850 when the unified school system opened at the new campus in September 1997.

BJE business manager Jack Cipilinsky cites demographic factors as one of the reasons for the continuing decline in student numbers. "Six years ago," he says, "the Prairie Research group projected that there would be fewer little ones in the community.

"That has turned out to be accurate. The younger kids just aren't out there in large numbers. That is something we have no control over."

At the higher grades, the Gray Academy has been hurt by the University of Winnipeg's decision two years ago to open a Grade 10 program. Reportedly, about half the students attending the University of Winnipeg high school program are Jewish.

While the BJE has experienced a steady decline in enrolment, the south Winnipeg Hebrew Bilingual program at Brock Corydon School continues to thrive. The public school, which offers kindergarten to Grade 6 classes, has 183 students registered this year as compared to 175 last fall.

"We added a second Hebrew kindergarten class this year," says principal Doug Taylor. "Otherwise, our student population is stable."

A new alternative in Jewish schooling in south Winnipeg is the Ohr HaTorah Primary Years Hebrew Day School which is being housed for now at the Herzlia Adas Yeshurun Synagogue.

Ohr HaTorah opened its doors last September with a combined nursery/kindergarten class of about 10 students. For September 1999, a Grade 1 class has been added. There are 18 students enrolled at the school – one Grade 2 student, six children in Grade 1, four in kindergarten and seven in nursery.

Ohr HaTorah was started by a group of parents who were looking for a more traditional Jewish educational for their children. When efforts to work out an arrangement with the Winnipeg BJE failed to succeed, the parents set out to create their own institution.

The founding parents were able to link up with the Torah Mesorah system, an international network of Jewish day schools with headquarters in New York City.

Torah Mesorah is providing the curriculum, supervision and a large chunk of the funding for Ohr HaTorah. In two years the school will be eligible for government grants. New private schools have to be in operation for three years before the provincial government will provide funding.

In north Winnipeg, which has a smaller Jewish population, some families bus or drive their children to the Gray Academy.

The other alternative is the north Winnipeg Hebrew Bilingual program at Margaret Park School which goes from kindergarten to Grade 6.

This year, enrolment in the program is down to 100 students as compared to 109 last year. The decline is mainly due to the fact that the incoming kindergarten class is smaller than the Grade 6 class that graduated in June. As well, at least two families have left the city. On the positive side, the children in the kindergarten are, for the most part, the oldest in their families.

The north end also has a Chabad School with 25 students, most of whom are children of Chabad Families in Winnipeg. Incidentally, for the first time ever, Rabbi Avraham Altein, Winnipeg's Lubavitch Rabbi, is teaching the yeshiva track at Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate, the Gray Academy's high school component.

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Saskatchewan cemetery commemorates history of Jewish settlement

By HELENE KESTEN
Special to The CJN

REGINA — Rural Saskatchewan is not known for its Jewish population, but during the last century there was a flurry of Jewish colonization in that area.

At one time, the largest Jewish community in Saskatchewan was in Hirsch, which was founded in 1892 with the arrival of 47 families. The first community in Canada established by the Jewish Colonization Agency, it took its name from its patron, Baron Maurice de Hirsch.

Close to 150 Jewish pioneers and their children were buried in the cemetery at Hirsch, which was consecrated as a historic site in 1980 through the efforts of a former Hirsch-area farmer, Alec Muscovitch.

Largest community was in Hirsch

The last person buried there was Michael Schopp in 1970. His grave faces east towards Jerusalem, along with those of others who lived in the community, such as Rebecca Dubinsky, Himie Barnblat, Israel Berner, Solomon and Ida Muscovitch, and Judah Blank.

As a result of the intervention of a Jewish family still living in the Hirsch area, the Kleimans of Bienfait, the Saskatchewan Jewish Council has provided yearly upkeep and maintenance for the cemetery, a landmark which is part of our Jewish history.

The memorials in the Hirsch cemetery not only commemorate the lives of individuals, but also the history of Hirsch and Jewish settlement in Saskatchewan.

Time and the elements have taken a toll on the markers that serve as a reminder of the lives of the Hirsch pioneers, and an attempt is being made to repair and restore the gravesites before that part of our history is gone forever.

For more information about restoring the cemetery, call or fax Kesten at Saskatchewan Jewish Council, 306-569-8166; or contact her by e-mail at Hkesten@hotmail. com.

Coast to Coast

Book a poignant look at mother-daughter relationship

By DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — While still grieving the loss of a beloved daughter, Sarah Swedler was determined to make sure that something good would come from the tragedy.

Together with Elaine Medline, she has written a book, *Ina's Way: A Story of Courage and Love*, which tells the story of her daughter Ina Swedler McCarthy's life and death. Swedler McCarthy, a diabetic, died three years ago at the age of 30 from complications following transplant surgery.

The net proceeds from the sale of the book will be donated to the Ina Swedler McCarthy Memorial Fund at the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (Canada.) Swedler McCarthy was diagnosed with diabetes when she was 10 years old.

Three years ago, she was the subject of the Yom Kippur sermon at Congregation Machzikei Hadas. Acknowledging to the congregation that he had the family's permission to talk about Swedler McCarthy in his sermon, Rabbi Reuven Bulka discussed organ donations.

He explained that Swedler McCarthy was, at the time the sermon was delivered, in Toronto, recuperating from transplant surgery. She had been the recipient of both a kidney and a pancreas. He urged the members of his congregation to consider the importance of donating an organ in order to save a life.

However, something went awry following the surgery. To this day, it is not known what went wrong with the transplant, but within days, Swedler McCarthy took a turn for the worse and died.

"Rosh Hashanah used to be the happiest time of year," says Swedler. "There was always laughter and the house was filled with people. Now this is the hardest time of the year for me."

Swedler McCarthy left a young son, Josh, and it is for her grandson, that Swedler wrote this book, she says. "I want her memory to remain alive and it is all for Josh, so he will know always how loved she was by so many people."

Swedler McCarthy was already very ill when she gave birth to Josh, but she never complained, says her mother. "Her love for Josh was beyond anything she could ever have imagined. Josh is the legacy she left us."

This book tells the story of a young girl, full of life, who did not allow the diagnosis of diabetes to stand in her way. She lived life to the fullest and knew no boundaries. She was determined to accomplish whatever she set her mind to. Swedler McCarthy was a gymnast; she went to summer camp; she travelled the world.

As a journalist, Swedler McCarthy made a name for herself in her brief career and is fondly remembered by many colleagues and readers of the various publications where she worked. Much has been written about her and a number of scholarships and awards have been established in her name.

For the past three years, a charity golf tournament has been held in Swedler McCarthy's memory and the proceeds have been used to furnish and equip the diabetes teaching room at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario which was, for many years, her second home. This is one of the ways which her mother hopes to bring some good to the world from Swedler McCarthy's death.

The book is a poignant look at the relationship of a mother and daughter with the added burden of a potentially life-threatening illness hanging over them. It is a book filled with love and hope and when, at the end, hope turns to despair, the reader feels the pain, and cries along with those who have lost a loved one.

Ina's Way: A Story of Courage and Love can be found at Chapters and other book stores and is also available from the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. "If two people read this book and get something out of it, I will feel very happy," says Swedler.

Birthright Israel offers trips to Israel

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only Israel experience. You're planting the seed," said Sokolsky.

Karen Morton, newly appointed chair of Birthright Israel Canada, believes the trips to Israel will positively affect students.

"Israel experiences have proven to be a very effective tool for strengthening Jewish identity, developing strong relationships with Israel, and providing an opportunity for Jewish youth to meet one another in a powerful non-formal Jewish educational setting," Morton said.

A 1995 American study finds that those people who travel to Israel during college are more involved in Jewish life than those who have never travelled to Israel and they are also more engaged than those who make a first trip at a younger age.

While the trips are meant as an introduction for those who have never been to Israel, young adults who have travelled there are still eligible for the program.

The only people excluded from applying are those who have already been on an organized educational tour of Israel with their peers.

The deadline for application is October 21, 1999. To apply or for information, call your local Jewish Campus Services or Hillel office or Israel Experience office in your city or dial 1-800-567-4772. Information is available at http://www.israelexperience.org.

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Coast to Coast

Bell's back in Israel as new ambassador

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It will be a case of déjà vu when Michael Bell, Canada's new ambassador to Israel, presents his credentials to President Ezer Weizman sometime in the next few weeks.

Bell, a 56-year-old diplomat whose specialty is the Middle East, returned to Tel Aviv this week, just after Yom Kippur, to take up his old post. His predecessor, David Berger, left Israel last month.

In 1992, when Bell was into his second year as Canada's envoy in Israel, he was suddenly recalled and replaced by a political appointee, Norman Spector, the first Jew to be appointed to that position.

"I was disappointed to leave, but we are in a rotational service," said Bell, a mild-mannered man who was subsequently given the title of senior advisor to the Middle East Refugee Working Group. "I accepted the decision, and what I prefer now is to look at the future."

He paused, gazing into the air. "If I hadn't been yanked out then, I might not be going back [to Israel] now," he said in an interview on the sixth anniversary of the Oslo accords, hours before he and his wife Linda were due to go to Israel by way of Switzerland. They planned to spend about a week in France on his cousin's farm before flying on to Israel.

"I'm awfully glad to be returning," said Bell, who was first secretary and consul at the Canadian embassy in Tel Aviv from 1975 to 1978. "I'm determined that it will be a rewarding three years. It's kind of nice to be going back to a country where you have lots of friends, know the society and feel comfortable. That doesn't happen often in this kind of a career."

As he talked, his wife packed the last of their bags. They were staying with their 30-year-old daughter, a lawyer, who lives in a modest apartment in Forest Hills. "We do not travel light," Linda Bell said jocularly.

Previously ambassador to Egypt (1994-1998) and Jordan (1987-1990), Bell described Canada's relations with Israel as "very, very good and increasingly based on substance," particularly in the economic sphere.

His focus, he explained, will be on expanding the parameters of Canada's free trade agreement with Israel.

Michael Bell

"I'm told that there is a lot of potential to increase bilateral trade. If the volume of trade reaches $1 billion (US) in three years, I might be happy." At present, the figure is $600 million (US).

Bell, fresh from recharging his intellectual batteries at Harvard University, where he studied international relations, said Canadian corporations are far more at ease doing business in Israel since the 1993 Oslo peace process.

"Now it's a pattern rather than an exception," he observed, citing Loblaws – the Ontario-based food retailer – as an example. "I'm going to try to work with large companies to appraise them of the opportunities and markets in Israel."

In his view, Canadian entrepreneurs are interested in a number of areas – high-tech, engineering services, media, telecommunications and real estate, among others.

It's time, he declared, to move past rhetoric and build a substantial bilateral commercial relationship based on mutual interests. When he arrived in Israel in 1990, on his first tour as ambassador, he discovered that the volume of trade had not increased significantly since 1975.

Bell, as well, hopes to expand cultural relations, though he acknowledged that "it's pretty good now." As he put it: "Israel is one of those countries where there is a vibrant interest in the arts. The payoff is big when you bring a Canadian artist to Israel. There is a responsive audience."

As for the peace process, Bell said that Canada's role is two-fold: confidence-building and institution-building.

Canadian diplomats, he said, are helping the Palestinian Authority build a civil society grounded in democratic values and responsive institutions.

"We want a Palestinian entity that is credible internationally and in the eyes of its own people. The success of these efforts will impact on Israel."

Bell, the former director of the Department of Foreign Affairs' Middle East Relations Division, said that he will strive to encourage Arab-Israeli dialogue through the medium of seminars.

During his posting in Cairo, he organized seminars on eco-tourism and solar energy. They were attended by Israeli and Egyptian academics.

"The subject of the seminars was less important than the dynamic of bringing people together," he said. "They break down myths people have about each other. They can change perceptions."

In Tel Aviv, he has every intention of organizing seminars along the same lines to which Israelis, Palestinians, Jordanians and Egyptians will be invited.

Referring to third party participation in the Mideast peace talks, Bell said that Canada cannot play a role like that of the United States. "There is no substitute for the United States. The Americans are the ones both Israel and the Palestinians have confidence in."

And, he added, Washington has the clout to bring Israel and Syria to the negotiating table.

Bell is optimistic that Israel and the Palestinians can resolve their differences, difficult and sensitive issues such as final borders and the status of Jerusalem notwithstanding.

"The fundamental trend on both sides is that the time is ripe to settle this according to the concept of land for peace."

Besides, he said, Israeli and Palestinian leaders have staked their reputations and places in history on the successful outcome of these talks.

Terrorism could derail negotiations, he warned, referring to Hamas. "Terrorism won't disappear. You don't need a lot of people to wreak havoc. Obviously, there are rejectionists who will do their best to see the [peace] process fail. That's a sad fact. As peace gets closer, the rejectionists will grow more desperate."

However, he suggested, there is a trend away "from these people and toward peace" in Palestinian society.

Asked if a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip is inevitable, Bell replied, "It seems likely that the results of the negotiations will be that."

Turning to a related subject in which he is superbly versed, Bell expressed optimism that the Palestinian refugee problem, one of the thorniest, can be resolved.

He said Israel and Syria are likely to reach an agreement. "Israel is very realistic about the elements that have to be involved. Syria is ready for some pretty significant adjustments."

The elements of a peace treaty, he pointed out, are already in place. "Now it depends on whether they can be put together."

To widen his horizons and, perhaps, to prepare himself for the ambassadorship, he spent a year at Harvard examining global and Middle Eastern issues. "It was a feast for the mind," said Bell, who concentrated on the 1991 Gulf War.

Of late, he has read *The Jerusalem Post* and the English edition of *Ha'aretz* on the Internet. Bell's grasp of Hebrew and Arabic is problematic. He cannot carry on a conversation in either language. "My ear for languages is not very good."

Prior to departing Canada, he met with journalists, academics and Jewish community officials in Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Winnipeg. He also had a meeting with the Canadian Council of Churches.

Bell, a stockbroker's son, joined the Department of Foreign Affairs in 1967, shortly after graduating from the University of Windsor, where he received a BA in economics and MA in political science.

His first posting abroad was in Jamaica, but after working on peacekeeping he was sent to Israel. Following his return to Ottawa, he helped Robert Stanfield, a former Conservative party leader, prepare a report on Canada-Mideast relations. Stanfield's assignment was triggered by Joe Clark's ill-fated promise to move Canada's embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Bell, who last visited Israel 18 months ago, seems to have a special affinity for Israel. He said, "I really like the dynamism, informality, complexity and intellectual depth of Israeli life."

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Scene in Ottawa

By G.K. SIMCOE

Preston Manning and Joe Clark spent some time together over the past weekend. United Alternative (UA) boosters spun the much hyped encounter as a prelude to a more significant joining in time for the next UA convention next February.

It is sort of an elaborate mating ritual common to some species wherein the two partners gingerly dance around until that fateful bonding moment.

Tories, who have never forgiven the upstart Reformers for destroying the party, dismiss that characterization as nothing more than the fanciful musings of an unrequited lover. Their take on the meetings (there have been a few other discreet contacts over the last few months) is quite different.

Basically, they claim, Clark simply wants to explore those areas where Reform and Tory interests merge. The goal is to present a strategic common front in opposition to the government.

The real subtext is something else entirely – and neither Clark nor Manning can, at this point, do anything about it.

Increasingly, thoughtful activists in both camps recognize that there must be a complete reconciliation between the two right-wing parties. Neither can muster sufficient support on their own and, in many ridings, they cancel each other out letting the Liberals come up the middle.

The revelation that has come to these thoughtful activists is that a merger is not possible with either Clark or Manning at the helm. In other words, in order to move forward, both of them have to be dumped from their respective parties.

At first, these treasonous thoughts were only contemplated in private. Increasingly, however, credible actors on the political right are expressing these heresies in the visible presence of party faithful.

Whether in sports or politics, the true leader knows when the time has come to pass the torch; when one's continued presence is more of a hindrance to the team's objectives than a help.

There are few things as pathetic as an aging athlete clinging to past glories long after the gloves or shoes should have been retired.

The only difference in the analogy is that the boxer only risks his own safety and dignity. In the case of politicians like Joe and Preston, it is the country that will be placed at risk on the alter of their egos.

Coast to Coast

KlezKanada Yiddish festival proves a success

By ERIC STEIN
Special to The CJN

The tremendous renaissance of Yiddish culture and klezmer music over the past two decades has produced, among other things, a number of festivals devoted to eastern European Jewish culture.

From Toronto to New York City, the Catskills to California, South America to Europe and the Middle East, the proliferation of klezmer and Yiddish festivals has revitalized Ashkenazi culture and brought it into the mainstream, subsequently reawakening the cultural consciousness of many Jews.

The third edition of the biennial Ashkenaz Festival of New Yiddish Culture recently wrapped up in Toronto. Ashkenaz has emerged as the largest festival of its kind in the world, elevating Canada to a high status in the international Yiddish culture scene. But the Yiddish revival in Canada does not begin or end with Ashkenaz. There is another Canadian Yiddish festival which, though more modest in scale and stature, offers as much and in many ways more than Ashkenaz.

KlezKanada is an annual five-day retreat held at Camp B'nai Brith, north of Montreal. The fourth edition of the festival recently took place. By all accounts, it was a smashing success.

KlezKanada is modelled loosely on KlezKamp, the now 15-year-old Yiddish Folk Arts program held each December in New York's Catskill Mountains.

In a camp environment, away from the hustle and bustle of the city, and in the idyllic surroundings of the Laurentian Mountains, more than 500 participants from around the world congregate to take part in five exciting days of music, song, dance, film, seminars, lectures, workshops, and an all-around feeling of warmth and kinship.

One of the most striking characteristics of KlezKanada is the diversity of those in attendance. The festival attracts musicians, artists, actors, film-makers, scholars, and those simply looking to nourish their Jewish souls.

Participants range in age from those born in the pre-war shtetls of Europe to those born on these shores not more than a decade ago. They come from great distances across North America, Europe, and even Australia to partake in the festivities. Many are fluent Yiddish speakers; others can barely speak English.

Despite the participants' diversity, their shared heritage and mutual affection for Jewish music and culture fosters a warm sense of community. Many new friendships are forged, many old ones rekindled.

What distinguishes KlezKanada from Ashkenaz is the former's emphasis on interactive participation and hands-on education in Yiddish arts. While Ashkenaz is primarily a festival of presentation and spectacle by professionals, KlezKanada is more about process than product.

Participants in the festival take part in workshops devoted to klezmer instrumental techniques, Yiddish vocal, songwriting and dancing techniques, and a number of symposiums and films on European Jewish history. Participants also take part in group music ensembles which perform for the entire camp on the final day.

An important component of this emphasis on hands-on instruction and the passing of Yiddish folk art techniques from professionals to amateurs is KlezKanada's scholarship program. This year, KlezKanada invited 48 young people ranging in age from 10 to 30 to attend the festival for free. No other Yiddish festival offers a similar program.

KlezKanada's scholarship program promotes continuity in the culture and the survival of Yiddish folk art forms through their dissemination from experts to young people. As KlezKanada director, Dr. Hy Goldman, constantly reiterates, the young generation represents the future of Yiddish culture. Without their interest and education in these forms, there can be no future for Yiddish culture.

Judging from the enthusiasm and skill demonstrated by the scholarship recipients and other youthful participants at KlezKanada, Dr. Goldman need not worry about the future of Yiddish culture.

The nightly KlezKabaret showcased many young talents to the entire camp. Performances ranged from surprisingly well-articulated versions of Yiddish folk-song standards, to youth-inflected interpretations of klezmer instrumental gems. The strength and quality of these performances verified the inspirational impact that the KlezKanada environment has on the younger participants, many of whom experienced this culture and music for the first time at the camp.

Of course, the young klezniks drew a great deal of inspiration from the wonderful concert performances each night by the faculty musicians and singers. Headliners at the festival included many of the most important figures in today's klezmer and Jewish music scene: Brave Old World (minus Alan Bern), the Epstein Brothers, Khevrisa, Adrienne Cooper, Zalmen Mloteck, German Goldenshteyn, Hankus Netsky, Jeff Warschauer and Debra Strauss, and many others.

Each of these performers put on captivating performances which collectively covered all the bases of Yiddish music, from archaic to progressive, European to American, vocal to instrumental.

The performance highlight of the festival was, as always, the final evening's *Groyser Concert*, for which an additional 300 guests from Montreal joined in the proceedings. The incredibly diverse concert stretched on for nearly four hours, concluding with another two hours of raucous, intergenerational group dancing, in lines, circles, couples, and various other formations, all under the inspired leadership of Brave Old World's Michael Alpert, an expert in Yiddish dance steps.

In all, KlezKanada is a rousing affirmation of the state of Yiddish culture. This is not a stagnant or nostalgic culture, but a dynamic, evolving tradition. Enlivening the Yiddish neshamah with echoes of the past, chorus of the present, and shades of the future, the KlezKanada organizers ought to be commended for their genuine commitment to community and their continuing nourishment of Yiddish cultural traditions.

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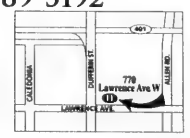

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Features

'With tears in my eyes, I helplessly watched'

By LEON KRYM
Special to The CJN

After the tragedy of summer 1942, I was in deep shock when I came to realize that my family had been transported to Treblinka.

Fortunately, my older brother Abraham wasn't home when the German SS soldiers deported all the tenants of Swento Jerska N.30 (several hundred) to the Treblinka death camp, including my parents, my younger brother and my sister.

A few days later, my brother Abraham came back to the apartment at night. It was safer to move around the streets of the ghetto in the dark. He already knew of our tragedy and stayed away from the building for several days.

He came with his girlfriend Hanka Shafran. I remember them sitting at the table holding hands and gazing into each other's eyes. On the table was a dimly lit candle illuminating their loving, young and beautiful faces.

I was resting on the bed, with my face buried in the pillow, in tears and grief over the loss of my family. I guess it was easier for my brother to cope with the tragedy that befell us. He had a girlfriend – and being five years older helped too.

When I woke up in the early morning, they were gone. They slipped out of the apartment in the middle of the night, so as not to be seen or detected by German soldiers patrolling the ghetto. The next morning as usual, I left for work in the toothbrush shop. After work, the shop closed and all the Jewish workers were moved out to a transit camp.

In 1942-43, the remaining Jews still living in the Warsaw Ghetto were preparing themselves for an armed fight against the German Nazis.

One day out of nowhere, my brother showed up at the barbed wire fence. We looked at each other from a distance. He waved his hand as if to say his last goodbye. With tears in my eyes, I helplessly watched as he walked away and disappeared into the buildings of the ghetto.

The author in 1945

The author's brother in 1938

Day after day I looked out towards the fence hoping to see him once more. He never came back. I never saw him again.

One day, as expected, we were surrounded by a group of soldiers and taken to the crowded Umschlagplatz. There we could see SS soldiers screaming and with their rifles forcing everybody into the freight trains.

Towards the evening the Umschlagplatz was almost empty. By now most of the people – men, women and children – were shipped out to the Treblinka death camp, making room for the next trainload.

We were still standing in the same place, watching in horror the cruelty, humiliation and suffering being inflicted on innocent people. Finally, a German SS officer approached our group and selected about 20 men to work in a mechanical shop called Ostbahn Ausbesserungswerke. We were housed in barracks and worked maintenance jobs.

This was 1943. The Warsaw Ghetto uprising was in full force. Jewish men and women were fighting fiercely against the German Nazis. At night we climbed the stairs of a higher structure connected to the barracks. From there we could see the flames and heavy smoke rising from the burning ghetto.

After a couple of weeks, the fires died out, and with them went the brave fighters of the Warsaw Ghetto.

One day, our group was transferred to the infamous prison, the Warsaw Pawiak. Every day, we were driven to work at auto garages called Nachschubskommando, and after work we were brought back to the prison.

As the Soviet army advanced towards Warsaw, the garages were liquidated and our entire working group was escorted by German gendarmes – a walking distance – to the Gesia concentration camp.

There, huge trailer trucks loaded with coal arrived at the gates and we unloaded of the black, dusty stuff all day long.

In 1944, the Polish uprising fighters succeeded in taking over the Gesia camp and all the prisoners including myself were freed.

However, the short-lived uprising soon began to fail. As the Germans regained the territory, they ordered all the people hiding out in the camp and vicinity to surrender. I, as a Jew, under no circumstances considered surrendering to the German Nazis. I decided to go underground and stay there until liberated or discovered.

There I got my first rude awakening. While searching for food and a place to relax, I bumped into a dead body hanging by the feet in the ruins of an upper floor apartment. Shocked by the gruesome sight, I left to look elsewhere.

When I heard footsteps coming from a little distance, I thought my prayers were answered. I could tell that they were not steps of soldiers. I called out the secret ghetto code, "tse tse," and the same answer came back. Then I called out the second code "amchoo," which means countryman, and when the same was answered, we knew it was safe to make contact.

After a short conversation with a group of three Jewish men, I was taken into their bunker under the ruins of a destroyed building. There were about seven people in the bunker, including two elderly men, Bernard Goldstein and Mr. Guzik, both high officials in pre-war Jewish society.

After several days, I recovered and became acquainted with the others. Bernard and I were assigned to go out at night into the demolished buildings to search for food. Bernard was carrying a carbide lamp in his hand and I led the way in front of him. As we turned a corner in the basement, we noticed two German soldiers approaching. We froze momentarily. Bernard, in shock dropped to the ground and the carbide lamp went out. I turned around, left the basement and ran away into the darkened and lifeless streets of the Warsaw Ghetto.

Shortly afterwards I got back to my group. We started to look for Bernard, but we never found him nor the carbide lamp.

The year was 1945. Food and water were very scarce. When we spotted pipes on a basement ceiling, we managed to drain every drop of the precious water into a bottle, using it only to stay alive. Under the existing conditions, life as such was hardly bearable.

We decided to walk through a

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Features

100-year-old murder full of political intrigue

This year marks the 100th anniversary of an unsolved murder that triggered a landmark blood-libel case and polarized Czech society.

By CHARLES HELLER

Polna is a small market town in the rural Bohemia-Moravia border country. This whole region is known for its beer, wine and pickles. Also renowned for its strong musical tradition, the town was home to Gustav Mahler and many other composers.

On April 1, 1899, the body of 19-year-old Anezka Hruzova was found in a wood nearby Polna.

There was pandemonium when rumors spread that her wounds allegedly bore the marks of kosher slaughter, her blood had been drained, and that the murder was timed to coincide with Passover.

In short, the infamous blood libel, the bizarre belief that Jews used Christian blood to make matzot, had manifested itself in Polna.

If these rumors were to be true, then obviously a Jewish suspect was needed. It was not long before just the right candidate was found – Leopold Hilsner, a native of Polna who was feeble-minded enough to allow himself to be arrested and tried on the flimsiest evidence.

What followed was a classic case of political intrigue and anti-Semitic disturbances, fuelled by inadequate police work, poor cross-examination and biased judgment.

During Hilsner's trial there were anti-Jewish riots in many places. Most of the town's Jews – the community had existed for centuries – moved away. My grandfather Siegfried Heller, however, stayed put, because of his obligations to Hilsner (his legal ward) and to the Jewish community. He was responsible for the Israelite Fraternity (benevolent society).

For many generations, the Heller family had served in Polna as the *rychtar zidovsky* (Jewish magistrate), a position giving judicial powers over the Jewish community, which at its peak comprised over 10 percent of the entire population of the town.

This position had been specially created by the Austrian Hapsburg princes who ruled over the Czech lands until the creation of the former state of Czechoslovakia in 1918. The Jewish magistrate was the prince's agent for the Jewish community, which fell under his jurisdiction. The Jews were not subject to the city's laws within the ghetto.

Because of the threat of riots, my grandfather moved the Torah scrolls out of the synagogue to his house for safekeeping.

He was in a difficult position. He was defending the Jews against the local Czechs and defending the Czechs against the Austrian authorities. As a supporter of Czech culture he was a pioneer in the local Jewish community by his use of the Czech language. He even invented a Czech form for his own name, Vitezmir.

But the stress proved too much. He died of a heart attack in 1903. His tombstone is inscribed in Czech, standing out from all the ones that surrounds it, which are inscribed in German.

Hilsner was found guilty – the only guilty verdict ever recorded in all the various Austrian blood-libel cases. The death sentence was changed to life imprisonment. However, Hilsner was granted amnesty in 1916 and upon his release from prison he changed his name to Heller.

Hilsner was defended by T.G. Masaryk, an up-and-coming law professor from Charles University in Prague. For his efforts, Masaryk was hounded out of his job.

He then travelled widely on a one-man mission to defend the reputation of the Czechs against the image of backwardness and superstition which the Austrian government, no doubt, promulgated. This heroic stance helped Masaryk win foreign support years later when he helped establish the new Czechoslovak. He became its first president.

The Hilsner case lingered on in the popular imagination. Well into the 1930s people were still suspicious of Hilsner and the Jews. Whenever my father Otto travelled he would never say he came from Polna, because he didn't want to hear people say, "That's where the Jews killed Anezka Hruzova."

Just as with Dreyfus, society was polarized between those who were convinced the case was an anti-Semitic frame-up, and those who genuinely thought the Jews were behind it. The Hilsner Affair came to be called the Czech Dreyfus case.

By the 1930s the Polna Jewish community had dwindled to a few families, not enough to support a rabbi, although the beautiful 17th-century synagogue was still in use. My father fled to England just ahead of the Nazi occupation in 1939. My grandmother died in 1940.

The final blow came in 1942 when the last handful of Jews were transported to the gas chambers. The synagogue became derelict, but some of its contents were preserved, thanks to a perverse Nazi scheme to create a Museum of a Defunct Race.

The scrolls which my grandfather had so carefully protected were shipped to Prague, where together with thousands of others from all over the country they were meticulously catalogued by experts, themselves doomed to perish.

After the war the scrolls were rescued by the Memorial Scrolls Trust of Westminster Synagogue, London. They now have a place of honor in Jewish communities throughout the world.

The collapse of the Communist regime in 1989 has enabled Jewish communities in the west to assist in reconstruction work. Recently an exhibition of Jewish life was mounted in the local regional centre of Jihlava.

The Polna synagogue is now being restored as a cultural centre,which will officially open this November with an exhibition devoted to the Hilsner case. This exhibition is currently running in Prague, and will be followed up with a conference next year.

Anezka Hruzova's grave remains well-tended to this day. In the mid-'60s there was a rumor of a death-bed confession of her murder by an old boy-friend, but this was not taken seriously – her murder is suspected of being one of a series of murders that remain unsolved.

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Charles Heller at the entrance to the Jewish ghetto in Polna

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Hot soup always tastes great in the sukkah

By EILEEN GOLTZ
Special to The CJN

For a change from chicken soup, you can make soups that use some of the seasonal vegetables like carrots and pumpkin and then thicken them with wild rice and barley.

The trick of keeping hot soup hot in the sukkah is to bring it to the table in a tureen, with a lid of course.

Soup often tastes better after it's had a chance to sit for awhile; so you can make it up a few days ahead of time and freeze it or keep it in the fridge and then warm it.

BARLEY AND WILD RICE SOUP

½ cup pearl barley
½ cup wild rice
1 onion, chopped
½ lb. mushrooms, halved or quarter
2 medium potatoes, cubed
4-5 cups vegetable or chicken broth
fried onions (garnish)

Combine all the ingredients in a stockpot and bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer, cover and cook for about 45 minutes to one hour. Serve and garnish with fried onions. This is a fast and easy soup that serves 4.

EZ CARROT SOUP

2 lbs. baby carrots
3 stalks celery
2 small red potatoes
1 small onion
2 tbsp. oil
6 cups chicken broth
dash of cumin (to taste)
1 tsp. onion powder
1 tsp. garlic powder
salt and pepper to taste
dill optional

In a stockpot saute the onion, celery and potato in the oil for about 15 minutes. Add the carrots for another 5 minutes, stirring occasionally and then cover with the broth and boil for about 1 hour. Put the whole concoction in a food processor and then back into the pot (you may have to process it in batches). Add garlic powder and onion powder as well as a dash of cumin. Season with salt and pepper. Serve with a dash of dill for garnish on top. Serves 6 to 8.

BURNT ONION AND POTATO SOUP

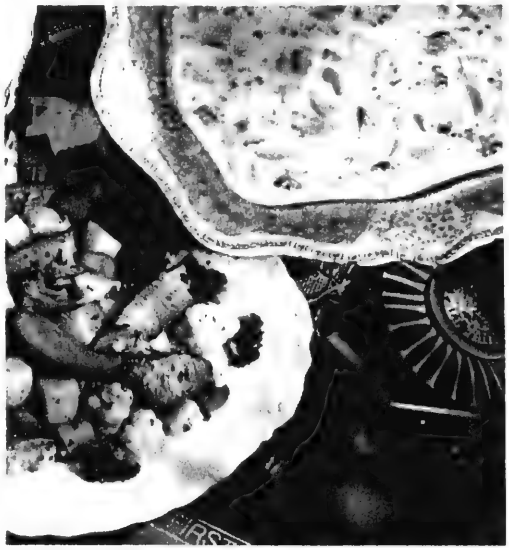
4 cups cubed potatoes
3-4 onions, diced
1-1 ½ cups farfel
1 cup pasta squares (egg noodle squares)
¼ stick of butter or margarine
¼ cup flour mixed with ½ cup water
salt and pepper to taste

In a stockpot fry the onions in butter until very brown but not burned. Add 8 to 9 cups of water. You can add more later if needed.

(The water should be very brown.) Add potatoes and cook for 10 minutes. Add farfel and pasta. Thicken soup with flour/water mixture. Season and simmer for 1 hour. Serves 6.

MUSHROOM BARLEY WILD RICE AND SPINACH SOUP

2 onions, chopped
6 stalks celery, sliced diagonally
4 stalks Chinese cabbage, sliced diagonally (optional)



6 cloves garlic, minced or finely chopped
1 ½ lbs. fresh mushrooms, sliced (any kind you like)
1 can straw or sliced button mushrooms, drained
1 tbsp. soy sauce
1 tbsp. vegetable broth or water
½ cup soy sauce (or tamari)
1 tbsp. balsamic vinegar (or rice wine)
1½ cup barley
¼ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. freshly ground black pepper
½ lb. fresh spinach, broken into small pieces
2 cups vegetable broth
8 cups water
2 cups cooked wild rice

Spray large pot with vegetable spray. Combine chopped onion, celery, Chinese cabbage, garlic and mushrooms in pot. Sprinkle with the soy sauce and veggie broth and saute for 5 minutes, stirring. Add rest of the ingredients, except wild rice. Bring to a boil, then simmer 2-3 hours. Add the wild rice the last 30 minutes. This is a very thick soup; if it gets too thick after refrigerating, add additional broth or water. This makes a large recipe, so it can be easily halved. Serves 8 to 10 easily.

(The mushroom mixtures are great in this soup. When fresh mushrooms are out of season, I use all canned. This could also be made with chicken broth.)

PUMPKIN, SWEET POTATO, PEANUT BUTTER SOUP

4 tbsp. (½ stick) margarine or butter
4 cups canned pumpkin
2 cup cooked pureed sweet potatoes
1 cup smooth peanut butter
6 cups chicken stock or pareve chicken stock
1 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
1 tsp. salt
snipped fresh chives, for garnish

Note: Sour cream can be used as a garnish if you use a vegetable stock for a dairy or pareve meal.

Melt the margarine in a soup pot over medium heat. Stir in the pumpkin, sweet potatoes, and peanut butter. Add the stock, pepper, and salt, and stir well until smooth. Reduce the heat to a simmer and cook for 20 minutes.

ROASTED RED PEPPER SOUP WITH ELEPHANT GARLIC AND SWEET BASIL

4-5 red bell peppers
3 cloves elephant garlic
1 cup tomato sauce
2 cups chicken stock or vegetable stock
1 tbsp. honey
lemon pepper
5-6 fresh basil leaves

Barbecue red peppers until skins are charred and shrivelled. Barbecue elephant garlic leaving skins on until soft and quite dark but not burned.

Remove peppers and garlic from barbecue and place in plastic bag. Tie the top and leave in bag about 15 minutes until skins peel off easily from peppers and garlic. Puree peppers and garlic in food processor until thick but not chunky. Toss in basil leaves and puree.

Transfer the puree to a stockpot and add the honey, tomato sauce, chicken stock or vegetable stock. Simmer till heated through, add lemon pepper to season, and adjust chicken stock (or vegetable) to taste. Adjust honey, tomato sauce, and basil to taste.

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Vatican denounces book on Pope Pius XII

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trivialized the Holocaust, despite having reliable knowledge of its true extent.

"And, worse, he was a hypocrite, because after the war he had taken undue credit for speaking out boldly against the Nazis' persecution of the Jews."

Rev. Pierre Blet, a Jesuit scholar who co-edited an 11-volume edition of Vatican wartime papers, dismissed Cornwell's book as "very confusing" and lacking documentation.

The New York-based Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights also attacked it for bad scholarship, describing the *Vanity Fair* article as "laced with conjecture and innuendo of the most scurrilous kind."

But Richard Heideman, president of B'nai Brith International, called Cornwell's work deeply disturbing.

"It reinforces our position that the Vatican needs to open its Holocaust-era archives to independent historians and journalists so the controversy over Pius XII's wartime actions can be dealt with fully," Heideman said.

For several years Jewish organizations have been calling for Vatican archives to be made public.

Jews have long accused Pius XII of remaining silent in the face of the Holocaust, and some of the ideas in the *Vanity Fair* excerpts have been presented in the past.

The 1963 play *The Deputy* by Rolf Hochhuth touched off the debate by painting a bitter portrait of the pope as a cynic who held scant regard for Jewish suffering.

A best-selling book published two years ago in Italy, *La Parola Ebrea* (The Word Jew) by Rosetta Loy, gave a detailed depiction of Pius XII as extravagantly pro-German, dating back to when he served as papal nuncio in Munich and Berlin long before he became pope.

And Pius XII is known to have been a staunch anti-Communist.

What is different with this most recent book is that Cornwell, a practising Catholic, first set out to write a defence of Pius XII and, as such, gained access to what he described as secret material from Vatican archives, including letters.

These, he wrote, were "explosive" evidence that proved Pius XII to have been blatantly anti-Semitic. He believed the Jews were responsible for their tragedy by rejecting Christ, and he also equated Jews with communists.

"He was the ideal pope for Hitler's unspeakable plan. His denial and minimization of the Holocaust were all the more scandalous in that they were uttered from a seemingly impartial moral high ground," Cornwell wrote.

The battle lines over Pius XII's wartime role have become sharper in recent years with the approach of the year 2000. The millennium year is celebrated as a Holy Year by the Roman Catholic Church, and Pope John Paul II, 79 and ailing, has indicated it as a landmark for reflection, repentance and self-examination.

Pope John Paul II has made improving Catholic-Jewish relations a priority of his papacy. He is the first pope to have visited a synagogue; he has visited Holocaust sites; and he has spoken out eloquently and frequently against anti-Semitism. He also oversaw the establishment of diplomatic relations between Israel and the Holy See.

But several recent events have raised concern among Jews.

A major Vatican document released last year repented for individual Catholic failings during the Holocaust, but absolved the Catholic Church itself from any responsibility and, in particular, staunchly defended Pius XII.

Catholic critics of Cornwell's book, such as Rev. Blet, have reiterated the Vatican's defence that Pius worked behind the scenes to help Jews.

"As far as the silence is concerned, we know clearly that a public protest against Nazism would have been a disaster not only for Catholics but above all for the Jews," Rev. Blet wrote in the Catholic newspaper *Avvenire*.

Last year, too, many Jews were deeply offended by the pope's canonization of Edith Stein, a Jewish convert to Catholicism who became a nun and was killed at Auschwitz. Some Jews also questioned the pope's beatification of a Croatian cardinal, Alojzije Stepinac, accused by many of having been a wartime fascist collaborator.

As the year 2000 approaches, media reports have increasingly stressed John Paul II's desire to beatify Pius XII along with two other post-war popes, John XXIII and Paul VI, as part of millennium year celebrations.

Some observers warn that the beatification issue, and competing visions of history, could become a flashpoint that might undo years of progress in Catholic-Jewish relations.

"The danger is in the buildup to beatification," said Shimon Samuels, director for international liaison at the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

Some members of the church hierarchy, he said, including nationalist bishops from Eastern Europe and patriarchs in the Middle East, already view John Paul II as being too soft on Jews and Israel.

"Some feel they can use the Pius XII issue against what they see as 'Jewish power,'" Samuels said.

Cardinal Edward Cassidy, the Vatican's key liaison in Catholic-Jewish dialogue, let it be known in speeches earlier this year that the Vatican was becoming frustrated with sometimes bitter Jewish criticism of its policies – including its defence of Pius XII.

Cardinal Cassidy, who maintains excellent relations with the Jewish world, complained that "recent Jewish attempts to influence decisions concerning the internal life of the Catholic Church are strongly resented. People very dear to the Catholic faithful are condemned without proof but simply because they are not personae gratae with the Jewish community."

Already, the New York-based Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights said Cornwell's book was "an attempt to derail the beatification of this saintly man."

The furor over Cornwell's new book comes, too, at a time when Jewish – and non-Jewish – organizations, including the U.S. State Department have voiced protest over a possible papal trip to Iraq as part of a pilgrimage to biblical sites.

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A new envoy, but what's in store for Israel at UN?

By JULIA GOLDMAN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — Israel plans to accentuate the positive this year at the United Nations when the General Assembly's 54th session begins this week.

Commentary

The Sept. 20 opening came two weeks after Israel and the Palestinians signed the latest peace accord, following nearly a year of stalled negotiations.

Israel's incoming UN ambassador, Yehuda Lankri, who replaces Dore Gold in November, has already called for Israel to take a more open, less defensive approach to diplomacy at the world body, to reflect the progress on the peace front.

The Palestinians, too, recognize the "positive atmosphere" created by recent developments as a reason to abate hostility toward Israel at the international forum, according to their UN representative.

Moreover, the United States, under newly appointed Ambassador Richard Holbrooke, has renewed its commitment to strengthen Israel's beleaguered position at the world body.

Still, coming on the heels of what was seen as a brutally anti-Israel year in the General Assembly, there is no guarantee the UN will eliminate the negativity directed at Israel.

Tension mounted at last year's opening when Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat addressed the General Assembly for the first time since 1974.

He was expected to announce plans to declare a Palestinian state on May 4, 1999 – when the five-year interim period of the Oslo peace accords ended – but he stopped short as a result of international pressure.

The lowest point of last year's proceedings came in July, when – at the request of the majority of the General Assembly's 185 member states – a historic international conference convened in Geneva to discuss Israel's management of the "occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem."

This year, Israel is anticipating being confronted with what has become an annual list of "anti-Israel" resolutions, which will include calls for: an end to the annexation of eastern Jerusalem; Israel to withdraw to 1967 borders on the Golan Heights; granting Palestinian refugees the rights to their property in Israel; Israel's denuclearization; renewing the mandate of the committees and initiatives designed to keep the "Question of Palestine" in the forefront of UN concerns.

Israel is also preparing to defend itself against a challenge to its credentials by a bloc of more than 100 UN member states. In the past, the effort, spearheaded by Arab countries, challenged Israel itself, but last year the strategy shifted – Israel's right to represent Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza Strip was questioned.

Although the developments on the peace front have not cleared this year's UN agenda of the resolutions targeting Israel, the Palestinian observer to the UN said the current "positive atmosphere" in the peace process may lead to less confrontational language.

Dore Gold

Dr. Nasser al-Kidwa also said in an interview that a resolution voicing support for the Middle East peace process might return to its original language.

Such a resolution passed each year from 1993 until 1996. In 1997 and 1998, a similar resolution failed because Israel and the United States objected to the insertion of what they saw as inflammatory language about Israel.

Despite more positive wording, however, the essence of the annual resolutions will not change, Kidwa said, until the peace process is put into effect on the ground.

"I don't think, where we stand now would cause miracles at the UN at this stage," he said.

Statehood and full UN membership remain the Palestinians' "central goals," he said, but the Palestinians would not "take further steps in this regard" until September 2000, when a final agreement is expected to be signed.

Israel and the Palestinians launched talks regarding a final settlement last week.

Now the Israelis are calling for both parties to the peace negotiations to adhere to "a code of conduct" at the UN that would ensure the resolution of outstanding issues through bilateral negotiations, as prescribed by the peace agreements.

Last year's conference of parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention was unquestionably a triumph for the Palestinians on the question of Israeli settlements.

The Israelis, however, saw it as an example of the Palestinians' working outside the peace talks to sway international opinion.

The meeting request came out of an emergency special session of the General Assembly – the first such session to be held in 15 years – convened to discuss Israeli settlement activity since 1997, when Israel decided to start construction in the Har Choma neighborhood in eastern Jerusalem.

The conference, held on July 15 in Geneva and lasting less than an hour, was the first meeting since the inception of the Fourth Geneva Convention in 1949. The treaty covers the treatment of civilians during wartime. Israel, the United States, Canada and Australia did not attend.

A statement – it was unanimously approved – issued from the meeting, said the Fourth Geneva Convention is applicable to settlements in the West Bank.

The signatories in attendance also agreed to reconvene within six months.

Despite these shadows, Israel is planning to take a new, less defensive approach to UN business from now on.

Israel's incoming ambassador told Israel Radio in August that to build upon Israel's improved standing in the region, it should "move from a defensive approach to one of more openness towards the family of nations."

Lankri, a former Knesset member and ambassador to France, said Israel should focus on "advancing central issues and not get down in marginal ones."

Still, many Jews have taken offence at the General Assembly's decision to open its formal debate this year on Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish calendar.

Ambassador Gold, as well as leaders of some Jewish organizations, protested the UN's scheduling decision. The UN is closed on major Christian and Muslim holidays.

In a letter to the president of the American Jewish Congress, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan expressed "sincere regret for the discomfort that the decision of the General Assembly may have caused you and members of the Jewish faith around the world." He said the calendar was the assembly's responsibility.

Replying to Gold, the General Assembly's current president, Didier Opertti of Uruguay, said the date would not be changed.

Because of the conflict with Yom Kippur, U.S. President Bill Clinton has refused to deliver the opening address for the assembly's two-week general debate, as the leader of the host country would normally do. He was scheduled to speak instead on Sept. 21

Israel is counting on America's friendship during the session through the person of Holbrooke, a former assistant secretary of state, who is known for his role in negotiating the Bosnian peace accords in Dayton.

"Holbrooke represents a new U.S. commitment to ratchet up American activism on Israel's behalf in the UN, especially with respect to the anomaly that Israel is not a member of a regional group," Gold said in an interview.

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The Week in Israel

Sept 13

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Sept. 14

• Prime Minister Ehud Barak visited Ma'aleh Adumim, the largest Jewish community in the West Bank and vowed that it would remain part of the Jewish state. "Every house that you have built is part of the State of Israel forever. Period," he said. Barak's comments came came one day after the launch of final-status talks with the Palestinians.

Sept. 15

• During a visit to Haifa, the Vatican representative to Israel announced that Pope John Paul II will visit Israel and the Palestinian self-rule areas in March.

• Officials from the Foreign Ministry discussed the possibility of purchasing water from Turkey during meetings with their Turkish counterparts. Turkish President Suleyman Demirel raised the possibility of a water deal during a visit to Israel in the summer.

Sept. 16

• Shas spiritual leader Rabbi Ovadia Yosef lashed out at supporters of Aryeh Deri, the former party chair, for recent criticisms voiced against Deri's successor, Eli Yishai. (*Earlier in the week, Deri returned to Israel after a two month stint raising funds in the United States.)*

Sept. 17

• In an exclusive interview with *Ha'aretz*, former M15 agent David Shayler said that Britain had expelled Mossad agents as recently as 1995 for operating on its territory without permission. The Israeli Foreign Ministry said Shayler's report was "completely baseless."

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A departure: Syria lashes out at Barak

By DOUGLAS DAVIS
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LONDON — In a sharp retreat from earlier expressions of optimism, Damascus has lashed out at Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak.

Warning that Barak would bear the blame if current peace efforts founder, Damascus suggested that Israel's military superiority might not last forever.

Meanwhile, Barak was speaking more enthusiastically than ever about his hopes for peace and his admiration for Syrian President Hafez al-Assad.

Barak told the *London Jewish Chronicle*, in a recent interview, that he believes peace with Syria would strengthen Israel.

He went on to describe Assad as "a man of his word, a man of honor, of dignity. He is a very strong leader."

However, in the wake of the Israeli-Palestinian agreement signed earlier this month in Egypt, Damascus was in no mood to return the compliments.

Instead, Syria unleashed a barrage of criticism directed at Israel via Turki Sakr, the editor of *al-Ba'ath*, the government-controlled daily. Sakr is widely regarded as closely reflecting the positions of the regime.

While questioning Barak's integrity in a Sept. 9 article, Sakr made veiled threats about the fallibility of Israel's military superiority.

As a precondition to negotiations over issues of peace and security, Syria is demanding, as it has since the 1991 Madrid Peace Conference, that Israel agree to withdraw from the Golan Heights to the lines the two sides occupied at the start of the 1967 Six Day War.

Sakr challenged Barak to admit that Israel had deposited a document with the U.S. State Department in which, he said, former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had undertaken to withdraw to the pre-Six Day War borders in the Golan Heights.

Syria wants Barak "to have the courage to recognize – not in secret, but publicly – that the document exists and that it was deposited with the State Department, thereby opening the way for a resumption of peace negotiations on the Syrian track."

Damascus, he continued, would not permit any ambiguity on this point: "For Syria, the question of land is not negotiable, and there can be no retraction of the agreement expressed in the deposited document."

According to Itamar Rabinovich, the former head of Israel's negotiating team with Syria and now the president of Tel Aviv University, Israel had asked the Syrians hypothetically about the nature of peace and security arrangements it envisaged if Israel were to agree to withdraw to the 1967 lines.

But this, said Rabinovich, did not constitute an offer or a negotiating position.

Sakr, however, insisted: "Withdrawal to the June 4, 1967, line has become a universally accepted principle and can in no way be renegotiated. Syrian land is not a matter of real estate that can be bought or sold under any circumstances."

Sakr added that if Barak "is betting on arrogance, expansionism and aggression, he should know that such gambles never paid off in the past.

"He should also know that time is not standing still for Israel's military supremacy. Or does he have an insurance policy for that supremacy?"

Analysts believe that the hostility and veiled threats reflect Damascus' frustration, now that the peace process with the Palestinians is back on track and its concern that a permanent settlement with the Palestinians will erode Syria's negotiating position, leaving it isolated, vulnerable and exposed.

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Israel's Prime Minister Ehud Barak lays a wreath at a remembrance ceremony last week for fallen paratroopers. [Israel Sun photo]

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'Age of impunity has ended' for war criminals

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Former chief prosecutor of the United Nations (UN) war crimes tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, Arbour believes that the International Criminal Tribunals have established a model for resolving ethnic differences by "the force of law rather than the law of force."

The International Criminal Tribunals were established by the UN Security Council in 1993 for the former Yugoslavia, and in 1994 for Rwanda.

The existence of the tribunals has signaled to those who commit war crimes that "the age of impunity has ended," because international criminal law will be applied with appropriate sanctions.

The tribunals are the first time, since the Nuremburg trials after World War II, that efforts are being made through international co-operation, to bring to justice those responsible for heinous crimes during armed conflict.

Arbour fervently hopes these ad hoc tribunals will soon lead to the establishment of a permanent, independent international criminal court, with the power to charge and convict those committing genocide or crimes against humanity and other grave breaches of the 1949 Geneva Convention – even if they are heads of state.

Governments, she believes, cannot be relied upon solely to protect vulnerable civilians in wartime, either because they cannot or will not do so.

Such a world court was approved in principle by 120 countries under the Rome Treaty in 1998, but has yet to be ratified and will be difficult to realize until the United States comes on board.

Arbour said that after three years of uncovering the gruesome evidence of mass murders and other acts of unspeakable violence, she has not become cynical about human nature.

"On the contrary, the experience has made me more optimistic that we can apply international legal methods to expand our arsenal of peace interventions. This is the most encouraging sign we have had since World War II. We've made more progress in five years than in the previous 50," she said.

What does disturb her is "the manipulation of history" to fan ethnic hatred by those who have something to gain. "Sheer personal interest is at the root of many of the worst crimes, not uncontrollable excesses of human nature."

Of her new job with the Supreme Court, she said what she looks forward to is having the time for "the luxury of reflection."

"I've been on the go a lot the last few years," she said.

Arbour was in her native Montreal to give the keynote address at a dinner benefiting the Fondation de la Tolérance, a project initiated by the Jewish community to help Quebec high school students understand the consequences of prejudice.

Now a non-profit organization independent of FEDERATION CJA, the foundation is co-chaired by Jewish community volunteer Monette Malewski and Raymond Bachand, head of the Quebec Federation of Labor's Solidarity Fund.

The foundation sponsors the Caravane de la Tolérance, a multimedia exhibit that has travelled to more than 50 schools around the province. It relies on government and private financing.

The dinner, attended by 800 persons, was the program's first major fundraising event since its founding in 1995. It was co-chaired by former Quebec premier Pierre Marc Johnson, and Victor Goldman who in July stepped down as federal Commissioner of Official Languages.

Arbour accepted the engagement even though it was being held at a pivotal point in her career. The next day she was to go to New York to give her final report to the UN and the following day take her place on the Supreme Court of Canada.

She praised the foundation for its "extraordinary work" in making young people aware of the dangers of prejudice, which she believes is at the root of many bloody conflicts.

"Whether in Rwanda, the former Yugoslavia or elsewhere, underlying the horrifying genocidal activities one nearly always finds a dehumanized and mechanical perception of others fed by the most primal stereotypes."

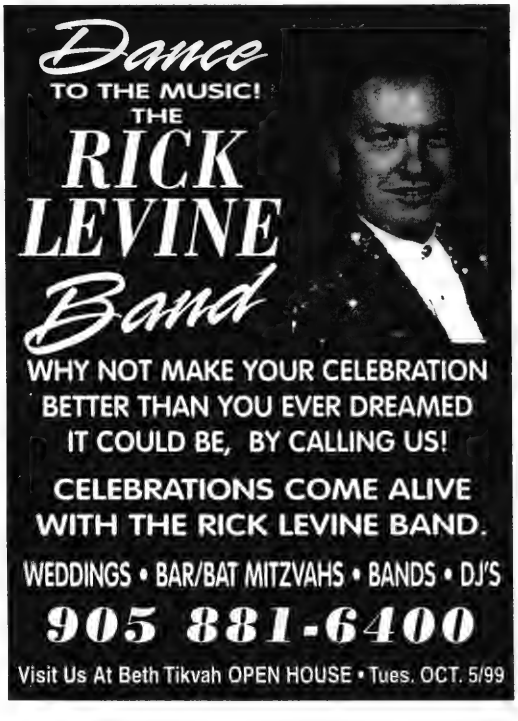
Although Arbour has lived in Ontario for many years and was a judge of that province's Court of Appeal before her appointment by the UN, she is a Quebecer (a fact underlined by Quebec Education Minister François Legault at the dinner), born in Montreal in 1947 and a graduate of the University of Montreal.

Also speaking at the dinner were Quebec Justice Minister Linda Goupil and federal Treasury Board president Lucienne Robillard.

FEDERATION CJA president, Stanley Plotnick, remarked that it was gratifying to see so many people, "regardless of our origin, religion or political beliefs, gathered here because we share the same moral vision of our society, based on justice, freedom and tolerance."

CHESS FOR CHABAD CHERNOBYL KIDS

World chess champion Gary Kasparov last week faced off against aspiring chess whizzes at Chabad's Children of Chernobyl program in Kfar Chabad, Israel. It was Kasparov's first-ever visit to the program, designed for children airlifted to Israel from Ukraine, Belarus and western Russia, regions contaminated by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster of 1986. To date, the program has evacuated 1,814 children aged six to 12, on 45 flights. Kasparov also promoted the integration of chess into Israel's school curriculum, and discussed a chess program for the Chabad school network, including 30 elementary schools and more than 180 kindergartens. [Israel Sun photo]



Survivor's liberation was bitter-sweet

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sewer canal to the Vistula River and from there to make a desperate crossing to the Soviet-occupied territory.

As we reached the shore, the first two men to enter the water pulled one end of a rope to secure it across the river so that we could follow.

Within seconds, machine gun fire opened up from the bridge nearby. Flares burst overhead illuminating the night sky. By the splashing waters around us, we could see that we were the target of German machine-gun fire. When the rope stopped pulling, we knew that our friends hadn't made it. They were shot or drowning in the river.

Realizing that our plan had failed miserably, we got back to the sewer canal and returned to our bunker, soaked and exhausted.

One day, we heard unusual noises in the distance – rumbling tanks, engines of heavy trucks and people's familiar voices. Quickly we crawled out of the bunker to have a peek at what was going on. As expected, there were Soviet tanks rolling in the streets. People, however few, came out from their hiding places, hugging each other and cheering our liberators.

For me, this was a bitter-sweet liberation. After five long, agonizing years, I miraculously survived. Orphaned and bereaved, I became a free man again and a Holocaust survivor.

Soon after the liberation, Polish Jewish survivors came to register their names in an office on Targowa Street in Warsaw-Praga.

One day as I was walking down the stairs, I noticed an elderly man slowly making his way upstairs to the office. As we got closer to each other, I called out: "Bernard!"

Yes, this was Bernard Goldstein, much older and much more frail. We fell into each other's arms, crying like children. As we calmed down, he told me how he played dead on the basement floor, and how after the two German soldiers had left, he got up and walked away with the carbide lamp in his hand.

Health

Montreal's Mount Sinai marks 90th anniversary

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — It began as a 12-bed cottage in the Laurentians for convalescing tuberculosis patients in 1909.

From those humble beginnings, Mount Sinai Hospital (MSH) can claim to be the oldest Jewish health-care institution in Canada.

MSH will celebrate its 90th anniversary Oct. 6 with a gala dinner-dance at the Ritz Carlton Hotel.

The hospital is in the midst of a $7.2 million capital campaign, which is largely being used to pay off the cost of expanding the old Extendicare building that MSH moved into in 1990. This event, however, is not a fund-raiser.

From 1909 to the 1950s, MSH developed into a large, modern TB sanatorium, expanding several times on its original Préfontaine site, near Ste. Agathe. It gained a reputation for its treatment of the disease, as well as research, in an era when often the most doctors could recommend was fresh air and rest.

The famous Dr. Norman Bethune, a leading thoracic surgeon, was once an attending physician at MSH.

With the advent of better detection methods and antibiotic therapy, the incidence of TB dramatically decreased. MSH became an intermediate-care facility specializing in the treatment and rehabilitation of patients with different types of respiratory diseases, such as emphysema, bronchitis, and asthma.

In its later years, some of its beds were devoted to long-term care of the chronically ill.

One of the reasons MSH moved to Côte St. Luc was to better provide such care within the Jewish community. It insisted, though, that it not lose its specialization in respiratory illness, and since that time has, in fact, expanded its services, especially at the out-patient level.

"We have a definite niche in the health-care system of Montreal," said MSH centre president, Elliot Bier, noting that respiratory illness continues to be the third leading cause of death in Canada.

MSH has 107 beds – 57 long-term and 50 short-term, divided between 35 for those with chest diseases needing intermediate care and 15 for palliative care. The average stay in a short-term bed is 21 days. A McGill University teaching hospital, MSH also conducts research into respiratory illness.

Funding comes from both government and private sources, and the population MSH serves come from many religious and cultural backgrounds.

"Our goal is to return the patient to a productive life," Bier said.

The nine weekly clinics are attended both by ex-patients requiring followup, as well as by those who were treated at other hospitals. About 600 persons are seen each year at these clinics. The MSH is now expanding its rehabilitation services for out-patients.

A recent addition was a sleep apnoea lab, where sufferers may sleep overnight at the hospital while their breathing patterns are monitored.

Soon to be launched is an asthma clinic for adults.

MSH also runs programs in the community aimed at disease prevention – these include teaching school children about the hazards of smoking, and stop-smoking groups for adults.

The theme of the gala dinner is Celebration of Life.

About Nutrition

By LISA WEINBERG

I recently saw a show on TV aimed at teaching parents how to feed children in a healthy way. Many of this show's suggestions were good, such as offering variety and not limiting your child's exposure to food to only the foods that you like.

However, there was one recommendation I strongly disagreed with: insisting that children eat three bites of everything on the table before they can have dessert. As I've written in the past, this behavior quickly labels food. The main course becomes the punishment, the dessert, the reward.

These children grow up wanting only rewards, not punishments, and therefore they end up choosing sweets over healthful foods. All foods have nutritional value and merit. If you're going to serve or offer dessert, don't feature it as the reward.

Lisa Weinberg is a registered dietitian/nutritionist, specializing in pediatric and adult nutrition in Toronto. If you have any nutrition questions send them to The CJN.

Home care cutbacks slammed

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The reduction of home care to two hours a week instead of four has aggravated a serious situation, said Lillian Morgenthau, president of Canada's Association for the Fifty-Plus (CARP).

"We are getting lots of letters and lots of flak," she said of the provincial government's decision to reduce home care.

"It's like being asked to get along on one meal a day instead of three."

Morgenthau said the situation is just as serious for the caregivers as it is for the people who need the home care.

"The caregivers are being burned out. It's ridiculous to ask a husband of 80 to look after his wife. He is not a nurse, he hasn't been trained. And they are doing all this for free."

CARP recently sponsored a forum on home care and sent 22 recommendations to the federal government including one on training for caregivers.

CARP expects action on the proposals soon, Morgenthau said.

"Health care in Ontario is in a shambles," according to a report entitled *When Seniors Don't Matter,* a joint project of the Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations, the Ontario Council of Hospital Unions/CUPE, Service Employees International Unions, the Older Women's Network and Canadian Pensioners Concerned.

"The cutbacks have resulted in an environment of anxiety, where people are afraid of becoming ill and not getting the care they need in time," the report said.

The five organizations set up a hotline asking for accounts of how people are suffering. Among the calls the hotline received was one reporting a patient lying on an emergency stretcher for three days because no beds were available. Another described a patient being discharged from hospital four hours after suffering a stroke.

There were also calls about patients lying in their own excrement, and of struggling seniors trying to provide their own in-home care for a spouse because no help from overworked and understaffed health care workers was available.

Health care "is a mere shadow of what it once was due to the cuts inflicted by the current government," the report said.

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Here's the truth: Jakob the Liar is downright drab

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Jakob the Liar, the latest Holocaust film from Hollywood, is a major disappointment.

Premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival last week, and currently playing at the Cineplex Odeon chain, it has neither the visceral power of Steven Spielberg's *Schindler's List* nor the zany wit of Roberto Benigni's *Life is Beautiful* (which itself was overrated).

The trouble with Peter Kassovitz's two-hour film, shot in Poland and Hungary, is that it is emotionally flat and, occasionally, downright drab.

You are not moved, much less stirred, by *Jakob the Liar*, which is based on Jurek Becker's novel of the same name. It flickers on the wide screen inertly, a beached whale of a movie.

Worst of all, its upbeat message is shallow and artificial. In this respect, the last scene will be particularly offensive, especially to those who are even remotely familiar with the unrelieved and unmitigated horror of the Holocaust.

Robin Williams is largely out of his depth

There was indeed a sacred space for dark humor during the Holocaust. In disastrous times, Jews have historically leaned on irony for a measure of comfort. And while there are at least two such distinct moments in *Jakob the Liar* (mordant jokes about Hitler and the travails of the chosen people), they are the exceptions rather than the rule.

Not even Robin Williams, who plays the lead role, can save it from itself. Williams, whose madcap antics have enlivened films like *Good Morning Vietnam* and *The Birdcage*, is largely out of his depth in this terrain. Try as he might, he sinks with the deadweight that is *Jakob the Liar*.

It is set in the winter of 1944, in a ghetto starved for news. As *Jakob the Liar* opens, Jakob Heym (Williams), a former pancake vendor whose wife was murdered by the Germans, scurries after a newspaper sheet flying in the wind. He desperately wants to devour what information it may contain.

But in his haste to catch the elusive page, he supposedly breaks the curfew and is sent to the German commandant's office for punishment. As he waits in his office, he overhears a forbidden radio bulletin signalling a Soviet military success against German forces in the vicinity.

Robin Williams in *Jakob the Liar*.

Ordered to return home, Jakob meets Lina Kronstein (Hannah Gordon-Taylor), a 10-year-old girl who has escaped from a train carrying her parents to a concentration camp. Regarding Lina as a symbol of precious youth and of a better future, he shelters her in his house.

Meanwhile, at the freight yard where he unloads cement bags from boxcars, Jakob tells Mischa (Liev Schreiber), a fellow Jew ready to take foolish risks in order to survive, that the Soviet army will soon liberate the ghetto. How does he know? "I have a radio," Jakob lies, realizing that possession of a radio by a Jew is punishable by death.

The rumor spreads that Jakob has a radio. Reluctantly, Jakob fabricates news of Germans defeats, thereby feeding the ghetto with hope that liberation is near. He even goes as far as to act out a BBC broadcast for Lina's benefit. As a result of his efforts, the suicide rate drops and spirits lift.

When the Gestapo learns that Jakob has a radio, he is arrested and tortured. The Germans promise to release him if he tells the ghetto inhabitants that he never had a radio and that, in effect, resistance is pointless. The offer is tempting.

The basic elements of Becker's uplifting fable are in place, but Kossovitz can't pump passion into the story. In his hands, *Jakob the Liar* is limp and bereft of tension, lacking the energy, momentum and inspirational mood of a first-class film.

It seems like such a waste.

Williams, his Polish accent somewhat credible, his face a mask of resignation, struggles to deliver a knockout performance, but he cannot because he is hobbled by a mediocre script.

Schreiber, Alan Arkin, Armin Mueller-Stahl and Taylor-Gordon acquit themselves honorably, but they, too, are unable to escape from the cinematic morass that is *Jakob the Liar*.

Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

AN EVENING OF YIDDISH POETRY

The Workmen's Circle presents The Street Drummer: New York Yiddish Poets, a Yiddishland Cafe evening in Yiddish and English. The program includes readings by **Chaya Thalenberg** and songs performed by **Michael Mandel**, with **Nina Shapilsky** at the piano.

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Spiritual TV: *Man Alive* explores Western views of God with a 10-part series of conversations that profile the spiritual musings, journeys and ideas of priests, psychologists, scientists, philosophers and at least one rabbi.

The series *Facing God in the Next Millennium* begins Oct. 17 at noon on CBC and Oct. 12 at 10 p.m. on Vision TV.

In the series' third week (Oct. 31), host **R.H. Thomson** talks with **Rabbi Michael Lerner**.

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Scandal TV: Toronto-based Associated Producers has produced a new television series about public scandals scheduled to air Oct. 4 to 7 at 9 p.m., and Oct. 8 at 9 & 10 p.m. on the History Television Network.

Scandal! Then and Now is a "documentary ... with attitude" that explores sensational scandals both past and present. The series producer is **Simcha Jacobovici** and its executive producers are **Elliott Halpern** and **Jack Rabinovitch**.

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The Beatles Meet the Biblical Ruth: PM Productions remounts *Come Away: The Story of Ruth*, a story of a young woman's devotion and journey to a land of hope. By an anachronistic twist, the Beatles crash-land in this ancient story of faith, which features **Kevin Connelly**, **Kathryn Morgan** and **Allison Lynn**.

Sept. 24 to 26. Betty Oliphant Theatre, National Ballet School, 404 Jarvis St., Toronto. $20-$50. 410-5455.

Drama & Music Notes

• Members of the Medina Theatre Ensemble perform a one-act play and various monologues during an annual general meeting, Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m. B'nai Brith Bldg., 15 Hove St., North York. Admission free. 785-0363.

• Stage Centre Productions presents *Hobson's Choice* by **Harold Brighouse**, directed by **L. Garth Allen**, Sept. 23 to Oct. 9. Fairview Library Theatre, 35 Fairview Mall Dr. Adults, $16. 299-5557.

• Upstart Crow theatre group's resident playwright, **Daniel Minsky**, is working on a full-length play, *Verit*, about how social pressures affect a man's beliefs and identity, for a Feb. 16 premiere.

Housed in the Poor Alex, Upstart Crow's upcoming season also includes productions of **Shaw's** *St. Joan* and **Shakespeare's** *Julius Caesar*. Web site, www.upstartcrow.on.ca.

• **The Toronto Senior Strings**, conducted by **Victor Feldbrill**, play Bach, Handel, Mozart, Macmillan and Britten at a concert Oct. 28, 2 p.m. St. Andrew's Church (downtown). 422-4930 or 769-5071 (after Oct. 1).

Visual Arts Notes

• Glass lovers who have seen the **Dale Chihuly** exhibit at the Sandra Ainsley gallery and want more can seek out the huge and flamboyant Chihuly installation in the Tower of David, inside Jerusalem's Old City walls. On view now through the year 2000.

• **Henry** and **Mimi Fliess**, a painter and photographer respectively, are holding a joint exhibition and sale at Edwards Gardens (Civil Garden Centre). Henry's water colors, acrylics and pastels, and Mimi's photographic studies of nature are on view Oct. 2 & 3, 11:30 to 4:30 p.m. 444-4881.

• Fall art show and sale featuring the oil paintings of **Ellen Barbour Gulden**. Kathleen Gormley McKay Art Centre, 197 Main St., Unionville. Sept. 30 thru Oct. 3.

Ashkenaz for the whole family

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Babes in arms, kids in strollers, and preschoolers were among those at the recent Ashkenaz festival who were entranced by two plays based on Yiddish folk tales.

The younger set (and their parents) took over, when, for the first time Ashkenaz: a Festival of New Yiddish Culture paid tribute to the growing popularity of theatre geared to children.

It was standing room only for a total of eight performances of the two plays – *The Crowded House* and *Shrewd Todie and Lizer the Miser. The Crowded House* (the author is unknown) was directed and performed by Naomi Kates. *Shrewd Todie and Lizer the Miser*, which is based on a short story by Isaac Bashevis Singer, was directed by Lisa Rothman.

In *The Crowded House*, a puppet show, the simple reasoning of an unsophisticated rabbi wins the day. Human credulity and greed are the downfall of Lizer the Miser in Singer's story, which was performed for the first time ever.

"I was at Ashkenaz with my bubbie two years ago and was struck by the absence of children's theatre," said Rothman, a well-known actor in her own right.

Naomi Kates

"I grew up with Singer's story, it was read to me several times," she said.

The play tells the story of how the hero, Todie, a failure up to this point, gets Lizer the Miser to hand over his candlesticks by convincing him that the candlesticks will beget silver teaspoons.

Rothman directed a cast of 12 which included, Stephen Near as Todie, Ben Hur as Lizer, Katherine Warren as the narrator and Rachel Sheinen as the Fiddler.

The puppets, in *The Crowded House*, designed and built by Kates in her home studio in Riverdale, delighted the children, especially those puppets of the chickens, rooster, horse and cow.

In the story a man goes to a rabbi for advice on what to do about his cramped living quarters. The rabbi recommends that the animals be put in the man's house. He later discovers how roomy his home is, once, upon the rabbi's advice, the animals are evicted.

"I think today, people are expecting the voices of puppets to be visible," said Kates, who played the part of the all-knowing rabbi.

A visual artist, Kates painted signs and was an assistant builder for the Ashkenaz parade two years ago.

Her cast included her daughter, Roshaya Kates-Rodness, David Hermolin and Michael Constables.

Rothman hopes to take the Singer play on tour to the Jewish Day Schools in Toronto as she devotes a greater part of her time to children's theatre.

"It's at the heart of my future in theatre," she said. She has just taken a position as an educational services assistant with Young Peoples Theatre.

In the more traditional world of theatre, her next assignment is as assistant director of *Patience*, a play by Jason Sherman, which will be opening the Canadian Stage's program at the Berkeley Street Theatre in 2000.

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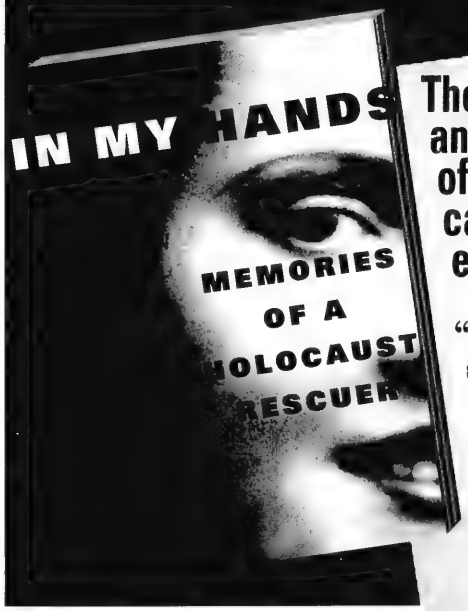

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Participants [from left] Dave Stephens, Susan Randles, Bram Eisenthal, Heather Grace, Helena Katz and Sylvie Rivard.

TEL AVIV — I knew some opinions about Israel were going to change dramatically.

On the El Al flight, Heather Grace, my associate in the Quebec chapter of the Travel Media Association of Canada (TMAC), was concerned about what she would find there. It was her first visit.

"My mother told me to bring my personal alarm," Grace said. "My boyfriend said I shouldn't drink the water and not to eat dairy products."

I couldn't help but chuckle. Grace's concerns represented only the tip of the iceberg of misconceptions.

We were part of a group of 20 seasoned travel writers being sent to Israel by TMAC, courtesy of the Israel Government Tourist Office. The project was a first for the Israeli body. For most writers, the majority non-Jews, it was their first Israel experience. It was my seventh time and I proudly felt as if I was about to show them my homeland.

The plan was to split us up into four groups of five writers, with each heading into differing cultural, religious or historic territory: food and wine, religious and archeological, health and spa, and the tour I chose, soft adventure.

I had already seen Israel from many different angles, and this was an opportunity to do exciting new things my 42-year-old bones could still tolerate, like swimming with dolphins in the Red Sea, jeep riding through the desert, getting seriously acquainted with a camel and climbing Masada, which was new for me as a 40-something individual.

We met our counterparts in Jerusalem, spent Shabbat there together, and then moved into our groups. We reunited for our final day in Tel Aviv, were we shared our stories.

After participating in the religious and archeological tour, Grace was literally awe-struck – and no longer feared dairy products, I'm happy to report, after partaking in many Israeli breakfasts.

"I thought that people would be much more aggressive, especially the men," she said. "I also knew it would be rich in history, but I wasn't prepared for how rich in culture Israel is and how quickly I got a taste of this.

"I was also not excluded from things because I was a tourist and a non-Jew. Even the language barriers didn't interfere with my enjoyment of the trip. Meeting the people and taking their pictures, was, for me, the highlight."

One special memory for Grace was an experience in the Galilee, where they were dining at a local restaurant.

"The sun was setting and it was so beautiful, I started crying. I couldn't believe I was there. Then I looked up and saw this beautiful Jewish bride with a halo of flowers. They put up the canopy, the rabbi came and the couple was married in Hebrew. It was so beautiful."

Quebec's Sylvie Rivard was my soft adventure tour partner and she, too, was moved.

"I was raised a devout Catholic, living right near our church. I didn't read much about politics or world conflicts before, so I didn't know much about Israel. I expected to feel tension, especially in Jerusalem, but I didn't sense any," Rivard said.

"Jerusalem was incredible, a treasure in a box, where you find jewels from the world's great religions. You walk where history has been made and I felt a lot of respect for that city."

As for the soft adventure on her trip, Rivard "loved crossing the desert, discovering its landscapes and exploring all the way south from Jerusalem. I loved climbing Masada as the sun came up," she says.

"It was a total experience for me. That is barely the limit for soft adventure, as you have to be fit to do it. I also enjoyed 'snuba' diving in the Red Sea and recommend this new form of diving for anyone. In a land that's primarily seen as religious, there's plenty to do here for adventurers of all ages."

Dave Stephens and Susan Randles, a travel writing couple, hail from Nova Scotia. Randles wound up on the Religion and Archaeology portion and was positively beaming with delight during our farewell dinner. Stephens experienced Food and Wine.

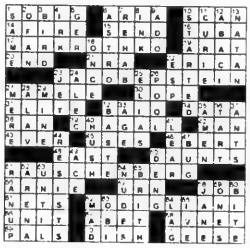
"I expected much more military personnel than we actually saw," Stephens said. "All in all, I was pleasantly surprised by how modern and developed Israel is.

"Our food experience was amazing. With Dr. Shaul Eger, we swallowed mouthfuls of olive oil from wine glasses at a tasting session at the Radisson hotel in Tiberias. We smelled it, drank it and it was one of the most unusual things I've ever done," admitted the wine columnist and connoisseur.

"Then, at Ein Kamonim, we experienced goat milk, goat cheese and ice cream made from goat milk, at the restaurant of a man with 83 goats, Amiram Ovrutski.... he knows each of them by name! I'd come back at the drop of a kipa," he said with a somewhat goatish grin.

So would any of us, I'd bet. Especially Heather Grace, who has probably already convinced her mother, boyfriend and best friend to join her the next time around.

Answers to this week's crossword puzzle.



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Arts & Travel

Hitler doc examines the depths to which humans can sink

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

If it is true that one person can affect the course of history, Adolf Hitler surely personifies this thesis.

Drawing on Hitler's rabid nationalistic obsessions, master-race ideology and aggressive policies, Germany turned ferociously on its Jewish citizens, launched World War II and conceived and implemented the Holocaust.

The Nazis: A Warning from History, a stellar BBC series to be broadcast on TVOntario starting Sept. 27 at 10 p.m., shows how Hitler came to power, how he related to Jews, and how, in a paroxysm of unsurpassed hatred, he murdered them in an unprecedented program of industrial extermination.

Based on eyewitness interviews and on archival footage never seen before, *The Nazis* is a chilling, sobering documentary well worth allotting time for.

Hitler ultimately triumphed because conditions were right. Germany's defeat in World War I triggered the myth that it had been "stabbed in the back" by an unholy alliance of Jews and Marxists.

The humiliating Versailles Treaty, as well as the failed Marxist republic in Munich spearheaded by Jewish Germans, pandered to the anti-Semitic belief that Jews were in the forefront of a world-wide conspiracy to weaken Germany.

At one juncture, the Nazi Party seemed like a spent force, having fared very badly in the 1928 elections. But they rebounded. Several factors facilitated Hitler's rise to power – the Depression, the polarization of Nazi politics, the disenchantment with Weimar democracy, and the yearning for a "strong man" to establish order and discipline.

In the July 1932 election, the Nazis won 37 percent of the vote, making them the largest party in the Reichstag. In the election four months later, their share of the vote dropped by five points.

Conservative Germans generally regarded Hitler with contempt, but urged President Paul von Hindenburg to appoint him chancellor after the 1932 elections. They were convinced that they could control Hitler. What a monumental miscalculation!

Hindenburg, after appointing him, confided to a friend that Hitler would push Germany into "the abyss."

Twelve weeks after taking his oath of office, Hitler initiated a one-day boycott of Jewish shops. This was followed by a systematic campaign to disenfranchise Jews.

Hitler's anti-Semitic legislation enjoyed popular support. There was a feeling in the country that Jews had "gone too far" and had to be "driven back," observes an elderly German man, referring to the domination of certain professions by Jews.

Clearly, despite the civic admvances the Jews had made since the 19th century, they were widely regarded as foreigners by a disturbing number of Germans.

Kristallnacht, in 1938, did not dim Hitler's popularity. Through a combination of public works projects and rearnament, Germany had grown somewhat prosperous, a fact which desensitized Germans.

As late as 1940, Hitler had no single plan to exterminate Jews en masse. Indeed, he accentuated emigration as a means by which to solve the so-called "Jewish problem."

But with Germany's 1941 invasion of the Soviet Union, a country whose Jewish population was vast, a new situation arose.

Special German mobile killing squads were sent into action to decimate Jews, often with the assistance of local collaborators. "You just pull the trigger, he falls, and that's it," says a Lithuanian war criminal, coldly describing his murder of Jewish civilians.

In Germany, meanwhile, the government began deporting Jews to concentration camps and ghettos in eastern Europe. Few Germans protested. "You didn't pay much attention," muses a German man who witnessed one such deportation from his window.

Nevertheless, we're told, the Nazis tried to conceal the Final Solution, fearing it might precipitate opposition. Always careful, Nazi bureaucrats used a variety of euphemisms to disguise the real nature of the Holocaust.

There were Germans who detested Hitler, as evidenced by the July 1944 assassination attempt on his life. But many Germans continued to support him, and the blatantly racist state he had created, to the bitter end. And, it should be noted, 400,000 foreigners joined the Waffen SS.

Hitler, finally, was a disaster for Jews and Germans alike. The personification of evil, he will always remind us of the depths to which human beings can sink in the service of a cause. That's the most powerful – and depressing – message conveyed by *The Nazis*.

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The Dybbuk tops writer's list of best Jewish films

By LARRY ANKLEWICZ
Special to The CJN

With the recent growth of interest in Jewish films, I began thinking of some of the truly outstanding Jewish films of the past.

The American Film Institute recently released a list of this century's top 100 films. I'm not about to put together a list of 100 top Jewish films, but I certainly can put together a list of my top 20 Jewish films of the century.

1. *The Dybbuk* (1937) is a classic in Jewish filmmaking. Produced in Poland just before the War, this Yiddish film has survived the test of time. Based on Anski's great Yiddish play, this film was restored by the National Centre for Jewish Film in the United States.

2. *Schindler's List* (1993) is a classic of the modern cinema and one of the truly great films about the Holocaust. Steven Spielberg crafted a superb work that encompasses many elements of the Holocaust and brings them together on the screen in a way everyone can understand.

3. *Shoah* (1985) is a massive documentary that has become a standard for all other Holocaust documentaries. At more than nine hours, the film does become somewhat of a marathon, but Claude Lansmann lets the interviewees tell their stories in a way that keeps the viewers interested and involved.

4. *To Be Or Not To Be* (1942) is a masterpiece of black comedy. It is innovative, while possessing a powerful anti-Nazi message and a strong plea for Jewish survival. Directed by Ernst Lubitsch and featuring Jack Benny and Carole Lombard, the story is about a group of Polish actors caught up in the Nazi occupation and their attempts to assist the underground.

5. *Yidl Mitn Fidl* (1936) is one of the most memorable films made by Molly Picon. This Yiddish tale of a girl dressing in men's clothing and joining a klezmer band is very contemporary in many ways – a forerunner of such modern feminist films as *Yentl*, *The Way We Were*, and many others.

6. *The Chosen* (1981) explores the relationship between two Jewish teenagers. It provides interesting insights into Judaism and how the religion has been influenced by modern society. Features a strong performance by Rod Steiger.

7. *The Jazz Singer* (1927) was the first "talkie," despite the fact that it contains very little dialogue and only a few songs. It revolutionized filmmaking and was one of the last films in many years to unashamedly present a Jewish family on the screen.

8. *The Pawnbroker* (1965) was a breakthrough in Holocaust films. Before this film, the Holocaust topic was almost taboo in Hollywood. This film about a survivor tortured by his memories was therefore unique, and Rod Steiger's performance was exemplary.

9. *Europa Europa* (1991) is a powerful story about a Jewish boy who survives the Holocaust by pretending to be German. He is forced to attend a school run by the Hitler Jugend and then serves in a German army unit. The film created some controversy when Germany refused to nominate it for an Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film although it was a remarkable piece of filmmaking.

10. *Cabaret* (1972) is an innovative musical, set in Berlin during the 1930s. We see German society deteriorating during the early years of the Hitler regime, as well as the growing pervasiveness of the Nazi race laws. Director and choreographer, Bob Fosse, took a Broadway show, reshaped it, and ended up with an entirely new and powerful production. Joel Grey and Liza Minnelli hit career highs with this film.

11. *Fiddler On The Roof* (1971) was based on the successful Broadway show, which itself was based on the stories of Sholem Aleichem. The creators of this film were able to remain true to the Yiddish culture from which it comes.

12. *Goodbye Columbus* (1969) looks at a successful Jewish family and their spoiled daughters from the viewpoint of a poor working-class librarian from the Bronx. The only well-adjusted character in the film is the girl's father. A wonderful portrayal by all.

13. *Diary Of Anne Frank* (1959) is based on the famous diary written by a Jewish girl while in hiding in an attic in Amsterdam during the Nazi occupation of Holland. Although the film producers emphasized the universal elements of the book, it was one of the first big studio pictures to deal with the Holocaust.

14. *Marjorie Morningstar* (1958) is one of the first films about a Jewish family where the female character carries most of the plot and in which the characters are clearly Jewish. Gene Kelly, who stars in the film, always maintained that the film would have been better served if the lead characters had been played by Jewish actors.

15. *The Great Dictator* (1940) saw a lot of resistance by Hollywood when it was made. Fortunately, Charlie Chaplin was able to finance this film on his own and it still remains one of the great anti-racist films of all time.

16. *Funny Girl* (1968) is another female driven film, this time about the very Jewish Fannie Brice and her road to success on Broadway. Barbara Streisand gives a magnificent performance in her first film role.

17. *Exodus* (1960) is the epic story of the creation of Israel. Based on the best-selling novel by Leon Uris, this film takes the most important incidents of the book and puts them on the screen.

18. *Gentleman's Agreement* (1947) was one of the first films to tackle the problem of anti-Semitism. Gregory Peck plays a magazine writer who decides to research a story about prejudice by pretending to be Jewish.

19. *Hester Street* (1974) is an interesting attempt to recreate the world of the lower east side of New York City during the great wave of Jewish immigration at the end of the 19th century and into the early 20th century. It provides some insights into a world that no longer exists and that few of us remember now.

20. *Green Fields (Grine Felde)* (1937) is a classic romance of the Yiddish cinema about a young scholar leaving the yeshiva in search of the reality of the outside world.

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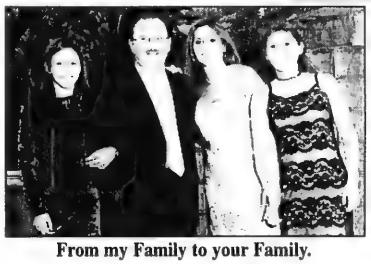

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Young athletes join JCC Maccabi Games

By NEIL BECKER

TORONTO — During the week of Aug. 17 to 22, young Jewish athletes from all over the world participated in the annual JCC Maccabi Games in Rochester, N.Y.

The games, which are the biggest organized program for Jewish teens in the world, had participants from Canada, the United States, Australia, Brazil, Costa Rica, Great Britain, Holland, Israel, Lithuania, Mexico, Russia and Venezuela come together to participate head to head in a friendly competition involving various Olympic sports.

Toronto claimed 73 medals, including a silver medal in boys basketball, silver in golf, bronze in girls softball, bronze in doubles tennis, gold/bronze in volleyball, 12 medals in track and 30 medals in the pool.

Grant Smith, who organized and helped make the experience a positive one for the Toronto participants, stressed that just as important as the events themselves was to help the participants realize the importance of Judaism.

"It's an opportunity for them to explore their heritage. In the evening there are social programs on Judaism. One year, there was a girl from London, Ont., who was in awe of seeing so many Jewish boys. In London, there is not a big Jewish population," Smith said.

The games had an underlying theme of *convut*, which means displaying respect for the other athletes, Smith said.

He said a time was included for the Toronto athletes to help hungry people in Rochester.

"Tuesday was a day of caring, when the Toronto athletes brought 500 pounds of canned food to give to the food drive in Rochester. There was also a march to fight against hunger, from one synagogue to another."

In total, the Maccabi Games, which began in 1988, attracted 94 participants from Toronto. According to Smith, not just anyone can sign up and expect to be on a team. There are extensive tryouts for every sport, with the best performers given a spot on the roster.

"In basketball, we have 40 to 50 kids trying out for 10 spots. For track and field and swimming, they must submit times. The success we have in the games makes the kids want to come back even more," Smith said.

These Olympics were a proud moment for the young adults representing Toronto, as they entered Blue Cross Arena on the first day to a loud ovation from friends and family.

"A lot of friends and family came down to Rochester, which made it special for the kids. We came in through the front wearing Toronto shirts. The athletes who have been in the program for a while got to carry the flag and the Toronto sign into the gymnasium," Smith said.

The underlying idea of the games is to get the kids involved in a non-competitive manner. The plan is not to showcase one team as being the best.

One goal of the games that has become a reality over the years is the creation of lasting friendships between youngsters from different parts of the world.

"Kids have made friends from all over the States and are writing each other," Smith said.

These regional games are held every year. Every fourth year the Mcubbey games are held, which incorporate junior programs held in Israel.

Next summer, the games will be held in either Cincinnati or Staten Island. Young Jewish Toronto athletes will be attempting not only to defend their 73 medal titles, but also to foster new lasting friendships and to learn all about sportsmanship and what it means to be Jewish.

Special thanks go to Incredible Clothing for providing the uniforms for the Toronto athletes.

A young batter anticipates the arrival of the pitch.

Ted Badner, centre, middle, coach of the Maccabi basketball team is seen here with a group of Maccabi alumni.

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מאת: יעל זליגר

בסקס צנוע ללא הספדים

בחלוויתו של חנוך לוין, ביום חמישי, ז' באלול, תשנ"ט, 19 באוגוסט 1999, לא נישאו הספדים. כפי שביקש בצוואתו, גם לא חיו נאומים. הוא גם לא אהב בחייו את התואר שהוצמד לו כגדול המחזאים הישראלים.

חנוך לוין נולד למשפחה דתית בשנת 1943 להורים שבאו שמונה שנים לפני כן מפולין. הוא גדל בשכונת עוני, על-יד התחנה המרכזית בתל אביב. בין השנים 1949 ל- 1957 למד בבית הספר הדתי "יעבץ". זה היה בית ספר שבו למדו ילדים משכונות עוני ואת כל המשתמע מכך הביע חנוך לוין בדרמה הסאטירית שפרסמה את שמו. אחיו הבוגר עבד כעוזר במאי וכך הסתובב לו האח הצעיר, מאחורי הקלעים, וספג את אהבתו לתיאטרון. לאחר שהתייתם מאביו, שלחה אותו אמו לעבוד בשעות היום וללמוד בערבים. את הדרמה הסאטירית של לוין יש להבין על רקע ההשפלה והזרות שחנוך חש בהיותו ילד דתי ועני בתל אביב, שהיא עיר חילונית ומרכז "החיים הטובים". את הסאטירות הראשונות ביטא בשנות ה- 60 בעיתון הסטודנטים "דורבן". הצלחתו הראשונה היתה ההצגה "רחצ" שהעלה תיאטרון חיפה ב- 1972. מאז היה חנוך לוין למחזאי המבוקש ביותר בישראל.

מי שמעיין ב"את ואני והמלחמה הבאה" וב"מלכת האמבטיה" עשוי לחוש שלא בנוח לנוכח נוסח חריף וסרקסטי של מציאות ישראלית. ("מלכת האמבטיה" שהוצגה בתיאטרון הקמארי בעיצומה של מלחמת ההתשה, הורדה מהבמה לאחר 18 מופעים) אך רק חברה בריאה ומורכבת מעיקרה נותנת התר לחשיפה של תגרוטסקי והעכור בה. יתכן שכמה ממחזותיו של לוין "סבלו" מעודף וולגריות אך זו התבטאות נסה שמשקפת נכונה מיגוון של צורות התנהגות בחברה הישראלית. חנוך לוין עסק רבות בגועל נפש אך היה זה עיסוק רווי ברחמים ואהבה לחברה הישראלית. זה שהצליף בנו, בישראלים, במבטו החודר לחולשות שבכולנו, היה ישראלי לכל דבר. אולי משום כך מחזותיו לא הצליחו בשום תרגום, אף לא בתרגום אנגלי; יתכן שהמחזות, השירים והסיפורים היו שייכים ומובנים רק בהקשר הלאומי הישראלי.

חנוך לוין לא למד תיאטרון; הוא למד ספרות עברית ופילוסופיה אך לא ניגש לבחינות ולא קיבל תואר. הוא כתב 50 מחזות שאת רובם ביים. הוא לא זכה בפרס ישראל (כנראה מאותן סיבות שישעיהו ליבוביץ' לא זכה) אך לפני שנתיים קיבל פרס מיוחד על מפעל חייו. הוא היה איש צנוע, ביישן שסירב להתראיין.

בשנים האחרונות הרבה לוין לעסוק בנושא המוות. "למה החיים ניתנים לאדם רק פעם אחת וחולפים ללא תועלת" כתב במחזה האחרון שהועלה על הבמה, "אשכבה". עד לרגעיו האחרונים, בעודו מאושפז בבית החולים והמחלה כבר התפשטה בכל גופו, עסק בחזרות למחזהו האחרון "חבבניים".

ידענו כולנו שחנוך לוין מאוד חולה אך לא רצינו להאמין שימיו ספורים. הידיעה על מותו הכתה את אנשי התרבות הישראלית בהלם. קהל רב של סופרים, מוסיקאים, אנשי אקדמיה, שרי ממשלה, במאים ושחקנים ליוו את חנוך לוין בדרכו האחרונה.

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Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease 18x12x1" baking sheet. Beat first 4 ingredients until blended. Mix flour, almonds, cinnamon, baking soda and salt in medium bowl. Gradually add to egg mixture, beating until dough is soft.

Turn dough out onto floured surface and gather together. Roll between palms and work surface into 16" long log. Transfer to prepared sheet. Flatten log to 1" thickness. Bake until light brown and cracked on top, about 30 minutes. Transfer sheet to rack; cool 10 minutes. Reduce oven to 325°F.

Transfer warm log to work surface. Using serrated knife, cut on sharp diagonal into 1/4" slices. Arrange sideways on baking sheets. Bake 10 minutes per side. Transfer to racks and cool (will harden while cooling). Yield: 36. (Can be made ahead. Store airtight up to 1 week.)

Correction to Challah-Cranberry Casserole (Sept. 16th issue): Prior to pouring maple syrup and cranberries over casserole - **BAKE CASSEROLE AT 350°F FOR 1-1/4 HRS.**

About Food

By NORENE GILLETZ

Sukkot celebrates the final gathering of the harvest before the winter. Meals are served in the Sukkah, an outdoor structure with a leafy roof partly open to the sky. The sukkah symbolizes the temporary shelters in which our ancestors lived during their 40 years in the desert.

The agricultural theme is celebrated by eating a variety of fruits and vegetables. Stuffed vegetables (cabbage, eggplant, zucchini, peppers) are served for Sukkot. Kreplach and kugels, challah and strudels – these are a few of my favorite things!

Thanks to Esther Schwartz, Toronto kosher food expert, for sharing this delicious recipe which is perfect for Sukkot!

SWEET & SOUR HOLISHKES

Jews all over the world make stuffed cabbage leaves, although the names and recipes vary. They are *galuptze* from Russia, *holishkes* from eastern Europe, *sarmali* from Romania and *dolmas* from Armenia.

Cabbage:
1 loose head cabbage (5 lb.)

Stuffing:
2 lb. lean ground chuck
1 medium onion
1 garlic clove, pressed
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1/2 cup stock or water
2 tsp. prepared mustard
1/4 cup ketchup
1 tsp. HP sauce
1/2 cup long grain rice (raw)

Sauce:
1 (28 oz.) can tomatoes
2 (11 oz.) cans tomato mushroom sauce
1/2 cup Sugar Twin (brown sugar replacement)
juice of one lemon (1/4 cup)

Place cabbage in a plastic bag in freezer at least 2 days in advance. Remove from freezer the night before you intend to make cabbage rolls. Remove from bag and place in colander in sink. In the morning, core cabbage. Leaves will separate easily. Dry with paper towels.

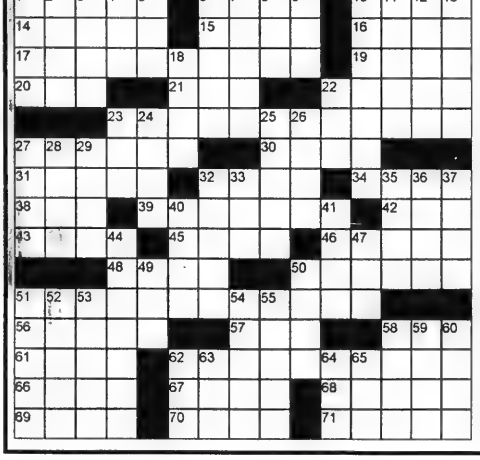
Combine all stuffing ingredients; mix well. Place a heaping tablespoon of mixture near stem end of each leaf. Fold stem end over filling, then fold in the sides; roll up firmly.

Combine sauce ingredients. Shred the core and any leftover cabbage. In a Dutch oven, place a layer of cabbage, a layer of cabbage rolls (seam-side-down), tightly packed, then a layer of sauce. Repeat until all is used. Simmer gently for 2 hours on top of stove tightly covered.

Preheat oven to 275. Sprinkle with paprika. Place in oven uncovered. Bake 2 hours. Freezes well. Makes 30.

One cabbage roll is 1 protein choice, 1/2 starchy choice, 8 grams carbohydrate, 8 grams protein, 3 grams fat. 91 calories.

Norene Gilletz, a Canadian author of kosher cookbooks, gives lectures and cooking demonstrations throughout North America. Submit cooking questions to The CJN. *Contact Norene at gourmana@total.net*



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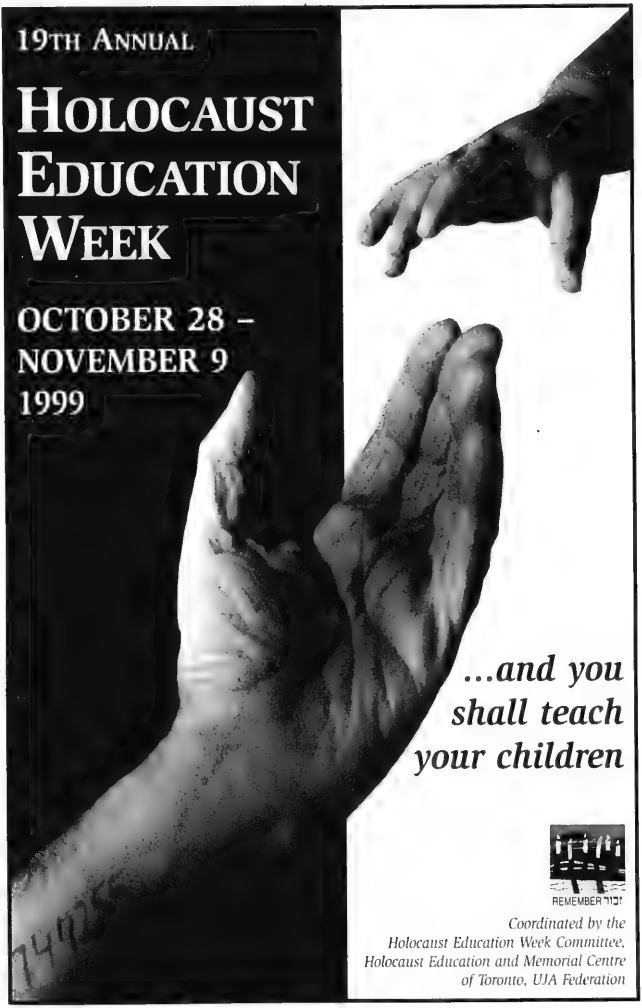

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Holocaust Education Week

October 28 - November 9, 1999

WHEREAS: It is important to honour the memory of the millions of men, women and children who perished during the Holocaust. To avoid a repetition of history it is essential that younger generations learn the lessons of the past and develop a deeper understanding of their responsibility for the future; and

WHEREAS: the unimaginable horrors of the past must never be repeated, and only through remembrance, education and understanding of the Holocaust can public awareness can be heightened and anti-semitism, racism and prejudice eliminated.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Mel Lastman, Mayor of the City of Toronto, on behalf of Toronto City Council and the more than 2.3 million people do hereby proclaim **October 28 - November 9, 1999 "Holocaust Education Week"** and salute the Holocaust Education & Memorial Centre of Toronto and the United Jewish Appeal for raising public awareness of this horrendous time in history and for their continuing efforts in curbing racism and prejudice.

Mel Lastman
Mayor

UJA FEDERATION OF GREATER TORONTO
No one gift changes more lives

Each year, our community holds Holocaust Education Week. Thousands of people from diverse religious and national origins come and learn together about the horror that was the Holocaust.

The Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of UJA Federation, and specifically, the Holocaust Education Week Committee, are dedicated to teaching the facts and lessons of the Shoah.

Too often, contemporary events show us that we still have much work to do. Our efforts must continue in the face of continuing racial and ethnic hatred and violence.

On behalf of the Directors of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, I want to extend our appreciation to the many organizations, religious institutions, schools, universities and bookstores for participating in what has become the most ambitious and comprehensive Holocaust education and remembrance program in the world.

Best wishes for a successful Holocaust Education Week.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Sandler

Alan Sandler
President,
UJA Federation of Greater Toronto

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As all the digits change on the new millennial calendar and the events of the past century recede in memory, remembering what happened from 1933 to 1945 becomes as problematic as remembering what happened during the same years of the preceding century. Such remembering does not come naturally or easily. Someone has to work at it.

The Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto is committed to this task. Each year, this committee coordinates the participation of Christian churches in Holocaust Education Week. The number of churches has grown each year - to 36 this year - and we are pleased that so many have made this an annual event on their calendar.

This participation signals a growing recognition that the Holocaust is an event not just in Jewish history. Not only is it a watershed event in universal history, but in the history of the Christian Church as well. We remember, we all must remember, because the Holocaust teaches us something we need to know about our past and ourselves.

The Rev. Glen Nelson

Robert Engel

So we are grateful to UJA Federation's Holocaust Education Week Committee for so graciously incorporating these church programs in its extensive schedule of activities, and promoting them through this brochure. We look forward to seeing you at one or more of them.

The Rev. Glen Nelson and Robert Engel
Co-Chairpersons,
Holocaust Remembrance Committee
The Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

It is my pleasure to welcome you to our 19th Annual Holocaust Education Week.

From modest beginnings, this program has grown almost unimaginably in both scope and depth: over 110 programs; 36 participating churches; displays in 22 bookstores; renowned international and local speakers, academics and performers; and, official recognition from the City of Toronto and GTA municipalities.

The mandate of the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto is to promote Holocaust education and remembrance. Holocaust Education Week is our largest and highest profile project, but we are engaged in a number of other important activities. Our Centre is attended by over 25,000 visitors annually. Our Director of Education provides teacher support and curriculum development. Due to increased demand and need, we have finalized an expansion of our activities and space into a new Holocaust Resource Centre, to be located in The Albert and Tammy Latner Jewish Public Library, adjacent to our present space.

It is only through remembrance and education that we can ensure the memory of those lost and learn the lessons of the Holocaust. Holocaust denial, racism, bigotry and prejudice have not disappeared and will not on their own and can only be eliminated by continued education and discussion.

I would like to thank and congratulate Howard Driman, Barbara Rusch and their wonderful committee for their passion, diligence and commitment in once again providing an outstanding event. Now it is up to us - to learn and reflect.

With warm regards,

Michael Herman
Chairman,
Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto
UJA Federation

Howard Driman

Barbara Rusch

Once again, our annual Holocaust Education Week program is the largest to date, not by design, but, we are gratified to say, because more and more host organizations want to participate in the event. And, once again, we have to stress the obvious need for the Holocaust to be remembered, and its lessons to be taught. One would hope that these lessons would have been learned, but even in the last year, we have witnessed yet another example of religious and racial intolerance, with the apparently inevitable concomitant genocide. Our resolve is thereby strengthened - we must continue to provide for as wide a cross-section of the population as possible the tools for Holocaust remembrance and education, all in an effort to ensure that such a tragedy never recurs.

We believe that during Holocaust Education Week, we will be providing the citizens of the Greater Toronto Area with these tools, and it is our hope that they will avail themselves of the opportunity to attend as many programs as possible. We would like especially to see more young people, for it is they who will determine what the future holds.

We are indebted to the Toronto City Council for recognizing our work by proclaiming the period October 28 - November 9, 1999 to be "Holocaust Education Week," and to the Councils of Markham, Mississauga, Richmond Hill and Vaughan for their endorsement.

We would like to thank our committee members for their enthusiasm and dedication, and express our appreciation to all the participating organizations which enthusiastically commit their time and resources. A special debt of gratitude is due to the staff of the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto.

Howard Driman and Barbara Rusch
Co-Chairpersons,
19th Annual Holocaust Education Week

The Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto of UJA Federation

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A voluntary donation of at least ***$2 per person*** *will be appreciated at each program.*

Your generous support will enable high calibre Holocaust education programs to be perpetuated in future years.

Donation boxes will be available at all events.

Visit our Web Site at:
www.jewishtoronto.net
for the latest information and any program changes.

OPENING NIGHT
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:00 PM

Sephardic Kehila Centre (905-669-7654)
7026 Bathurst Street, Thornhill

"THE VOYAGE OF THE ST. LOUIS"

Scott Miller

Sarah Ogilvie

Sixty years ago this year, on May 13, 1939, more than 900 Jewish refugees fled Nazi Germany aboard the SS St. Louis, sailing to what they believed would be freedom. After being denied entry into Cuba, the United States and Canada, the ship was sent back to Europe - on the eve of World War II. Though the journey of the St. Louis is a well known story, one question has never been answered before: what happened to the passengers once they stepped foot on European soil?

SCOTT MILLER *and* **SARAH OGILVIE**, *Research Historians at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., are attempting to answer this question by tracing the fate of all 937 passengers on board the St. Louis. Through a variety of media, they will describe how they embarked on an international search, using both research and detective methods, in an effort to find out what happened to the passengers. In revealing the passengers' individual stories, the consequences of a policy of inaction are revealed as well.*

The luxury liner St. Louis *had eight decks and accommodations for 400 first class and 500 tourist class passengers. The story of the ill-fated voyage was depicted in the highly-acclaimed 1976 film "Voyage of the Damned."*

This program has been generously co-sponsored by the Abraham and Ida Moncik Memorial Fund for Holocaust Education.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:30 PM — The Dayspring Chapel/L'Arche Daybreak (905-884-3454)
11339 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill

Film *"COURAGE TO CARE."* A powerful documentary about rescuers from various European countries who risked their lives to protect Jews. Panel discussion follows.

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8:00 PM — Beaches Hebrew Institute (694-7942)
109 Kenilworth Avenue, Toronto

"A SCROLL OF REMEMBRANCE: MEMORY AND REFLECTIONS." **DONIA BLUMENFELD CLENMAN** is a poet, librettist and writer who survived the Warsaw Ghetto and several Polish labour camps. She has received numerous Canadian and international awards for her work.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:00 PM — Morris Winchevsky School (789-5502)
585 Cranbrook Avenue, Toronto

Film *"PHOTOGRAPHER."* In 1987, 400 colour slides taken by Walter Genewein, the Nazi's chief accountant in the Lodz Ghetto, were discovered in a second-hand bookstore in Vienna. Director Dariusz Jablonski's award-winning film is narrated by the Ghetto doctor Arnold Mostowicz, whose chilling testimony is interspersed with Nazi records and correspondence. Holocaust historian **DR. FRANK BIALYSTOCK** will introduce the film and lead a discussion after its screening.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

9:30 AM & 10:15 AM — United Congregational Schools (633-1338)
100 Elder Street, Toronto

"THE SECRET OF GABI'S DRESSER." A talk, illustrated with slides, by Toronto children's author **KATHY KACER**, based on her recent highly acclaimed book. The dresser, owned today by Ms. Kacer, was used by her mother to avoid detection by a squad of Slovak soldiers seeking young girls for a work camp. Program suitable for students, grades 2-4 at 9:30 AM; grades 5-7 at 10:15 AM.

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10:00 AM — Temple Emanu-El (449-3880)
120 Old Colony Road, Toronto

"REFLECTIONS ON SURVIVAL." **PAULA J. DRAPER, Ph.D.**, Holocaust historian and educator, is currently completing a study on the post-War lives of Canadian Holocaust survivors. Based on the testimonies of these survivors, she will examine their reaction to their escape from death, the effect of the Shoah on their faith, their psychological and physical health, their family and community relationships and their lifelong struggle with bereavement.

10:30 AM St. Andrew United Church (929-0811)
117 Bloor Street East, Toronto

"THE HOLOCAUST - WHY CHRISTIANS REMEMBER." Sermon at Sunday service delivered by the **REV. GLEN NELSON**, Co-Chair of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of The Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto.

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10:30 AM St. James Bond United Church (485-0723)
1066 Avenue Road, Toronto

"HOW WILL WE REMEMBER?" **RABBI LAWRENCE PINSKER**, the spiritual leader of Congregation Darchei Noam, will deliver the sermon during the Sunday service.

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10:30 AM West Ellesmere United Church
37 Marchington Circle, Toronto

Sermon by a Rabbi during the Sunday service. Call (416) 449-4802 for program details.

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11:00 AM Kehillat Shaarei Torah (229-2600)
2640 Bayview Avenue, Toronto

"MEDICAL EDUCATION AND CONDITIONS IN TIMES OF CHAOS AND ADVERSITY: WARSAW GHETTO 1941-1942." **DR. CHARLES ROLAND** is the Jason Hannah Professor Emeritus, History of Medicine, McMaster University, and the author of the landmark book *Courage Under Siege: Starvation, Disease and Death in the Warsaw Ghetto*. He will focus on the clandestine teaching, despite disastrous living conditions and the constant threat of major catastrophe, of almost 500 medical students in the underground medical school in the Warsaw Ghetto. This medical training, as well as original medical research, was subsequently put to good use by survivors.

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12:00 NOON Agricola Finnish Lutheran Church (489-7600)
25 Old York Mills Road, Toronto

Film *"NOT IN OUR TOWN."* This documentary highlights the efforts of Billings, Montana residents to combat hate crimes against Jews, gays and lesbians, Native Americans and African Americans. Panel discussion follows.

2:00 PM Beit Rayim (905-770-7639)
9711 Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill

"A PAGE FROM THE HOLOCAUST." **A dramatization based on the life of Miep Gies, who protected the Frank family during their years in hiding. With MARY MARGARET BUSS, an accomplished actress who specializes in one-woman productions. She received her dramatic training at Texas Christian University and Houston's Theatre Inc.**

2:00 PM Lodzer Centre Holocaust Congregation (636-6665)
12 Heaton Street, Toronto

Film *"THE LAST DAYS,"* is the winner of the 1999 Oscar for best feature length documentary. From Steven Spielberg's Shoah Visual History Foundation, this film chronicles the tragedy of the Hungarian Jews during the latter stages of the Holocaust, as seen through the eyes of five survivors. The son of one of these survivors, Rabbi Ronnie Cahana, is the spiritual leader of the Lodzer Centre Holocaust Congregation.

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7:15 PM Goethe-Institut & New Music Concerts
Harbourfront Centre - Premiere Dance Theatre
207 Queen's Quay West, Toronto

"FORBIDDEN COMPOSERS IN NAZI GERMANY." Illuminating introduction with **ROBERT AITKEN**, Artistic Director, New Music Concerts, followed by a celebration of works by Jewish composers, including Schönberg, Hartmann and Krenek at **8:00 PM**. For tickets, call (416) 961-9594. For more information, call New Music Concerts at (416) 961-9594 or the Goethe-Institut at (416) 593-5257.

8:00 PM Na'amat Canada and Labour Zionist Alliance (636-5425)
Borochov Centre
272 Codsell Avenue, Toronto

"THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN PALESTINE AND ITS EFFORTS TO RESCUE THE EUROPEAN JEWS FROM THE HOLOCAUST." **PROFESSOR MICHAEL BAR-ZOHAR** is an internationally renowned author and lecturer, official biographer of David Ben-Gurion and a Research Fellow at Emory University in Atlanta. He will explore what the Palestinian community knew about their Jewish brethren in Europe, and what they did, both at home and abroad, to help rescue them.

This program has been generously co-sponsored by Josh and Arie Lapsker, in loving memory of their parents.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

12:30 PM Jewish Campus Services
York University, 4700 Keele Street, Toronto

"A PAGE FROM THE HOLOCAUST." A dramatization based on the life of Miep Gies, who protected the Frank family during their years in hiding. With **MARY MARGARET BUSS**, an accomplished actress who specializes in one-woman productions. She received her dramatic training at Texas Christian University and Houston's Theatre Inc. Call (416) 736-5178 for venue.

From November 1 to November 5, there will be a variety of Holocaust-related programs on campus. Call (416) 736-5178 for details.

1:30 PM Thornhill Community Public Library (905-881-5668)
7755 Bayview Avenue, Thornhill

VERA SCHIFF, author of *Theresienstadt: The Town That The Nazis Gave to the Jews*, will describe her experiences in the "model" Nazi camp.

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5:00 PM Jewish Campus Services, University of Toronto
University College (Room 140)
15 Kings College Circle, Toronto

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From November 1 to November 5, there will be a variety of Holocaust-related programs on campus. Call (416) 978-0422 for details.

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7:00 PM Bloor United Church (924-1325)
3000 Bloor Street West, Toronto

Film *"NOT IN OUR TOWN."* This documentary highlights the efforts of Billings, Montana residents to combat hate crimes against Jews, gays and lesbians, Native Americans and African Americans. Panel discussion follows.

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7:00 PM & WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - 1:00 PM
Toronto Stand Firm Education Group (905-873-4100)
Toronto Reference Library
789 Yonge Street, Toronto

Film *"STAND FIRM AGAINST NAZI ASSAULT."* Thousands of Jehovah's Witnesses suffered brutal persecution under the Nazi killing machine because they stood firm in their beliefs, spoke out boldly against the cruelty of Nazism, and could not be silenced. In this documentary, historians from Europe and North America join Witness survivors in relating a story of courage and triumph. **JOSEPH SCHOEN**, a survivor of several prisons and a death march to Dachau, and **SIMONE LIEBSTER**, sent to a Nazi reform school for "reeducation" at the age of 12, will relate personal experiences resulting from their resistance.

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7:30 PM Royal York Road United Church (231-9401)
851 Royal York Road, Toronto

Film *"IN CHRIST'S NAME."* Various denominations examine anti-Semitism in Church literature. This video traces Christian anti-Semitism from its beginning to the Holocaust. It ends with the United Church Declaration of "Bearing Faithful Witness." Produced by CBC *Man Alive*. Panel discussion follows.

7:30 PM The Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto - Main Event
- Asbury & West United Church (783-6503)
  3180 Bathurst Street, Toronto

"EXPLOITING THE HOLOCAUST - LESSONS FROM KOSOVO." **MAJOR-GENERAL (ret'd) LEWIS MACKENZIE, former Commander, U.N. Peace-Keeping Forces in Bosnia/Herzogovina, will address this timely subject.**

7:30 PM Polish Jewish Heritage Foundation (921-9788)
Sydney Smith Building - Room 1088
100 St. George Street, Toronto

"THE DEVIL'S PLAYGROUND: GERMAN OCCUPATION OF POLAND DURING THE HOLOCAUST." Sixty years after the beginning of World War II, **ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR PIOTR WROBEL**, Konstanty Reyner Chair of Polish Studies, University of Toronto, will discuss Germany's invasion and occupation of Poland, and its effect on all its citizens.

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8:00 PM Jewish Music Toronto
Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst Street, Toronto

Direct from Lithuania, **THE VILNIUS STRING QUARTET**, with special guest **GOLDA WAINBERG-TATZ** on piano, presents an evening of Jewish music featuring works of Ervin Schulhoff, Jan Radzynski and Moise Vainberg. A reprise of the opening night concert performed by this quartet at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Ticket reservations necessary. Call (416) 221-5521.

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8:00 PM Medina Theatre Ensemble (785-1074/785-0363)
15 Hove Street, Toronto

"SUN IN MY EYES." Jack Kuper is a graphic artist, filmmaker, and author of the acknowledged classic *Child of the Holocaust* and its sequel *After the Smoke Cleared*. His autobiographical play is about his boyhood in a Polish shtetl during the German occupation.

8:00 PM Shaar Shalom Synagogue (905-889-4975)
2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill

"THE KING OF CHILDREN: THE LIFE AND DEATH OF JANUSZ KORCZAK." **DR. BETTY JEAN LIFTON is a New York author, lecturer and psychologist, specializing in the adopted child. Her award-winning biography of Dr. Korczak is the story of the dedicated doctor, head of the Jewish Orphanage in Warsaw, and world-renowned author who lost his life in Treblinka, together with the hundreds of Jewish orphans from the Warsaw Ghetto, whom he refused to abandon.**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

1:30 PM Bathurst Clark Resource Library (905-709-1103)
900 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill

MAX EISEN, survivor of Auschwitz and active in Second Generation events, gives his personal testimony.

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1:30 PM North York Central Library (395-5784)
5120 Yonge Street, Toronto

ANN EIDLITZ, a child survivor from Poland, will discuss her experiences.

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2:00 PM Barbara Frum Library (395-5440)
20 Covington Avenue, Toronto

PETER SILVERMAN, partisan and author of *From Victims to Victors*, shares his experiences.

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7:00 PM Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (249-8851)
1630 Lawrence Avenue West, Toronto

"FROM KRISTALLNACHT TO LIBERATION - A WITNESS REMEMBERS." **ROBERT ENGEL** shares his memories.

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7:30 PM Christ Church Deer Park (920-5211)
1570 Yonge Street, Toronto

"AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?" A panel discussion will follow the screening of the powerful documentary *Courage to Care*, about rescuers from various European countries who risked their lives to protect Jews.

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7:30 PM The Ephemera Society of Canada (492-5958)
North York Central Library (Meeting Room 1)
5120 Yonge Street, Toronto

"IMAGES OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE HOLOCAUST OR CAN POSTERS KILL?" **JERRY FAIVISH** is an authority on the subject of Jewish posters as they affect and reflect Jewish history. Anti-Semitic posters from his collection have been displayed in museums and publications throughout North America. He will highlight visual images of anti-Semitism, as well as examine the effect they played in creating an atmosphere that fostered the horrors of the Holocaust.

8:00 PM Holy Blossom Temple (789-3291)
1950 Bathurst Street, Toronto

"NEWS OF THE HOLOCAUST: WHO KNEW WHAT? WHEN? WHERE?" **PROFESSOR MICHAEL MARRUS** is Dean of the School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. He will explore the question of how knowledge about the murder of European Jewry was communicated to the outside world, how, when and by whom it was received, and how it was understood. Commenting on recent archival discoveries in Europe and North America, this lecture will also assess some of the complexities involved in interpreting this important, sometimes shattering, material.

8:00 PM National Council of Jewish Women (633-5100)
and Jewish Women's Federation
4700 Bathurst Street, Toronto

"THE LAST TABOO: WOMEN'S MEMOIRS OF THE NAZI GENOCIDE." **PROFESSOR SARA R. HOROWITZ, Ph.D.,** is the Director of the Jewish Studies Program at the University of Delaware and the author of *Voicing the Void: Muteness and Memory in Holocaust Fiction*. During the Nazi genocide, both Jewish men and women were targeted for atrocity and death. The writings and testimony of survivors indicate that, in some measure, the experiences of men and women differ. Professor Horowitz will discuss the particular strengths, vulnerabilities and ways of remembering, characteristic of women's recollections of the War years. She will also consider why these distinctions have only lately come to be acknowledged.

This program has been generously co-sponsored by Great Gulf Homes Charitable Foundation.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

1:30 PM Dufferin Clark Library (905-660-0374)
1441 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill

"A HIDDEN CHILD REMEMBERS." **ADA WYNSTON** describes her experiences as a hidden child in Holland.

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1:30 PM Leaside Public Library (396-3835)
165 McRae Drive, Toronto

FREDA ROSENBLATT describes her experiences growing up in Transnistria.

2:00 PM Wychwood Public Library (393-7683)
1431 Bathurst Street, Toronto

Hungarian native **JUDY COHEN**, survivor of Auschwitz and active in Holocaust education and remembrance, tells her story.

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3:00 PM The Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre (785-2500)
55 Ameer Avenue (Fireside Lounge), Toronto

"RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH." A panel discussion featuring **PINCHAS GUTTER**, child survivor, **IRV KOCHMAN**, child of a survivor, and **PAULA DAVID**, Holocaust Resource Coordinator, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

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7:00 PM Bathurst Clark Resource Library (905-709-1103)
900 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill

Film *"MORE THAN BROKEN GLASS,"* about Kristallnacht, followed by personal testimony of **GERDA STEINITZ-FRIEBERG**, witness to Kristallnacht.

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7:30 PM Blessed Trinity Roman Catholic Church (326-0262)
3200 Bayview Avenue, Toronto

Film *"WEAPONS OF THE SPIRIT."* During World War II, the entire French village of Le Chambon sheltered and saved 5,000 Jews. Filmmaker Pierre Sauvage returns to the village that saved his life to honour the "conspiracy of goodness." Panel discussion with French hidden children follows.

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7:30 PM Chapters Inc. (222-6323)
2901 Bayview Avenue, Toronto

FAYE SCHULMAN, author of *A Partisan's Memoir*, tells her remarkable story of heroism, hardship and resistance.

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7:30 PM Faith Lutheran Church (633-3807)
96 Hucknall Road, Toronto

Film *"ONE SURVIVOR REMEMBERS."* Through a series of interviews, photographs and footage shot in the actual locations of her past, Gerda Weissman-Klein takes us on a journey of survival in this Oscar-winning documentary. Panel discussion follows.

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7:30 PM Indigo Books Music & Café (905-731-8771)
8705 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill

ANITA MAYER, author of *One Who Came Back*, recounts her story. As a hidden child in Holland, she was discovered and deported to Auschwitz, where she shared a bunk with Anne Frank.

7:30 PM St. Andrew United Church (929-0811)
117 Bloor Street East, Toronto

Film *"CHILDREN OF THE THIRD REICH."* This film features excerpts of a meeting between children of Holocaust survivors from Israel and the U.S. and children of Nazi war criminals. Panel discussion follows.

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7:30 PM St. Clare Roman Catholic Church (654-7087)
133 Westmount Avenue, Toronto

Film *"COURAGE TO CARE."* A powerful documentary about rescuers from various European countries who risked their lives to protect Jews. Panel discussion follows.

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7:30 PM St. Gabriel Roman Catholic Church (221-8866)
650 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto

Film *"NOT IN OUR TOWN."* This documentary highlights the efforts of Billings, Montana residents to combat hate crimes against Jews, gays and lesbians, Native Americans and African Americans. Panel discussion follows.

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8:00 PM Child Survivors/Hidden Children Committee (635-2883 ext. 301)
of Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto
Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst Street, Toronto

"LOST CHILDREN: CHILD SURVIVORS AND THE JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILD SERVICE - THE EARLY YEARS." PAULA J. DRAPER, Ph.D., Holocaust historian and educator, is currently completing a study on the post-War lives of Canadian Holocaust survivors. She will examine the initial reception and treatment of child survivors who came to Canada as wards of the Jewish community in the years 1947-1949, and the role of social workers in their adjustment.

8:00 PM **Pride of Israel Synagogue (226-0111)**
59 Lissom Crescent, Toronto

"LOST, STOLEN AND STRAYED: ECONOMIC CRIMES AND CONSEQUENCES OF THE HOLOCAUST." **DR. SYBIL MILTON was the Senior Historian at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum from 1986 to 1997 and is an internationally renowned speaker and author on many aspects relating to the Holocaust. She will discuss how economic and physical liquidation were closely linked aspects of one crime – Nazi genocide. She will survey aspects of Germany's theft, confiscation and exploitation of state and private property, as well as relations between Switzerland and other neutral nations with Nazi Germany before, during and after World War II.**

This program has been generously co-sponsored by Debbie Tessler and Ed Glina and family, in loving memory of their relatives lost in the Holocaust.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

1:30 PM The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living (225-2112)
1003 Steeles Avenue West, Toronto

Film *"THE LAST DAYS."* Winner of the 1999 Oscar for best feature length documentary, this film from Steven Spielberg's Shoah Visual History Foundation, chronicles the tragedy of the Hungarian Jews during the latter stages of the Holocaust, as seen through the eyes of five survivors.

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3:00 PM Ryerson Polytechnic University (979-5000 ext. 6198)
350 Victoria Street (Room A250), Toronto

"THE HOLOCAUST AND DILEMMAS OF RECONCILIATION: CAN THE PAST BE FORGIVEN?" **PROFESSOR MICHAEL MARRUS**, Dean of the School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto and Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, will explore this sensitive subject.

This program will be followed at **5:00 PM** by:

"A CONVERSATION BETWEEN A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR AND A RWANDAN (TUTSI) GENOCIDE SURVIVOR." **ANITA EKSTEIN** and **LEO KABILISA** will share their experiencies of surviving genocide.

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7:00 PM York University, Department of Fine Arts (736-5227)
Atkinson College, Harry Crowe Room
4700 Keele Street, Toronto

"CHARLOTTE SALOMON: ART, THEATRE, MUSIC, JOURNAL, KADDISH." Charlotte Salomon, an artist murdered by the Nazis in Auschwitz in 1943, recorded more than a year of her life while hiding in the south of France, in a journal that is at once a theatrical play, operetta, art work and autobiography entitled *Life? Or Theatre?* The over 1,000 pages of gouaches and transparent overlays, a visual "kaddish," was most recently exhibited at the Royal Academy of Art, London, and begins its North American tour in Toronto next year. **DR. SHELLEY HORNSTEIN**, Professor of Art History, York University, will use slides to explore this powerful and highly interdisciplinary work.

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7:30 PM Chapters Inc. (920-9299)
110 Bloor Street West, Toronto

JOSEPH PERETZ, author of *The Endless Wait*, tells his story of terror and triumph during the Holocaust.

7:30 PM Dutch Canadian Association of Greater Toronto (778-0783)
Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst Street, Toronto

"THE DUTCH REMEMBER: HUNGER, FEAR, RESISTANCE AND RESCUE." Author **LINI GROL**, hidden child **ADA WYNSTON**, Legionnaire **BILL CATLENDER**, and resistance fighter **JACK HEIDEMA** reminisce about their experiences in Holland during the War.

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7:30 PM Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church (923-8471)
354 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto

"CHRISTIAN-JEWISH RELATIONS AFTER THE HOLOCAUST." **BERNIE FARBER**, Executive Director, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, will address this issue.

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7:30 PM Indigo Books Music & Café (544-0049)
2300 Yonge Street, Toronto

IBI GROSSMAN, author of *An Ordinary Woman in Extraordinary Times*, tells her story of survival in the Budapest Ghetto in wartime Hungary.

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7:30 PM Leaside United Church (425-1253)
822 Millwood Road, Toronto

Film *"IN CHRIST'S NAME."* Various denominations examine anti-Semitism in Church literature. This video traces Christian anti-Semitism from its beginning to the Holocaust. It ends with the United Church Declaration of "Bearing Faithful Witness." Produced by CBC *Man Alive*. Panel discussion follows.

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7:30 PM Richmond Hill Public Library (905-884-9288)
1 Atkinson Road, Richmond Hill

ELIZABETH DE JONG, Auschwitz survivor of Mengele medical experiments, shares her personal testimony.

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7:30 PM The Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre (785-2500)
55 Ameer Avenue (Assembly Room), Toronto

"MULTI-GENERATIONAL CARING FOR THE AGING HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR." A panel discussion with **MICHAEL GORDON, M.D., MARILYN RODGERS, R.N., MARGIE LEVITT**, child of survivors, and **JODEME GOLDHAR, MSW, CSW**, social worker on the Holocaust Resource Project at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

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8:00 PM Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue (633-5500)
55 Yeomans Road, Toronto

The screening of a film featuring archival and propaganda material describing the experiences of a member of a Hitler youth group. Discussion follows with **PROFESSOR RONALD WEBSTER**, Department of History, Atkinson College, York University.

8:00 PM Beth Sholom Synagogue (783-6103)
1445 Eglinton Avenue West, Toronto

***"PHOTOGRAPHY OF THE HOLOCAUST AS HISTORICAL EVIDENCE."* DR. SYBIL MILTON** was the Senior Historian at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum from 1986 to 1997 and is an internationally renowned speaker and author. The subject of this slide lecture, that of her latest book, is one that is largely unexplored, despite the documentary significance and emotional impact of the mass of existing visual records. These photographs, however, have not been analyzed as a form of historical data, and many powerful images have been blunted and manipulated by overuse. Dr. Milton will explore propaganda and media use of photographs, accuracy, and the role of the press in presenting photographs of the Holocaust.

This program has been generously co-sponsored by Judy and Bill Schwalm and family, in honour of their parents, Fanni and John Rev, Holocaust survivors.

8:00 PM Generation to Generation Committee of
Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto
The Free Times Café, 320 College Street, Toronto

"FATHER AND DAUGHTER." This one-woman play, written and performed by **MARLENE CHARNEY** (with **THE FRIENDLY SPIKE THEATRE BAND**), is about a man who survived a Nazi concentration camp and his relationship with his rebellious, well-meaning daughter. Panel discussion follows.
For information call (416) 516-4740/(416) 967-1078.

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8:00 PM Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue (789-3213)
470 Glencairn Avenue, Toronto

"SPIRITUALITY, HISTORY, BIOGRAPHY AND SERENDIPITY: THE HOLOCAUST IN ROMANIA." **DR. FELICIA CARMELLY** is a psychologist, author and counselor, specializing in healing relationships in the lives of people subjected to traumatic experiences. She is founder of the Transnistria Survivors Association of Toronto. Her award-winning book *Shattered! 50 Years of Silence: History and Voices of the Tragedy in Romania and Transnistria* describes this little known but important piece of Holocaust history, involving the deaths of 500,000 people.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

12:00 NOON **Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada**
Sheraton Centre Toronto, 123 Queen Street West, Toronto

***"WAR CRIMINALS - 1999."* MADAME JUSTICE LOUISE ARBOUR, Supreme Court of Canada, and former Chief Prosecutor, United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, will discuss this timely subject. For reservations, call Flavia at (416) 594-1812.**

7:30 PM St. Philips on the Hill Anglican Church (905-477-1991)
9400 Kennedy Road, Unionville

Film *"CRIMES OF HATE."* This film reveals the twisted thinking of Neo-Nazi perpetrators, the anguish of their victims, and the strategies used to address these crimes. Panel discussion follows.

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8:30 PM Solel Congregation of Mississauga (905-820-5915)
2399 Folkway Drive, Mississauga

"A HIDDEN CHILD REMEMBERS." ANITA EKSTEIN survived as a hidden child in Poland and has returned there twice as a chaperone on the March of the Living. She recently had her rescuers recognized by Yad Vashem as "Righteous Among the Nations." A March of the Living participant will also share her thoughts.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

1:00 PM First Nareyever Congregation (927-0546)
187 Brunswick Avenue, Toronto

"WAR AND PEACE WITH MEMORY: CHILD SURVIVORS' STRUGGLE WITH REMEMBERING." DR. ANDRÉ STEIN, author of *Hidden Children: Forgotten Survivors of the Holocaust* and survivor of the Holocaust as a hidden child in Budapest, will discuss how child survivors deal with their memories.

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7:30 PM St. John's Norway Anglican Church (691-4560)
470 Woodbine Avenue, Toronto

"THROUGH THE EYES OF A FRIEND: SHARE THE WORLD OF ANNE FRANK." LIVING VOICES presents this internationally acclaimed multi-media program on the life of Anne Frank. Combining live theatre and historical video, this presentation acquaints audiences with the experiences of young people during the Holocaust. Based on accounts from her friends, aspects of Anne Frank's life before and after her family was forced into hiding are shared.

8:00 PM The Columbus Centre (789-7011 ext. 245)
901 Lawrence Avenue West, Toronto

Canadian premiere of the highly-acclaimed film *"MEMORIA."* This documentary, directed by Ruggero Gabbai, is sponsored by the Milan-based Centre for Contemporary Jewish Documentation, Italy's only institution dedicated to researching the Holocaust, anti-Semitism and racism. It is based on interviews with 90 Italian survivors, whose testimony is recorded in the very places where they were imprisoned or persecuted. Previously screened at the Jerusalem Film Festival, this film was the only Italian film chosen for this year's Berlin International Film Festival. In Italian, with English subtitles.

SAT., NOVEMBER 6 & SUN., NOVEMBER 7

Bloor JCC
750 Spadina Avenue, Toronto

"THE HOLOCAUST: A CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE." Presented by the Cultural Arts Group of the Bloor JCC, with participation and sponsorship from UJA Federation's Committee for Yiddish and The Friends of Yiddish. This 4th annual conference will focus on keeping the memory of the Holocaust alive through art, song, dramatic performance, readings and film.

Highlights of the SATURDAY NIGHT program (**8:00 PM**), hosted by writer and impresario **MARK BRESLIN**, include a performance by well-known violinist, singer and composer **ANNE LEDERMAN**; *Memories of the Holocaust in Poetry & Prose*, readings by distinguished members of Toronto's arts community (**ELEANOR WACHTEL, RICK SALUTIN, JUDITH THOMPSON, ANDRÉ ALEXIS**); selected readings from Yehuda Elberg's *Ship of the Haunted* (read by Toronto actor **ALON NASHMAN**); Yiddish, Israeli, Canadian and international songs performed by **THE TORONTO JEWISH FOLK CHOIR**.

The SUNDAY program (**11:00 AM**) includes a reading and discussion on the essay *Return to Poland: In Search of My Parents' Memories* with **SARAH SILBERSTEIN SWARTZ**; one person play *Remnants*, written and performed by **DR. HANK GREENSPAN**; film screening and talk *Prisoner 88: The Man in Stripes* with author **RABBI ROY TANENBAUM**.

At **5:15 PM** and **7:45 PM**, the Toronto Jewish Film Society has a screening of the films *Kinderland/Cinderland* and *Sara*.

Call (416) 924-6211 for registration, full schedule, location and times.

Bloor JCC members free; non-members $10.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

10:00 AM Temple Sinai (487-4161)
210 Wilson Avenue, Toronto

"THE PSYCHOLOGICAL REVERBERATIONS OF THE HOLOCAUST: HOW SURVIVORS AND SUCCEEDING GENERATIONS COPE." **DR. ROBERT KRELL**, Professor Emeritus, Department of Psychiatry, University of British Columbia, and founder of the Vancouver Holocaust Centre Society, survived the War as a hidden child in Holland. He will discuss how not only survivors, but particularly their children and grandchildren, deal with their emotional scars.

10:30 AM Kew Beach United Church (691-8082)
140 Wineva Avenue, Toronto

"WE ARE WITNESSES - JOSHUA 24-22B." **ADA WYNSTON**, who survived the Holocaust as a hidden child in Holland, delivers the sermon at this Remembrance Service.

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10:30 AM Kilbride United Church (905-319-1816)
Kilbride, Ontario

"GROWING UP UNDER NAZI RULE - MY YOUTH IN GERMANY AND HOLLAND." **ROBERT ENGEL** gives his personal testimony.

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10:30 AM Richmond Hill United Church (905-884-1301)
10201 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill

"THE IMPACT OF THE HOLOCAUST ON OUR LIVES TODAY." Sermon during service by **BETH PORTER**, member of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, The Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto, and Holocaust survivor **MAX EISEN**. A workshop follows at **1:00 PM** with Mr. Eisen, his son and granddaughter **LARRY** and **AMY EISEN**

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10:30 AM Trinity United Church (905-895-4851)
461 Park Street, Newmarket

"ANTI-SEMITISM THEN AND NOW - FROM GOSPEL TO HOLOCAUST DENIAL." The **REV. GLEN NELSON** will deliver a sermon during the service on his personal journey in faith. Followed by a workshop at **1:00 PM**.

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10:45 AM St. Leonard Anglican Church (485-7278)
25 Wanless Avenue, Toronto

"TRANSNISTRIA: THE HOLOCAUST IN ROMANIA." **DR. FELICIA CARMELLY** is a psychologist, author and counselor. She will describe the important, but little known, story of Transnistria during the Holocaust.

1:00 PM Finnish Society of Toronto (423-0958)
1237 Woodbine Avenue, Toronto

YAEL SPIER COHEN, who grew up in Germany and survived Theresienstadt, Auschwitz, Mauthausen and labour camps, tells her story.

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2:00 PM & 7:00 PM Associated Hebrew Schools Parent/Teacher Council & USDS Parents Association (638-5417)
Associated Hebrew Schools Kamin Educational Centre
300 Atkinson Street, Thornhill

"THROUGH THE EYES OF A FRIEND: SHARE THE WORLD OF ANNE FRANK." **LIVING VOICES** presents this internationally acclaimed multi-media program on the life of Anne Frank. Combining live theatre and historical video, this presentation acquaints audiences with the experiences of young people during the Holocaust. Based on accounts from her friends, aspects of Anne Frank's life before and after her family was forced into hiding are shared. Family program - recommended for grade 5 & up.

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2:30 PM Chapters Inc. (905-881-2846)
7040 Yonge Street, Thornhill

CHAVA KWINTER, author of *I'm Still Living*, tells of her survival against all odds in Poland during the War.

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5:15 PM & 7:45 PM Goethe-Institut; Toronto Jewish Film Society; Holocaust Education & Memorial Centre (635-2883 ext. 301)
Art Gallery of Ontario (Jackman Hall)
317 Dundas Street West, Toronto

Film ***"KINDERLAND/CINDERLAND."*** This documentary brings together a group of women for a reunion. In 1933, they were all students in Germany; by 1934, most of the Christian girls had become members of the Hitler Youth, while the Jewish girls were forbidden to attend classes and were forced to endure extreme prejudice. The filmmakers use photos, diaries, archival footage and interviews to "reunite" these women 60 years later. Director Sibylle Tiedemann will be present.
Admission: $8; AGO members: $7.

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7:30 PM St. Ansgar Lutheran Church (783-3570)
1495 Avenue Road, Toronto

Film ***"NOT IN OUR TOWN."*** This documentary highlights the efforts of Billings, Montana residents to combat hate crimes against Jews, gays and lesbians, Native Americans and African Americans. Panel discussion follows.

7:30 PM Jewish Storytelling Arts (699-8914)
Beth Habonim Congregation
5 Glen Park Avenue, Toronto

"TALES FROM THE HOLOCAUST: AN EVENING OF HOLOCAUST STORIES." Led by **ALEC GELCER**, Artistic Director of Jewish Storytelling Arts, this program features the narrating of Holocaust stories. Members of the audience are invited to share their own stories.

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7:30 PM Sts. Martha and Mary Roman Catholic Church (905-625-5670)
1870 Burnhamthorpe Road East, Mississauga

Film *"NOT IN OUR TOWN."* This documentary highlights the efforts of Billings, Montana residents to combat hate crimes against Jews, gays and lesbians, Native Americans and African Americans. Panel discussion follows.

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8:00 PM Beth Avraham Yosef of Toronto Congregation (905-886-3810)
613 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill

"PRIVILEGED TO SURVIVE." **REBBETZIN JENNY OCHS** and **REBBETZIN JETTIE SCHOCHET** share their stories of survival during the Holocaust.

8:00 PM **Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue (633-3838)**
100 Elder Street, Toronto

"JEWISH MUSICIANS IN NAZI GERMANY: PERSECUTION, SUFFERING AND EXILE." **DR. MICHAEL KATER** is the Distinguished Research Professor of History at York University and is an internationally renowned lecturer and prolific author. His talk will deal with Jewish musicians in the Third Reich after 1933; how they tried to cope in the face of adversity, how they were manipulated by the SS and Gestapo, how some managed to leave Germany, and how others perished. Dr. Kater will include recent material on musicians from Germany who managed to come to Canada.

This program has been generously co-sponsored by Joe and Donna Gottdenker, in loving memory of the Gottdenker and Zuckerbrot families.

8:00 PM Congregation Darchei Noam (638-4783)
15 Hove Street, Toronto

"I AM FEELING WELL AND AM IN GOOD HEALTH" - A PHILATELIC STUDY OF MAIL FROM GERMAN CONCENTRATION CAMPS. A Holocaust scholar, book and memorabilia collector explains the system and political role of German concentration camp mail and related philately during 1933-1945. The speaker will also discuss the use of ghetto and concentration camp monies, and will illustrate his presentation with slides and authentic pieces from his personal collection.

8:00 PM Village Shul (785-1107)
1072 Eglinton Avenue West, Toronto

"THE EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE JEWS IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR." **SAM PASTERNAK**, Immediate Past National Commander, Jewish War Veterans of Canada, will discuss the significant role played by Jewish soldiers and members of resistance and partisan groups. He will also share reminiscences of his return visit two years ago to Auschwitz/Birkenau.

This program has been generously co-sponsored by Nicole Nathan and Amir Bem, in loving memory of Maurice Nathan, grandfather of Ms. Nathan.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

6:30 PM Temple Har Zion (905-889-2252)
7360 Bayview Avenue, Thornhill

JOHN BARRYS, who was taken from Berlin to England on the first train of the Kindertransport, describes the background of the Kindertransport and his own personal experiences.

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7:30 PM Beth Habonim Congregation (481-1445)
5 Glen Park Avenue, Toronto

"KRISTALLNACHT - A PERSONAL REMINISCENCE." **RABBI ERWIN SCHILD**, Rabbi Emeritus of Adath Israel Congregation, shares his unforgettable memories of Kristallnacht in Würzberg, Germany.

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7:30 PM St. Leonard Anglican Church (485-7278)
25 Wanless Avenue, Toronto

"TRANSNISTRIA: THE HOLOCAUST IN ROMANIA." Workshop with **DR. FELICIA CARMELLY**, psychologist, author, counselor and founder of the Transnistria Survivors Association of Toronto.

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7:30 PM Workmen's Circle (787-2081)
471 Lawrence Avenue West, Toronto

Film *"OUR CHILDREN."* This film, among the first about the Holocaust, was made in 1948 and suppressed by the post-War Polish Government for over 30 years. It features Holocaust survivors and explores whether it is more therapeutic to remember or forget the nightmares suffered. **SHLOMO SCHWARTZBERG**, Director of Programming for the Toronto Jewish Film Festival, will introduce the film which is in Yiddish with English subtitles. Following, there will be a discussion in English and Yiddish.

7:30 PM Indigo Books Music & Café (925-3536)
55 Bloor Street West, Toronto

PETER SILVERMAN, author of *From Victims to Victors*, spent two years fighting the Nazis as a partisan in a Russian-Jewish brigade. He will share his story.

8:00 PM Adath Israel Congregation (635-5340)
37 Southbourne Avenue, Toronto

"EXPLAINING HITLER: THE SEARCH FOR THE ORIGINS OF HIS EVIL." When Hitler's war ended in 1945, the war over Hitler had just begun. Who was he? What gave birth to his unique evil? Half a century later, we know Hitler didn't escape the Berlin bunker, but in ways both frightening and profound, he has managed to escape explanation. **RON ROSENBAUM**, acclaimed author and journalist, will discuss these issues and help search for the answers.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

2:00 PM Danforth Coxwell Library (393-7783)
1675 Danforth Avenue, Toronto

INGE SPITZ, a German native who survived the War as a hidden child in France, gives her personal testimony.

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7:30 PM Parkwoods United Church (447-5519)
85 Parkwoods Village Drive, Toronto

Film ***"COURAGE TO CARE."*** A powerful documentary about rescuers from various European countries who risked their lives to protect Jews. Panel discussion follows.

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7:30 PM St. Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic Church (905-884-1883)
10295 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill

Film ***"NOT IN OUR TOWN."*** This documentary highlights the efforts of Billings, Montana residents to combat hate crimes against Jews, gays and lesbians, Native Americans and African Americans. Panel discussion follows. A ceremony with prayers and candlelighting will mark the anniversary of Kristallnacht.

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8:00 PM New Fraternal Jewish Association (636-6665)
Lodzer Centre Holocaust Congregation
12 Heaton Street, Toronto

Film ***"NEVER AGAIN,"*** featuring actor Leonard Nimoy, is based on a true story in which nine Holocaust survivors challenge Holocaust deniers in a U.S. court.

CLOSING PROGRAM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:00 PM Beth Tzedec Congregation
1700 Bathurst Street, Toronto
781-3511

"LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL" - DEBATE AND DISCUSSION

This Oscar-winning film evokes a multitude of views and strong emotions. It provokes all sorts of controversial questions about the representation of the Holocaust in cinema:

- Can it be appropriately treated in comic form?
- Do its historical inaccuracies necessarily lead to trivialization?
- Is Roberto Benigni being naïve by creating what he calls a "fable" about the Holocaust?

PROFESSOR STUART LIEBMAN, Ph.D., is Professor and Chair, Department of Media Studies at the City University of New York, and Coordinator of the University's Graduate School in Film Studies.

PROFESSOR JUDY DONESON, Ph.D., teaches Holocaust and film at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, and is the author of *The Holocaust in American Film.*

The speakers have diametrically opposed views on *Life is Beautiful.* They will discuss these, and explore the issues arising from the film.

This program has been generously co-sponsored by

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:00 PM International School for Disciplinary Studies (539-9728)
Lipa Green Building
4600 Bathurst Street, Toronto

"THE THEATRE OF THE HOLOCAUST." **YAACOV NAOR** is the founder and director of "The Inner Theatre" Psychodrama Centre in Tel Aviv and "ISIS Israel." He will discuss the ways in which Psychodrama, Therapeutic Theatre and other Expressive Arts therapies are used with post-traumatic populations. Mr. Naor has created theatrical encounters between children and grandchildren of survivors, and Germans from the post-War generations.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:30 PM Roma Community and Advocacy Centre (923-4678)
Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst Street, Toronto

"REMEMBERING THE ROMA." **RONALD LEE**, a Canadian of Romani origin, is an author, lecturer and Director of Public Education and Awareness for the Roma Community and Advocacy Centre. He will describe the experiences of the Roma (Gypsy people) during World War II and will illustrate his presentation with video material.

7:30 PM St. Brigid's Roman Catholic Church (696-8660)
300 Wolverleigh Blvd., Toronto

Film *"WEAPONS OF THE SPIRIT."* During World War II, the entire French village of Le Chambon sheltered and saved 5,000 Jews. Filmmaker Pierre Sauvage returns to the village that saved his life to honour the "conspiracy of goodness." Discussion follows.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

2:00 PM Northern District Branch Library (393-7610)
40 Orchard View Blvd., Toronto

LEONARD VIS, a hidden child in Holland during the War, shares his personal testimony.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:00 PM Timothy Eaton Memorial Church (925-5977)
230 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto

"BEARING FAITHFUL WITNESS." (The United Church of Canada Statement in 1998 on current relations between the United Church and the Jews) Discussion with the **REV. KAREN HAMILTON**, Chair of the Bearing Faithful Witness National Steering Committee and the **REV. DR. ANDREW STIRLING**, Committee member.

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7:30 PM Indigo Books Music & Café (905-731-8771)
8705 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill

NACHEMIA WURMAN, author of *Nachemia*, describes his Wartime experiences. A Polish native, he escaped from a concentration/labour camp and joined an underground movement from which he was sent to infiltrate and spy on the German Wehrmacht.

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7:30 PM Our Lady of the Assumption
Roman Catholic Church (787- 4547)
2565 Bathurst Street, Toronto

"A CASE OF SURVIVOR SUPPORT IN TORONTO." Holocaust survivors and survivors of the genocide in Rwanda discuss their experiences in this unusual encounter.

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8:00 PM Jewish Genealogical Society (484-9167)
Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue
470 Glencairn Avenue, Toronto

"BRIDGES TO THE FUTURE: HIDDEN CHILDREN'S STORIES." **ANNA CHESZES** and **MARTHA SHEMTOV**, who were both hidden by Gentiles during the War, recently returned from a conference on hidden children in Prague. They will report on the conference as well as discuss survivor ordeals and adaptation to post-War life.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:30 PM Grace Church on the Hill (488-7884)
300 Lonsdale Road, Toronto

"FAITH AFTER THE HOLOCAUST." **RABBI BARUCH FRYDMAN-KOHL**, Senior Rabbi of Beth Tzedec Congregation, discusses this profound question.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

10:00 AM St. Peter's Erindale Church (905-828-2095)
1745 Dundas Street West, Mississauga

"THE HOLOCAUST THROUGH THE EYES OF CHILDREN." Workshop with **CLAIRE BAUM**, a former hidden child, and **MARIA JACOBS**, a child of a rescuer in Holland.

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10:30 AM Glen Ayr United Church (438-9843)
55 Brimorton Drive, Toronto

"WELCOMING THE STRANGER - EMULATING ABRAHAM." The treatment of strangers was a critical issue for Jews during the Holocaust. Today we also have to deal with strangers, i.e. the homeless, immigrants, etc. In Biblical times, Abraham welcomed strangers into his tent and took care of their needs. How do we react to "strangers" today? In a sermon during the service, **RABBI IRVIN BEIGEL** explores this question.

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11:00 AM Forest Hill United Church (783-0879)
2 Wembley Road, Toronto

"FROM BERLIN TO LIBERATION - 1933-1945: A WITNESS REMEMBERS." **ROBERT ENGEL** shares his memories.

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2:00 PM Church of St. Andrew (Anglican) (447-1481)
2333 Victoria Park Avenue, Toronto

"GROWING UP UNDER NAZI RULE." Screening of the film *Preserving the Past to Ensure the Future*, a sensitive video dealing with the most tragic victims of the Holocaust, the one and a half million children whose only "crime" was to have been born Jewish. Panel discussion with **ROBERT ENGEL**, Holocaust survivor, and his granddaughter, **TAMARA STIEBER**, third generation.

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7:00 PM Augsburg Lutheran Church (905-459-3262)
224 Mill Street South, Brampton

Film *"SHADOW ON THE CROSS."* A powerful documentary describing Christian anti-Semitism, the ambivalent role of the Church during the Nazi period and the tentative path toward reconciliation between Jews and Christians in the post-War era. Panel discussion with clergy follows.

OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 9

DRAMA, DINNER & SONG

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Dinner theatre package is available throughout
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The Free Times Café
320 College Street, Toronto

For tickets, call (416) 967-1078 or (416) 516-4740 (limited seating)

NOVEMBER 4

The Jewish Theatre Committee of Toronto, created by UJA Federation, is celebrating its 10th Annual Canadian Jewish Playwriting Contest with a series of three staged readings. **ROBERT MAJZEL**'s *This Night the Kapo*, directed by Jordan Merkur, will be read on **Thursday, November 4** at **8:00 PM** at the Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Avenue, Toronto.
Call (416) 924-6211 for details.

NOVEMBER 6 -14

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Bathurst Jewish Centre
4588 Bathurst Street, Toronto

"WRAPPED IN GRIEF"

Sculptures in burlap and wood depicting grief will be displayed during Holocaust Education Week. They were made as a Holocaust project by students at Camp Kadima in Nova Scotia (Atlantic Jewish Council). Suzanne Caines and Belarie Zatzman were artistic coordinators for this project.

Wednesday, November 3	**Pride of Israel Synagogue**	**8:00 PM**
Sunday, November 7	**Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue**	**8:00 PM**
Monday, November 8	**Adath Israel Congregation**	**8:00 PM**
Tuesday, November 9	**Beth Tzedec Congregation**	**8:00 PM**

During Holocaust Education Week, displays of Holocaust-related books will be mounted at the following bookstores:

Another Story
164 Danforth Avenue, Toronto

The Batner Bookstore
180 Steeles Avenue West, Toronto

Chapters Inc.
2901 Bayview Avenue, Toronto
110 Bloor Street West, Toronto
7040 Yonge Street, Thornhill

Contact Editions
759 Mount Pleasant Road, Toronto

Indigo Books Music & Cafe
55 Bloor Street West, Toronto
2300 Yonge Street, Toronto
8705 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill

Israel's The Judaica Centre
897 Eglinton Avenue West, Toronto
441 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill

Lichtman's News & Books
300 York Mills Road, Toronto
1 Promenade Circle, Thornhill

The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe
888 Eglinton Avenue West, Toronto

Mabel's Fables Children's Books
2939 Bloor Street West, Toronto
662 Mount Pleasant Road, Toronto

Negev Book & Gift Store
3509 Bathurst Street, Toronto

Pages Books & Magazines
256 Queen Street West, Toronto

Ryerson Bookstore
17 Gould Street, Toronto

University of Toronto Bookstore
214 College Street, Toronto

Women's Book Store
73 Harbord Street, Toronto

York University Bookstore
4700 Keele Street, Toronto

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Since its opening, more than half a million visitors from the United States, the Caribbean, Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Australia and South Africa, including 200,000 Jewish and non-Jewish students from across Canada, have visited the Centre, learning the important lessons of tolerance, understanding and acceptance.

Visitors view audio-visual presentations that portray the experiences of European Jews before, during and after World War II. They see showcases containing memorabilia that enable them to witness first-hand the horror of the Holocaust, and experience the quiet and reflective Hall of Memories, where families have chosen to pay tribute to their loved ones by dedicating a tile in their memory.

School groups also have the opportunity to hear the personal testimony of one of the many Holocaust survivor speakers whose shining example of courage and dignity serves as a role model for a new generation.

The Holocaust Resource Centre, with its extensive library and hi-tech multi-media equipment with access to the worldwide Internet, serves all segments of the community.

The Holocaust Centre is located in the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst Street, Toronto.

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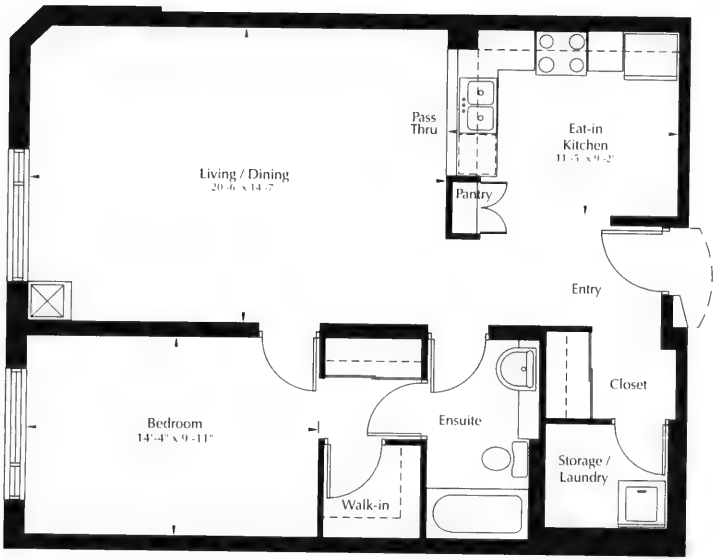

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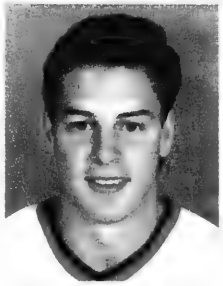

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BIG CHIEF SPEAKER SITTING BURG

British Columbia grand chief Linda Prince [left picture] presented a traditional war head-dress to Knesset speaker Avraham Burg last week. Prince was part of a delegation of some 80 native North American leaders, representatives of about 40 tribes who visited Israel for Sukkot. At right, Burg joins in beating a traditional native tune on the drum. *[Israel photo]*

Irwin Cotler to carry Liberal banner in Mount Royal

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Irwin Cotler, who has spent much of the past 25 years travelling around the world for the cause of human rights, will be, barring an upset of historic proportions, the next member of Parliament for Mount Royal.

Cotler, 59, said no one is more surprised than he that today he finds himself about to be acclaimed the riding's Liberal candidate and fight a byelection expected in November. He had plans to teach at Jerusalem's Hebrew University next year. His wife Ariela was looking forward to returning to her native Israel.

Cotler insists he is answering a groundswell of grassroots support, and was not wooed by the party hierarchy.

The longtime McGill University law professor, perhaps most famous for his work to release Soviet refusenik Natan Scharansky, was at the end of last week, the only contender and awaiting acclamation at the party's nomination meeting Oct. 4 at Congregation Beth-El.

Irwin Cotler

Candidates can declare themselves up to Oct. 1, but it's improbable anyone will do so.

"I see becoming an MP as a continuation and intensification of the work I have done in promoting human rights," Cotler said in an interview. "There are things that I stand for and I don't intend to change that because I am in Parliament."

Since he has been an independent voice for so long, many wonder if Cotler will be comfortable toeing a party line. He takes the larger view.

"I have a lifetime commitment to broadening and deepening human rights internationally and domestically. Maybe the Kosovos and the East Timors could have been prevented if there had been less protracted debate and an amplified voice and vision for human rights in Parliament."

Cotler, who was president of Canadian Jewish Congress from 1980-83, will find himself in the same caucus with some people he has criticized over the years for dragging their feet on bringing suspected Nazi war criminals to justice. Cotler served as a counsel to the Deschênes commission of inquiry during the Mulroney government.

He plans to carry on with many of his international human rights interests, as head of InterAmicus,

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First Nations Visit

VANCOUVER — Lynda Prince, a First Nations grand chief from Vancouver, led a contingent of 85 aboriginal leaders from across North America to Israel last week. The group was part of about 900 First Nations representatives from around the world to take part in Sukkot festivities and connect with the people of Israel. The delegates were scheduled to tour the country for five days, and meet with Prime Minister Ehud Barak. Prior to leaving, Prince said native people feel they have much in common with Jews.

Rabbi Plaut's Investiture

TORONTO — Rabbi Gunther Plaut, senior scholar at Holy Blossom Temple, will be invested as a senator of Abraham Geiger College for the training of rabbis and teachers in Potsdam, Germany. The investiture will take place Oct. 15 and will be held by the president of the college, Rabbi Walter Jacob, and the chair of the Union of Progressive Jews in Germany, Austria and Switzerland, Jan Muhlstein.

Rabbinic Council Formed

EDMONTON — Religious leaders from the city's three major synagogues have joined to form the Va'ad Ha'ir of Edmonton, the Edmonton Rabbinic Council. It is the first official rabbinic council in the city in 10 years, and encompasses Orthodox, Conservative and Reform congregations. Its first goal is to establish kashrut standards.

Staffing Changes

CALGARY — Todd Rockoff has been appointed acting executive director of the Calgary Jewish Centre. Joel Miller will now devote his energies to his full-time position as executive director of the Calgary Jewish Community Centre. The staffing changes are the result of a joint report by the two organizations, which recommended that the practice of sharing a single executive director between the two be discontinued.

ISRAEL

Pope to Visit

JERUSALEM — Pope John Paul will visit Israel and the Palestinian self-rule areas in March, the Vatican representative to Israel says. Although a papal visit has long been expected, Papal Nuncio Pietro Sambo's announcement provided the first official confirmation.

In Rome meantime, a Jewish family is attempting to regain the house in Poland where the Pope was born. Ron Balamuth, whose grandfather rented rooms to the pontiff's father in the town of Wadowice before World War II, visited Poland to investigate how he could recover title to the house, which now serves as a papal museum.

Sabbath Traffic Ruling

JERUSALEM — Israel's High Court last week sided with secular petitioners against barring Sabbath traffic on several Jerusalem streets that are adjacent to haredi neighborhoods. The court ordered the Jerusalem municipality to explain why it had closed the streets.

WORLD

Embezzlement Charges

BERLIN — Israeli and German prosecutors are expected to file charges soon against attorneys in both countries suspected of embezzling hundreds of millions of dollars from a German pension fund intended for Holocaust survivors. The news magazine *Der Spiegel* reported that two attorneys in Tel Aviv and Berlin allegedly took some $600 million while posing as middlemen for processing pension fund applications. Israel first sought Germany's help in investigating the allegations in 1997.

Cemetery Desecrated

BUENOS AIRES — Argentina's president said he is appalled after vandals destroyed more than 60 tombstones at a Jewish cemetery near Buenos Aires on Sept. 19. "It is an act to be condemned in every sense," Carlos Menem said the day after the desecration. The La Tablada cemetery has been the target of several similar attacks, most recently in 1997.

Cardinal Apologizes

NEW YORK — New York Cardinal John O'Connor last week apologized for centuries of Catholic anti-Semitism. "I ask this Yom Kippur that you understand my own abject sorrow for any member of the Catholic Church, high or low, who may have harmed you or your forebears in any way," the cardinal said in a letter published Sept. 8 as a full-page ad in the *New York Times*. He referred to Pope John Paul's effort to make next year's Ash Wednesday, which falls on March 8, a day for Catholics to atone for centuries of anti-Semitism.

Himmler's Deal

LONDON — Heinrich Himmler, wartime leader of the SS, sought to win asylum for himself and 200 leading Nazis in the final days of World War II by offering cash and the freedom of 3,500 Jews held in concentration camps, according to classified British intelligence documents released here. According to the documents, the concentration camp inmates were to be sent to Switzerland in two trainloads.

Rightist Leader Threatens Party's Return

ROME — The announcement by an extreme right-wing leader here that he will revive his illegal hate group next month has renewed concerns about public displays of neo-Nazi sentiments.

Maurizio Boccacci, Rome's most prominent ultra-right-wing leader, told *La Repubblica* newspaper that he plans to relaunch his Movimento Politico on Oct. 28, despite a government ban on its operation.

The Political movement was banned and broken up in 1993 for its anti-Semitic and xenophobic activities.

Boccacci, 42, has been investigated more than 50 times for hate activities and militant neo-fascism. He described himself to *La Repubblica* as "fascist, Catholic traditionalist, anti-Zionist, racist."

Boccacci's announcement came amid mounting concern about neo-Nazi and fascist behavior among Italian soccer fans.

As in other European countries, some militant fans, including skinhead groups, use fascist and Nazi symbols to support their teams and sometimes use anti-Semitic slogans against opposing teams.

Frequent protests by Jewish and other groups have had little effect on these practices.

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Orthodox Caucus hopes to 'sensitize' on ethics

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A prominent rabbi went to spend Shabbat at the home of a disciple. The family went to a great deal of effort to make everything as proper and as elegant as they could.

Flustered by all the preparations and the excitement, the hostess forgot to cover the challah before Kiddush. The embarrassed host berated her soundly.

"Explain it to me," said the rabbi to his host. "Why are you careful not to insult the dignity and honor of the challah, but it doesn't bother you to insult the dignity and honor of your wife?"

While there may sometimes appear to be a distinction between strict observance of Halachah and what might be termed mentschlichkeit, in fact, the sages have always stressed that compassion, ethical behavior and respect are essential aspects of religious observance.

The forgiveness that Jews pray for on Yom Kippur can only be given, according to tradition, for ment for sins against other people only comes if one asks for – and receives – forgiveness from the injured party.

In 1992, a group of religious leaders and lay men and women in the New York area founded The Orthodox Caucus, an organization designed, as its literature explains, "to sensitize Orthodox Jews to the demands and expectations of Torah and Halachah in matters of ethics and character excellence."

Rabbi Basil Herring, spiritual leader of the Atlantic Beach Jewish Centre, and executive chair of the caucus, told *The CJN* "there was a general sense that there was a need for a group of men and women to address issues that might arise, in an organized and efficient manner."

While there are organizations that deal with one aspect or another of the issues involved, "we felt there was a need to bring them [the organizations] together in a way that would transcend their individual agendas."

One of the Caucus' first concerns was the plight of the agunah, the woman whose husband refuses to

After a great deal of discussion, Rabbi Mordechai Willig wrote a prenuptial agreement in which a bride and groom agree that if the marriage dissolves, they will abide by the rulings of a mutually acceptable rabbinic court.

Rabbi Herring said more than half of the modern Orthodox weddings in the United States use the formulation, which, he said, has received broad-based halachic endorsement.

'Address responsibility issues'

The caucus is trying to "address responsibly issues and concerns of women," whose needs "must be addressed pro-actively," he said.

Matters being looked into include naming of baby girls; using women's names in prayers where it

design of mechitzahs, the physical barriers separating men and women at prayer.

"Women should feel that they can hear, see and participate," he said, adding that the caucus hopes to publish a booklet of acceptable designs.

A rabbinic training program is also available, Rabbi Herring said, to give "talented young rabbis the skills to be dynamic leaders."

Another project is ROVE, Responsible Orthodox Views and Editorials, an e-mail program that gives reasoned and accurate responses to events of the day.

While the major support for the Orthodox Caucus is from the centrist or modern Orthodox, Rabbi Herring said they "make every effort to include any Orthodox leader or individual who sees merit in what we do. We prefer to be inclusive."

The caucus is financially independent, funded by the 150 members of its plenum. Special projects are funded by outside sources, such as individuals, foundations and federations.

efforts is the Torah Ethics Project, which focuses on "the centrality of ethical and character excellence in our relations with each other and with the world around us, [to] sensitize all Orthodox Jews to the demands and expectations of Torah and Halachah in the realm of ethical and civic virtue."

Topics include Ahavat Yisrael, love of fellow Jews; Shalom Bayit, peace within the home; and Dina D'malchuta Dina, the law of the land must be obeyed.

The Torah Ethics Project functions in a number of communities, including Manhattan, Bergen County, N.J., and greater Boston. Expansion is planned to other communities, including Toronto.

Co-ordinators of the Orthodox Caucus in Toronto are Rabbi Jay and Ilana Kelman. Rabbi Kelman is associate rabbi of Beth Jacob Congregation. Other Torontonians involved include Saul and Mira Koschitzky, Prof. Martin and Ruth Lokshin, Rabbis Chaim Sacknowitz, Moshe Shulman, Reuven Stern, Pinchas Tessler and Reuven

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From the editor's desk

Transparent language

I do not intend to read his recently released book, *A Republic, Not an Empire*. Nor do I intend to read any of his books.

I do intend, however, to keep my ears tuned in to Pat Buchanan's public pronouncements. It is important for us to know what he and his followers are thinking.

Some people may argue that it is unfair, if not unreliable, to draw conclusions about the man based upon what others have written about him. My response is to agree with that proposition in the general case, but to proceed by way of exception in this specific case.

Buchanan is a known commodity. He and his opinions have been around for at least a decade. And there is enough material written or spoken about Pat Buchanan by credible and substantive commentators to justify this journalistic approach to the man.

As most *CJN* readers know, Buchanan is the journalist and TV personality who has twice offered himself as the Republican party candidate for president on a platform whose sharp, saw-toothed planks can be charitably described as populist, right-wing conservative, xenophobic "America-firstism."

Many of his opinions concerning Israel and the Jews of the United States have been denounced as anti-Semitic, even by such fellow right-wing conservatives as William F. Buckley.

Once again Buchanan is running for the presidency of the United States. As of this writing, however, it is not clear whether it will be for the Republicans or for the third party founded by Ross Perot earlier this decade, the Reform party, thankfully unrelated to the Canadian Reform party.

A Republic, Not an Empire is, essentially, Buchanan's policy book in the upcoming presidential elections. It was released last week and immediately drew fire from observers for a number of Buchanan's problematic propositions.

One such proposition stabbed at Jewish sensibilities in particular. Buchanan questioned the timing of the American entry into World War II, suggesting that it came too early, and according to some reports, implying that it could have been avoided altogether.

Pat Buchanan

He also commented, again, as reported in the *New York Times*, on the Jewish influence in the United States. "After World War II, Jewish influence over foreign policy became almost an obsession with American leaders."

There is a transparency, despite the deliberate opacity, to the substance and to the code-words of Buchanan's opinions that the many years of collective Jewish experience enable us to see through.

What should cause us concern is not that he is once again propagating the spurious and the specious. Rather it is that almost 20 percent of Americans said in a poll last week they would "consider" voting for him, and that George W. Bush, the Republican party's leading candidate for the presidential nomination, has not denounced Buchanan's views or decried the malicious intent behind them.

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He's almost a nonagenarian. And at 89 years of age, he feels it is time to pass the editor's pen of his bi-weekly Yiddish column to someone younger.

Thus, in this issue of *The CJN*, after some eight years and 170 columns, the byline that appears in the *Yiddish Vinkl*, the Yiddish corner, belongs no longer to Sam Lipshitz but rather to Alek Silver.

As staff reporter Ben Rose writes elsewhere in this issue of *The CJN*, Lipshitz has "fought for Yiddish on all fronts." For having resourcefully and creatively carried on that fight in the pages of this newspaper, we and our readers owe him a special debt of gratitude and thanks.

The columns that Lipshitz compiled and occasionally wrote were always lively and informative, drawing upon the diminishing, though still deep, mostly untapped well of Yiddish-speaking and Yiddish-writing Canadian Jews.

Silver, a longtime friend and colleague of the *Yiddish Vinkl's* former editor, is an experienced editor in his own right (write) and an energetic Yiddishist, dedicated to the language and to the people for whom it is more an identity than a way of speaking.

We look forward to a long, imaginative, entertaining, and edifying relationship with Silver.

On behalf of our readers, we bid heartfelt thanks to Sam Lipshitz, and bid welcome to Alek Silver.

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THE UNITY OF ALL FOUR SPECIES AT THE KOTEL
Worshippers at the Kotel wave the arba minim, the four species of Sukkot. [Israel file photo]

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In last week's photo, Julius Winemaker was the unidentified soldier, top row, fourth from the left; Bernard Dubow and his son Harry were in the front row, three from the left.

CJC sends out alert on New Age speaker

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) has expressed deep concern to Hart House Theatre and Sumari Seminars over the latter's sponsorship of an upcoming appearance by British author David Icke at the theatre, on the University of Toronto's downtown campus.

Icke, who is in his 40s, is the author of *And The Truth Will Set You Free* and *The Biggest Secret*.

His writings are "so extreme [in terms of anti-Semitism] that it's frightening. The fact that he uses New Age as his umbrella to hide his anti-Semitism is even more frightening," said Bernie Farber, executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region.

In addition to the Oct. 6 Toronto lecture, Icke is also scheduled to speak at Ottawa's Kemptville College on Oct. 2 and 3, and at the Windsor Casino on Oct. 9 and 10.

At press time Monday, CJC had also alerted the Metropolitan Toronto Police hate crimes unit and Windsor's Jewish Federation.

CJC had plans to let immigration and customs officials, as well as bookstores, know their concerns.

"We're going to ask Immigration to brief [Icke] on what the laws are in Canada, and make him aware of the anti-hate laws, and that Canada would not stand idly by if the laws were broken, either through speech or the distribution or sale of materials deemed to violate the law," said Manuel Prutschi, CJC's national director of community relations.

Icke was in Toronto in March to address two sessions of the Learning Annex, expounding on bizarre science fiction and conspiracy theories. Although he did not refer to Jews specifically at the time, he focused on a "global elite" that included the Rothschild banking family and former U.S. secretary of state Henry Kissinger.

David Sersta, who operates the Learning Annex, monitored Icke's talks after being notified about his extremist views.

Hart House Theatre has a "complete freedom of speech policy," said theatre manager Janet Bessey.

Icke is "a huge problem," according to Farber, because of the numbers he attracts (200 and 300 respectively at his last Toronto appearances), and because of his focus on Jews.

His writings denounce the Talmud as racist and blame a secret Jewish cabal for world ills including the Holocaust. A former spokesperson for Britain's Green party, Icke was banned from addressing the party's 1994 convention because of anti-Semitic views expressed in his book, *The Robots Rebellion*.

Even if Icke doesn't say anything anti-Semitic in public, the fact that people may be attracted to his talks and start reading his books is "very disconcerting," said Farber.

"[Icke] didn't have any anti-Semitic comments to make in his speech the last time he was here, but it doesn't mean he won't do it this time, especially given the fact that this new book seems to be so infused with anti-Semitism. It's a real and legitimate concern that he might speak about those issues, and if he does, he may very well be in violation of the anti-hate law here in Canada," Farber said.

A call from *The CJN* to Sumari Workshops last week was not returned before press time, but the organization's Web site appears to represent New Age educational programs. An editorial policy of its online magazine states that written material should be "without prejudice, or gender, racial, spiritual, religious generalization."

CJC's Farber, who spoke to a representative of Sumari Seminars, said that their conversation "was not very productive." Congress has sent the group samples of Icke's writing and is awaiting their response.

Mugging not a hate crime

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) and Toronto police are satisfied that an attack against a 63-year-old Orthodox Jewish man last Friday afternoon was not a hate crime.

Lawrence Skolnik was followed into the parking garage in his apartment building at 2500 Bathurst St. by two men. Police say one of the men punched Skolnik repeatedly in the head. The two attackers then fled after stealing Skolnik's watch.

Although there were some suggestions from the media and one of the building's residents that the attack was racially motivated, police say robbery appeared to be the prime motive.

Skolnik lives in the same building as Jacob Lazar, who was attacked last month while walking to Torah Emeth Synagogue on Viewmount Avenue.

Lazar, 79, and Sy Miller, 66, were punched and beaten with a blunt object. Police have labelled the earlier attack a hate crime because of the location and because there was no attempt to rob the men.

Detectives from 13 Division have asked for the public's help in solving the crime. The two suspects are described as male, 5 foot 10, 150 to 160 pounds with short, dark hair.

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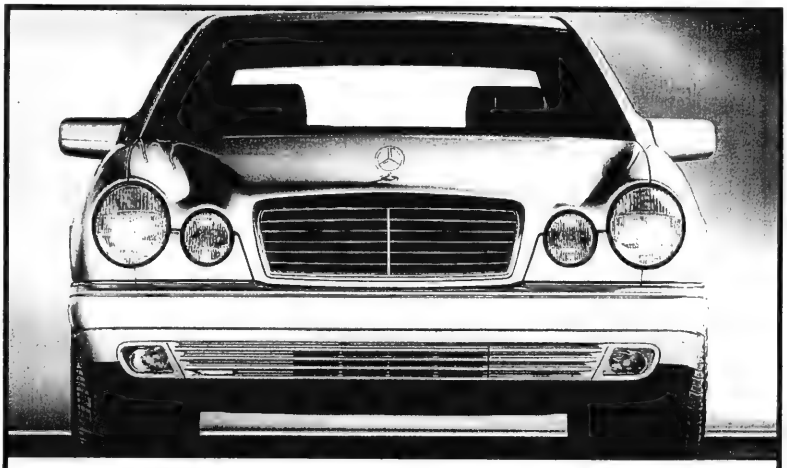

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The aftermath of last Friday morning's hit-and-run death of Moshe Nussbaum, 88, at the corners of Bathurst Street and Joicey Boulevard. [Ron Csillag photo]

Orthodox leader, 88, killed in hit-and-run on way to shul

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Shock and sadness greeted the tragic death last Friday of 88-year-old Moshe Nussbaum, a pillar of Toronto's Orthodox community, and the victim of a hit-and-run in the Bathurst-Wilson neighborhood.

Nussbaum was on his way, alone, to a pre-dawn Talmud class and morning services at Agudath Israel Congregation on McGillivray Avenue when he was struck by a car at the corners of Bathurst Street and Joicey Boulevard at about 5:15 a.m.

He was pronounced dead of massive internal injuries at the scene.

An autopsy performed only hours later confirmed Nussbaum died from being hit by the car.

But according to police, he was already prone on the street when he was struck.

"He was alive when he was hit," Det. Tom Fullarton of Toronto's police traffic services told *The CJN* on the scene. "What we're trying to determine is why he was lying down." Police suspect he either stumbled or fainted.

The autopsy showed Nussbaum did not have a heart attack, as was previously suspected.

The autopsy proved to be a sensitive matter, as Halachah prohibits the procedure. But it was carried out, because police needed to know what caused Nussbaum's death should the driver be caught. The fact that the driver fled has made this a criminal investigation, police said.

Family members and rabbis requested there be no autopsy, Jim Young, chief coroner of Ontario, told *The CJN*.

"We listened very hard. We attempted to accommodate [them] and we looked for alternatives. But the conclusion was that an autopsy would provide necessary information.

"We tried to do it with a minimum of disruption and in a manner as acceptable as possible to the Jewish community," Young said.

He added that a rabbi was in the room during the procedure.

As of Monday, there were no arrests.

Police described the car as a black sport utility vehicle, and the driver as an Asian man, aged 45 to 49, between 5-foot-1 and 5-foot-5, with greying hair and a moustache. He had a passenger.

Fullarton said the driver "had a conversation" with a passerby before making a U-turn and speeding off north on Bathurst.

One problem was early-morning rain, "which washed a lot of evidence into the sewers," he noted.

Almost immediately after the accident, several Orthodox men gathered at the scene and recited Tehillim (Psalms) over the body.

Later, as the curious looked on, Jews rushed to morning services and to buy lulavim and etrogim for Sukkot.

Community members described Nussbaum as a revered leader and much-loved elder statesman.

The scene at Agudath Israel Congregation, a bit north of the accident site, was sombre. Teenage boys and young men gathered for Torah study.

"He was a very happy, energetic man," said one young student.

Nussbaum was one of the founders of the Agudah movement in Toronto, and of Agudath Israel Congregation, reports *The CJN*'s Leila Speisman.

He was still active on the Vaad Hapoel Agudath Israel, the governing body of the International Agudah organization. He was also active in Eitz Chaim schools, and was a founder of Bais Yaakov High School.

In addition, he helped found Camp Agudah in Port Carling, and *Perspectives*, the newspaper of Toronto Agudah.

Shmuel Klein, editor of *Perspectives*, described him as "a firebrand in his younger years. He had a great sense of humor. He was effervescent."

Nussbaum was born in the Galician town of Dzikow. The family moved to Holland, Belgium and Cuba to escape World War II. They came to Canada in the 1940s.

Nussbaum is survived by his wife, four children, 18 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

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So that ideals may shine once again

This newspaper has rarely, if ever, commented in an editorial, upon a prospective election candidate's winning the party's nomination in his or her riding. After all, winning the right to represent a specific party is but a preliminary stage of any election. The ultimate contest still remains to be fought.

But the news last week out of the federal riding of Mount Royal, in Montreal, that Irwin Cotler will likely be acclaimed its Liberal party candidate, is worthy of comment in this space. The former member of Parliament for the riding, Sheila Finestone, was appointed to the Senate last month. The byelection is expected in November.

The modern history of that riding suggests the Liberal party nominee will be its member of Parliament. But it is not the virtual certainty of Cotler's election to the House of Commons that evokes these comments; it is the set of values and beliefs that his election promises to bring into the Commons, that sets our heart to stirring.

In 1999, as we prepare to tear away the last page on this year's Julian calendar, the concept of the sanctity and the inviolability of individual human rights is well established, if not well observed, in international law. But it has not always been so this century, this half-century, or even this decade. There are few people on earth who know and understand this lachrymose fact better than the Jewish people.

Irwin Cotler is renowned and respected worldwide for his indefatigable advocacy on behalf of human rights. With the courage and charisma of a biblical prophet, Cotler has helped to plant and nurture the seed of human rights in the ashen, tear-soaked, post-World War II soil. That seed, along with countless others, has been carried to near and far away places by the sheer force, passion and integrity of Cotler's personality.

When Anatoly Sharansky was cast into the dark brutality and anonymity of the Soviet penal gulag some 25 years ago, it was Cotler, in Moscow and at considerable personal risk, who confronted the procurator jailer, thereby helping to set in motion a train of events whose unyielding forward momentum eventually led to the Refusenik's release. Sharansky was not the exception in Cotler's caseload, it was the rule.

Will the discipline and the demands of the party system in caucus and, one day, it is hoped, in cabinet prove too confining, or worse, too dispiriting for the free and impassioned expressions of a crusader's conscience? Time will tell.

Cotler himself sees no conflict between the two frameworks. "I see becoming an MP as a continuation and intensification of the work I have done in promoting human rights," Cotler told *The CJN*. "There are things that I stand for and I don't intend to change that because I am in Parliament." It is precisely because of this attitude, so self-confident, so full of conviction, even if seemingly tinged with naiveté, that our hearts are set to stirring.

For, in the current state of public life, the tarnished ideal of a just, caring and compassionate society, may yet be burnished by the example of Irwin Cotler in the House of Commons, so that it shines once again in the sun.

CAPTIVE IN IRAN

The government of Iran still holds the following members of the Jewish community as prisoners. Each is a universe of life and existence unto his own. And each has a name. Let us not forget them.

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Danger in nationalism condoning terrorism

In strong contradistinction to your editorial view (Sept. 16), I do not feel that Israel can be lauded as a "rare democracy" because of the decision of its Supreme Court regarding Shin Bet "interrogation" methods. Dan Yakir, the lawyer for the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, remarked that "it was the only decision they could have handed down. On the other hand, the Supreme Court does not have a very impressive record in defending human rights in light of security claims." (*New York Times*, Sept. 7)

To this remark, let me ask why a "rare democracy" has used torture for decades, and why its Supreme Court only now has taken up the case. I believe that the answer to this question is entirely political in nature, due to the current political process and other "admissions" that Israel is now making, to, I feel, its grave detriment.

What Israel is choosing to say, and write in its textbooks, will soon find its way into new Palestinian textbooks, if not into broad anti-Semitic and anti-Israeli works, affirming the duplicity of pre-state Zionist and Israeli moral claims over the years.

In this regard, who has not defended Israel's claims and actions over the years in the face of the terrible acts of terrorism Israel has endured? Yossi Beilin has now presented what is clearly a revisionist legal argument that absolves past acts of terrorism. I would argue that it absolves terrorists of the future. Beilin says that one cannot free Israelis who killed Arabs (in response to Palestinian terrorism), but one can free Palestinians who murdered Jews for "nationalistic" reasons. Such cause, Beilin's argument indicates, is understandable and ground for clemency. With this decision the whole history of terrorism against Israel is whitewashed.

Palestinians will now read the history of Israel and make the case that Israel, aware over the years of the legitimate political grievances of the Palestinians, used alleged terrorist acts (read now, acts of nationalistic grievance) in its propaganda, towards furthering its own expansive nationalistic and territorial goals.

A.D. Cohen
Toronto

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Re: letter to Editor, "Need Courses for Female Day School Grads." (*CJN*, Sept. 9)

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Barbara Abrams
Board Member
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Questions motivation of protest groups at Kotel

Contrary to what Jean Gerber writes (Opinion column, *CJN*, Sept. 16), no Jew of any group or belief is denied access to the Kotel. But when Reform and Conservative groups purposely organize themselves into groups of mixed genders, that is a terrible denigration of the holiness of the place to Orthodox Jews. It is easy to see that a deference to the form of public worship that is acceptable to all would be a reasonable and peaceful solution to this problem.

One may well wonder at the motivations of such groups altogether, for, just like Gerber, there is no intrinsic holiness to the Kotel for them, and it would certainly be welcome news if the Reform and Conservative camps began to pray for the rebuilding of the Temple. So why are they there at all?

One is unfortunately driven to the conclusion that their motivation is perhaps as much political as it is religious, that really their gatherings are meant to be provocative and are calculated to elicit the reactions they do indeed get.

Let us hope that in future all Jews will come to pray at the Kotel with no hidden agendas and that all will respect the millennia-old norms of worship of the Beit Hamikdash.

Robert Levine
Toronto

Is Sergei Slapshotnik on the way?

Your most recent sports section contained two stories of Jewish athletes, a tennis player named Smashnova and a Greco-Roman grappler named Gotcha. Come now. While we would all like to see more Jews become prominent athletes, the absence of Jews in this arena should not lead to the fabrication of such persons. What's next, a Russian émigré named Sergei Slapshotnik?

Steve Ranot
Toronto

Editor's note: The names were real.

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Perspectives

A trial that has resounded through history

The following is part 2 of the essay begun last week marking 100 years of the pardon Alfred Dreyfus received after he was convicted a second time for a crime he did not commit.

By RABBI SHLOMO JAKOBOVITS

France Divided Against Itself

In France the Dreyfus saga was to continue occupying front pages for 11 more years. Newspapers would rave and rant, demonstrations would rock the streets of France and Algeria, governments would fall, and even the constitution would be changed.

Society was deeply divided. There were those who sensed a miscarriage of justice or who felt that the hostility to Jews was overdone. This group came to be known as the Dreyfusards, and consisted mainly of liberals, some socialists and various intellectuals. The opposing group were known as anti-Dreyfusards, and consisted of conservatives, the Catholic clergy and their close followers, people associated with the military, and anti-Semites from all walks of life.

In 1895, the anti-Dreyfusards constituted the overwhelming majority. In due course, this changed, but only very gradually. It would take four years before the tide turned and Dreyfus was freed; and then an additional seven years before his final exoneration.

During this period, France went through 11 prime ministers, which is an indication of the extent of the social unrest racking the country.

In 1896, a new chief of intelligence was appointed, Major Picquart. He stumbled upon some startling documents, and after thorough investigation he adduced overwhelming evidence that the real traitor was another staff officer, Major Esterhazy.

Accordingly, Esterhazy was charged and tried in 1897, but a guilty verdict would have undermined the honor of the army, whose courts had pronounced Dreyfus to be the culprit. So Esterhazy was found not guilty and released, and he became an immediate hero among the anti-Dreyfusards.

Picquart, who had produced the evidence against Esterhazy was himself put on trial, found guilty and sentenced to 60 days' imprisonment.

The foreign press by now recognized that Dreyfus was clearly innocent, and declared that France had taken leave of its senses. To this, the anti-Dreyfusard press responded that the fate of a Jew is insignificant in comparison to the honor of the army.

Church Allied with Army Against Jews

The Catholic clergy energetically agitated against re-examination of the Dreyfus case, and the Vatican secretary of state was one of several church leaders who referred to such re-examination as a Jewish plot. The anti-Dreyfus invective was preached in thousands of churches, and the mobs marched through the streets accordingly. Throughout France, Jews were molested and their property pillaged, while police stood by.

The most violent persecutions occurred in Algeria. It is noteworthy that the Arabs of Algeria actively sought to protect the Jews. Mosques were opened for Jewish refuge, and Muslim leaders publicly protested. (The Arabs of North Africa later took the same position when the Vichy French persecuted Jews during World War II.)

In 1898, the eminent French writer, Emile Zola, wrote his famous *J'Accuse!* in which he passionately laid out the facts for the government and people of France to see. It was published on page 1 by *L'Aurore*, the newspaper edited by Georges Clemenceau, who had long been convinced of the perversion of justice against Dreyfus, and who was to become world famous as the prime minister of France before, during and after World War I.

Rays of Light

Zola's declaration moved many readers to the Dreyfusard side, especially intellectuals. But the army counter-attacked by having Zola himself charged with bringing dishonor to the army. He was tried, found guilty and sentenced to a fine and imprisonment. He escaped to England, and carried on the battle from there.

The tide was beginning to turn, and more evidence kept surfacing in favor of Dreyfus. An officer who had presented evidence against Dreyfus now admitted that those documents were forged, and thereupon he committed suicide. Esterhazy, who had been proclaimed not guilty, now suddenly left France, and confided his guilt. The government was forced to call for a new trial of Dreyfus, and he was brought back to France in August 1899.

A leaflet supporting Dreyfus and his defenders. The leaflet emphasizes that support for Dreyfus came from across the political spectrum. 'Long Live the Army' is prominently displayed.
[Photo taken from *Jewish Art and Civilization*, Geoffrey Wigoder, Edit., Chartwell Books, Inc.]

This second Dreyfus trial took place that month in Rennes, and by now his innocence had been proven beyond doubt. But this was again a military court, and the two imperatives of anti-Semitism and the honor of the army still prevailed. The judges, in a 5 to 2 split, again found him guilty, but with "extenuating circumstances." His sentence was reduced to 10 years, of which five had already been served.

Justice Gradually Prevails

The verdict was so absurd, and much of the French public was by now so aroused against the anti-Dreyfusards, that the government had to act. They were afraid to antagonize the army; so the two court decisions were not nullified. But Dreyfus was granted a pardon and set free on Sept. 20, 1899.

The battle for exoneration and military reinstatement continued for seven more years. Finally, in July 1906, Dreyfus was declared totally innocent, restored to his military status, and promoted to major. In a military ceremony, he was decorated with the Legion of Honor. Picquart, who had been imprisoned for advocating justice, was appointed minister of war.

The previous December France had amended its constitution. The principal new provisions were separation of church and state, and curtailment of the powers and privileges of the Catholic clergy.

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Emile Zola's open letter *J'Accuse!* published on the front page of the Paris newspaper *L'Aurore*, Jan. 13, 1898.

Opinions

A letter worth reading

Just before Rosh Hashanah and then again before Yom Kippur, a remarkable letter was published as a full-page spread in the *New York Times*.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

Just in case you did not already read it, I take the liberty of quoting it in full below, for it indicates the remarkable turn the Roman Catholic Church has taken.

There was some criticism of an earlier Vatican's statement vis-à-vis the role of the Church with regard to the Jews in years past, but this letter strikes a different tone and will speak for itself.

It was originally written by the cardinal to some of his closest Jewish friends, but Elie Wiesel and two associates published it in the best-read newspaper in the world. Note that, in deference to the cardinal's Orthodox friends, the Divine name was spelled with a hyphen.

Office of The Cardinal
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My Dearest Friends:

The Jewish High Holy Days come once again, reminding our world of who created it, who blesses it with life and who judges it in his merciful justice. G-d who gives all humanity the dignity of being made in His image has chosen Israel as His particular people that they may be an example of faithfulness for all the nations of the earth. With sincere love and true admiration for your fidelity to the Covenant, I am happy once again to send my greetings for a blessed New Year.

This Sabbath evening, as the celebration of Rosh Hashanah commences, a new decade will begin. During the year of 5760, we Christians will start a new era of the year 2000, the turn of another millennium in our history. Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, has asked all Christians to enter this new millennium in the spirit of Jubilee. Part of the process of Jubilee is a call for tshuvah, or repentance. Ash Wednesday, March 8, has been specially set aside as a day for Catholics to reflect upon the pain inflicted on the Jewish people by many of our members over the last millennium. We most sincerely want a new era.

I pray that as you begin a new decade, and as we begin another millennium in our Jewish-Christian relationship, we will refresh our encounter with a new respect and even love for one another as children of G-d. Working in our own ways, but also working together, let us both remain committed to the fulfilment of G-d's reign.

I ask this Yom Kippur that you understand my own abject sorrow for any member of the Catholic Church, high or low, including myself, who may have harmed you or your forebears in any way.

Be assured of my prayers and friendship. L'shanah tovah tikateivu!

Faithfully,
John Cardinal O'Connor
Archbishop of New York

Human rights vs. security

No other issue in recent history has rocked Israeli liberals as much as the Supreme Court ruling outlawing the use of physical force in interrogation by the Shin Bet, the General Security Service (GSS). The unprecedented decision placed the Court firmly on one side of the ongoing debate and inherent tension between democratic principles and the imperatives of security in the Israeli experience.

Shira Herzog in Toronto

Earlier this month, an enlarged panel of nine judges unanimously accepted seven petitions which had been submitted against the use of physical force and torture during interrogations of suspects – usually Palestinians suspected of terrorist acts. In its ruling, the Court stated that GSS investigators hold no more power than regular police investigators.

The judges stated unequivocally that measures taken by the GSS were illegal, although they acknowledged the difficulty the decision would create for the GSS in carrying out its activities. This is the first time that the Court has challenged the primacy of security concerns. Historically, it has supported the government's use of this claim and has upheld actions that were legally questionable.

The recent ruling is an extreme example of the impact of the Basic Law: Human Dignity and Liberty. This statute and several other, relatively new Basic Laws provide the basis for an Israeli constitution, which may be enacted in the future. In the meantime, the Basic Laws have resulted in a number of Supreme Court rulings that have outlawed common practices in a number of areas.

The ruling stunned the Israeli political community and since its publication, has sharply focused the debate on security concerns in a democratic society. It also comes against the backdrop of an ongoing debate over the practices of the Shin Bet.

The cloak of silence that was historically imposed over its activities has been pierced repeatedly since the famous Bus 300 incident of 1984, in which the killing of an apprehended Palestinian terrorist was covered up within the service. Then President Chaim Herzog granted a controversial pardon to senior Shin Bet personnel, even before any indictments were issued, in order to prevent what he felt would become a media and public witch-hunt against an essential, effective national agency.

Three years later, a commission headed by then Supreme Court Justice Moshe Landau authorized the Shin Bet to use "moderate physical force" only if it was necessary in order to save human lives. The issue was what is called the "ticking bomb" – a scenario in which a suspect may have knowledge about an imminent threat to human lives. Since then, there have been repeated petitions to the Supreme Court over practices of investigators, while reports of coverups continue in the media.

In practice, the Shin Bet broadened the Landau Commission's mandate and used various practices in interrogation that were tacitly acknowledged as being necessary, given the particular circumstances of Israeli life. Now, the Court has said that new legislation is the only way to condone these questionable practices, which were graphically described in the ruling.

The latest ruling will force a new, uncomfortable transparency on the Shin Bet, and many argue that this may reduce its effectiveness. Indeed, the very public nature of the debate thus far is a new phenomenon, that is indicative of the demythologizing of the security services and the historic ethos surrounding their activities.

The result is a serious dilemma that has pitted liberals against one another. Some say the ruling is premature given the exigencies of Israel's predicament, and they are calling for new legislation to allow physical force in the case of a ticking bomb. Others argue that Israel cannot possibly enact legislation condoning torture, and that the ticking-bomb scenario is sufficiently covered by existing statutes.

While Elyakim Rubinstein, the legal advisor to the cabinet, supports new legislation, Minister of Justice Yossi Beilin vehemently opposes it. Prime Minister Ehud Barak is sensitive to the Shin Bet's concerns, but has no choice but to support the Court's ruling. He has formed a committee to recommend the next steps, and the debate over these is likely to be heated.

Fortunately, this dilemma is foreign to Canadians. But it exists in other democracies. In Britain, after 1200 people died in terrorist attacks over four years, the domestic and international criticism over methods of interrogation of IRA suspects resulted in legislation outlawing such practices. The Israeli ruling aligns Israel with other western countries, and it represents an important step in its conscious acceptance of the responsibility of a democracy.

The judges said it best. "This is the fate of a democracy – which does not consider all means legitimate, and for which not every method used by its enemies is available. Not infrequently, a democracy must fight with one hand tied behind its back. Despite this, democracy has the upper hand, because preservation of the rule of law and recognition of individual liberties are an important component of its concept of security."

Reflections about Birthright Israel

Most readers of this column have by now heard of the ambitious program, Birthright Israel. It is the initiative spearheaded by philanthropists Charles Bronfman and Michael Steinhart, to help bring Jewish youth closer to Israel, and thereby to Jewish life.

Morton Weinfeld in Montreal

The bold initiative is a tripartite collaboration involving private philanthropists, the Israeli government and local Jewish communities. The ultimate objective is to provide all Jewish youth age 15 to 26, in North America and perhaps elsewhere, with an opportunity to experience Israel. Young Jews who have not yet been on a communally organized trip to Israel would receive vouchers, which they could apply to a recognized tour, covering airfare and 10 days of an organized stay offered through recognized tour providers.

In addition, there are hopes to offer every Jewish child a gift of $180 at birth, which could then grow over time to finance such a trip. The entire program is to be kicked off this January and February with an initial college effort to send, according to one insider, several thousand teens and young adults to Israel. Recruiters are now busy on college campuses, working through Hillels.

The project is new, and some of the initial reporting about it has been sloppy. For example, the Sept. 10 issue of the *Forward* creates the impression that the entire amount of $60 million per year, or $300 million for the first five years, would be used for the Israel trips. This would suggest a cost of about $10,000 or more per trip, obviously ludicrous.

It is not immediately clear to the Jewish public – and probably not to the organizers – how much of these large amounts represents brand new dollars, how much represents reallocations, and how exactly they will be spent. But by any yardstick, it is an impressive venture. It is an exercise in top-down Jewish communal engineering.

Some communal leaders may question whether trips to Israel are the best way to wage this "continuity" battle. After all, Jewish schooling, Jewish summer camps, or taking Jewish studies courses, all have similar payoffs as routes to enhancing Jewish identity.

Still, the idea is a good one, and one has to start somewhere! No harm can come from sending North American youth ages 15 to 26 to Israel. But there are some issues which can still be debated.

Should these trips be free? Perhaps some token payment of a few hundred dollars could be requested to demonstrate at least a minimal degree of seriousness on the part of those lucky enough to be chosen. And these modest amounts could be used to help even more students attend.

Who should be eligible? One logical decision is that students who have already gone on an organized Israel trip are ineligible. Still, the program organizers are struggling between two concepts.

The "value added" idea is similar to that of "outreach." You target the more alienated, uninvolved Jewish kids, where you might get more bang for your buck. The trip can make a huge difference, perhaps turning them on to things Jewish for the first time.

The other concept is akin to "inreach," or, as the saying goes, "the best customer is the one who is already in the store." Jewish students who already have some involvement or a stronger background, or who have taken a Jewish studies course or two. An Israel experience here would build on strength, and could be well integrated into previous positive Jewish experiences.

Ideally, the trips should combine both types of students, rather than focus on the former as seems to be the tilt of the Hillel leaders who are the organizers. This has led to a debate about the right balance between fun and education on these trips. Some fear the educational content would be diluted. A set of minimal standards for such trips, many of which will be provided by experienced, existing organizations, is being developed.

In the words of an old Hebrew saying, *kol hatchalot kashot*, or "all beginnings are difficult." I agree with sociologist Steven Cohen that what is important is the symbolic fact that the organized Jewish community is launching this major new initiative. And a certain percentage of the lucky travellers will probably be turned on to their Jewish identity in a way that would not have happened otherwise.

The Kirshner File

Aimee & Jaguar, an unconventional love story

It was an unlikely and tragic love story which unfolded in wartime Nazi Germany. Author Erica Fischer has set it to words.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

Fischer's book, the poignant *Aimee & Jaguar*, has been translated into a dozen languages, including Hebrew. The Israeli edition was published recently.

Aimee & Jaguar has aroused widespread interest. Three television documentaries, as well as a full-length feature film, have been made about its protagonists, Felice Schragenheim (Jaguar) and Elisabeth Wust (known as Aimee or Lilly).

The pair met in a Berlin coffee shop in November 1942. By race, they were different, but in terms of temperament they were seamlessly compatible, as time would tell.

Felice was a "submarine," a German Jew living underground in fear of her life, never knowing when she would be apprehended by the police.

Elisabeth, a perfect Aryan by Nazi norms, was a mother of four boys and the wife of an army officer stationed at the front.

Ineradicably drawn to each other, they formed a romantic relationship that lasted until Felice was betrayed by an informer.

To this day, Elisabeth still mourns for Felice, who died in Bergen-Belsen in 1945, Fischer said in an interview during a recent visit to Toronto under the auspices of the Goethe Institut.

When they were introduced, Elisabeth was a conventional, heterosexual woman with ingrained anti-Semitic attitudes.

She claimed that she could "smell out" Jews. When Berlin was bombarded by Allied aircraft, she blamed Jews for the devastating air raids.

"She was simply repeating things she had heard," said Fischer. "She was a product of her times."

Ironically, Elisabeth's brother, who was killed in the Spanish Civil War, was half-Jewish, the offspring of her mother's affair with a Jew.

In May 1943, a month after their first kiss, which initiated Elisabeth into the realm of lesbianism, Felice disclosed that she was Jewish.

"By then, Elisabeth was hopelessly in love and infatuated with Felice, who had been a lesbian since about the age of 16. She didn't care that Felice was Jewish."

Elisabeth divorced her husband, a Nazi by conviction but not by party membership, and moved in with Felice, whose parents had died in the 1930s. For about two years, they enjoyed a blissful existence insulated from the savagery of Nazi Germany.

Felice, who would have been 77 today had she survived, could have left Germany in safety, said Fischer, whose own parents were refugees from Nazi-occupied Austria. She and her parents returned to Vienna from Britain after the war.

Elisabeth could have gone to Palestine to join her stepmother, but she had no particular desire to live in the Middle East.

There was a chance to go to Switzerland, but she missed it.

Felice wanted to immigrate to the United States, but after the U.S. declared war on Germany in 1941, her American visa was as good as dust.

A month before she met Elisabeth, Felice received notice of her deportation. Vulnerable as one of the last remaining Jews left in Germany, she went into hiding, joining approximately 6,000 other "submarines" in Berlin, whose Jewish population before Hitler's accession to power in 1933 had been 180,000.

Rounded up by the Gestapo, Felice was taken to the Theresienstadt concentration camp in the former Czechoslovakia. Unable to join Felice there, Elisabeth corresponded with her. These precious letters still remain in her possession.

Felice arrived in Auschwitz in October 1944. Soon afterwards, she found herself in Bergen-Belsen, where she met her untimely demise.

Following the war, Elisabeth devotedly compiled a "book of tears," copying all the letters and poems she and Felice had ever written to each other.

Felice (right) and Elisabeth, 1944

In her heart of hearts, Fischer said, Elisabeth hoped that Felice would return to her someday. When she failed to appear, Elisabeth fell into a depression.

She tried to convert to Judaism, but the rabbinic authorities turned her away. Fischer is not sure why she was rejected.

Never quite regaining the middle-class status she once enjoyed and to which she was accustomed, Elisabeth supported herself and her children as a cleaning lady and attendant in a textile company.

As fate would have it, Eberhard, one of her sons, converted to Judaism at 18. A gifted linguist, he mastered Latin and Greek before learning Hebrew. In 1961, he settled in Israel. Eberhard, an archivist at the Hebrew University, now lives in Jerusalem.

"Only when she visits Eberhard in Israel does her joy of life return. She feels comfortable in Israel, she's among her own," Fischer said.

A resident of Berlin since 1988, she was commissioned by her publisher to write *Aimee & Jaguar*. Elisabeth's love affair with Felice burst into the open in the mid-1980s after Berlin's Senate awarded her a medal for saving three Jewish women before the war had ended.

"Elisabeth was 79 when I met her," said Fischer, a British-born journalist and translator who has written several books about feminism and women's issues.

"She was very headstrong and had a fantastically strong voice and an incredible memory. She was lonely, lived in isolation and was quite poor."

Recalling her initial encounter with Elisabeth, Fischer said that she presented herself as an anti-fascist whose father had been a communist.

More to the point, to Fischer's delight, Elisabeth was more than willing to discuss her life with Felice. Indeed, she was obsessed with the subject.

Elisabeth, 87, has done well by *Aimee & Jaguar*, which was first published in 1994.

No longer poverty-stricken ("she gets a share of my royalties"), something of a media-wise celebrity, and with more friends than she has ever had, Elisabeth has been transformed by Fischer's book.

Fischer, however, is not as enamored of Elisabeth today as she was originally. "When I heard about her anti-Semitic background, I was quite upset. I asked her to talk about it, but she refused. After a few attempts, I just gave up, and didn't feel so at ease with her anymore."

By Fischer's reckoning, Elisabeth is hardly unique among Germans in her reluctance to face the past courageously and unambiguously. "This 'culture of silence' just goes on. Lilly always referred to 'the Germans,' not realizing that she was part of the same generation." Fischer paused, saying, "I don't meet her anymore."

Fischer, too, is disappointed by the quality of the German, French and British TV documentaries based on *Aimee & Jaguar*. "I didn't like any of them. They were too sentimental, too much centred on Elisabeth and not political enough. The movie is better, though it does not pick up my critical attitude to Lilly."

Directed by Max Farberbock, *Aimee & Jaguar* opened this year's Berlin Film Festival. "It was a great day for Lilly," Fischer observed.

The film may be reshot in English. Fischer is certain that it would appeal to a wide cross-section of viewers on this side of the Atlantic. "I think a North American audience would be fascinated by *Aimee & Jaguar*."

She is probably right. As a love story, it is certainly unique.

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Shavuot and Simchat Torah

By RACHAEL TURKIENICZ

As the High Holy Days come to an end we have celebrated many cycles.

With Rosh Hashanah we celebrate the cycle of the New Year; with Sukkot we celebrate the cycle of the rains and we pray they continue to recycle; and with Simchat Torah, we celebrate the cycle of the Torah readings.

As we dance with the Torah, we conclude the final readings in Deuteronomy and immediately celebrate the first readings of Genesis. But what exactly is being celebrated?

Later in the year, on the holiday of Shavuot, we rejoice over receiving the Torah and we commit ourselves once again to the experience at Sinai and all its implications. It is at this time that we celebrate the Torah as an entity received by Israel. How then is Simchat Torah different from Shavuot?

On Shavuot we study Torah all night but we do not dance with the Torah scrolls. Why do we dance on Simchat Torah?

It is a question of distinguishing between the concrete and the abstract. At Mount Sinai we received the written Torah, a concrete substance, something we can touch and hold. On Simchat Torah we commemorate the conclusion of the reading of this document – we have studied it and shared it publicly for an entire year. We are celebrating the abstract process of studying the Torah.

Reverse the realities

Interestingly, we reverse these realities in the way we celebrate each holiday. Although Shavuot commemorates the concrete, we celebrate by engaging in study all night long. In other words, we surround ourselves with the abstract process of studying in order to mark the concrete receiving of the Torah.

Likewise, on Simchat Torah, although we are celebrating the completion of an abstract process of study, we commemorate that process by engaging in the concrete holding and dancing with the Torah scrolls.

Why do we engage in what seems to be an inconsistent reversal? Would it not make more sense to dance and hold the Torah on Shavuot and study all night on Simchat Torah?

One answer can be found in a midrash from Talmud Berakhot. There it states that we must respect an elderly person even if, through unavoidable circumstances, that person has forgotten the knowledge they once possessed.

The example brought to prove this view is that the Ark of the Covenant contained both the whole Ten Commandments tablets and the original shattered ones. That is, elderly persons who have engaged in the process of learning are to be respected because of the example they represent, the process in which they engaged.

They are the embodiment of concrete and abstract brought into one. They serve as the model of what Torah truly is – the unity of both the physical and the philosophical – the body and the soul.

On Shavuot we state that this duality cannot be separated, on Simchat Torah we affirm the same commitment. The Torah is both a concrete scroll and an endless process. We are a people who celebrate the weavings of physical and spiritual. We study and we dance.

Renewal and celebrations

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

On Friday night, the festival of Sukkot concludes and is immediately followed by another joyous holiday, Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah. One day in Israel, two elsewhere, this is a time for completions, renewals and celebrations.

On Shemini Atzeret, we say goodbye to the sukkah and an official hello to blustery weather, with the beautiful Prayer for Rain. You can read more about the blessing and how so much of ancient Jewish history revolved around water (such as the story of Moses who was drawn from water and then saved his people by parting waters) **[http://www.ou.org/chagim/shmini-simchat/]**. Click on another link and have the prayer sung to you.

One of the highlights of Simchat Torah are the hakafot, the dancing with the Torah scrolls. Kids usually take part in the celebrations, flag in hand. For a home-made touch, start with some of the holiday pictures that can be printed, colored in, and attached to a wooden dowel **[http://www.torahtots.com/holidays/sukkot/sukotclr.htm]**. Or you can try your hand at a more elaborate flag using muslim, buttons and lace

[http://uahc.org/educate/parent/0203.html].

Other good places to visit: the Department for Jewish-Zionist Education **[http://www.jajz-ed.org.il/festivls/tish/37.h.ml]** and **[http://pages.nyu.edu/~asr209/simchatora.html]**. The Celebrate with JOI site includes the dilemma faced by the people of Chelm. Their problem: What kind of floor should be used in their synagogue? The wise men are dumfounded until they reach their (typically) sage solution **[http://www.joi.org/celebrate/simtor/]**.

Since Simchat Torah is a time for beginnings, Yosef Abramowitz and Rabbi Susan Silverman suggest that this is an ideal time to start attending weekly services or having home study sessions **[http://shamash.org/jfl/article/simchatdancing.html]**.

Erez Miller's family have created a tradition which they use to help the lessons and stories of the Torah come to life **[http://shamash.org/jfl/article/myfamtorah.html]**. Their "family Torah" consists of scrolls in which they record their discussions. On Shabbat: What do you think the world's first Shabbat was like? What do you remember about your first Shabbat? On sibling rivalry: Study the relationship between Cain and Abel. Discuss the meaning of sibling rivalry, its causes and consequences as they apply to each family member (including the parents' siblings).

Simchat Torah doesn't boast identifiable foods like hamantaschen or latkes. But that hasn't stopped Joni Schokett in her Simchat Torah Recipes for Children **[http://shamash.org/jfl/article/strecipeschild.html]**. How about Carrot, Raisin, Pineapple and Almond Salad or Best-Ever Chicken Fingers?

Gil Marks has ideas some for an older crowd **[http://www.jcn18.com/scripts/jcn18/paper/Article.asp?ArticleID=1101]**.

And the Union of American Hebrew Congregations has a recipe for a Torah Challah. This challah should be baked in the shape of the Hebrew letters *lamed* and *bet* **[http://uahc.org/educate/parent/0203.html]**. Why?

The site repeats this beautiful midrash. The last word of the Torah is Yisrael.The first word of the book of Genesis is Bereshit. If you take the final letter of Yisrael, the *lamed*, and the first letter of Bereshit, the *bet*, and put them together it spells *lev* in Hebrew. The meaning of *lev* is heart. The midrash tells us that the Torah is the *lev* – the heart – of the Jewish people.

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Rabbinic Reflections

Endings and beginnings

By RABBI AARON FLANZRAICH

Some things have meaning far beyond what we can immediately see. Some stories give meaning to things that we often do not see.

In his book, *Jerusalem*, author Amos Elon shares an observation with the reader. He wonders why is it that the holy city Jerusalem is called a "she?" More so, why is it that the earth, sky, sea and mountains are all referred to in the feminine gender?

Possibly when things are beyond comprehension in their depth and beauty, we liken them to a gender whose beauty and depth surpass our comprehension.

There is indeed a mysterious connection that men see in women. I believe it begins with the initial story of creation, of woman being drawn from man. Yet, from that moment, any similarity ended, and woman evolved into something far beyond and different to what man was (and is).

This weekend, we will celebrate the completion of the yearly cycle of readings in our Torah. Endings are unique opportunities because they can define what direction we will choose for our futures.

Yom Kippur ended a few days ago. The Shulchan Aruch (Code of Jewish Law) tells us of the custom that some had to observe a second day of fasting!

It also tells us in the same breath that when the fast ends, the meal we eat should be celebratory. Indeed, the midrash speaks of a divine proclamation which says, "Go and eat with joy!"

No matter what way we choose to end Yom Kippur, both ways have a blessing associated with them.

But when it comes to Torah, the only choice worthy of blessing is one of continuity. So we begin the reading of the Torah again on the same morning that we finish the cycle.

The given title of the people who are called for an aliyah to both end and begin the cycle is *chatan* (groom).

In some small, but very deep way, we, too, approach the Torah with a sense of awe and wonder. No matter how many times we have heard it read, no matter how many times we have witnessed the end and finish to the Torah, it should never fail to touch us, because our Torah contains a mysterious and feminine mystical element that we are so drawn to. And forever will be.

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Summer camp experience

Guest Voices

By SHARON RAPOPORT

I would like to add to the continuing discussion expressed in earlier columns of the importance of the summer camp experience.

I attended Camp Kvutza, a Labor Zionist camp near Dunnsville, Ont., in the years between 1955 and 1959. Some of the people I became friendly with went on to become staff members as well.

More than 40 years later, the connections we made as campers in the '50s still remain. We have gatherings ranging from "power breakfast," mostly luncheons, at least three times a year. The participants may vary slightly, but all members of this group make a concerted effort to attend these events.

Others who sometimes join the group comment that the many simultaneous conversations amuse and energize them. They will often request an invitation.

As Bruce Elman said in his column (Aug. 19) in response to Jennifer Fox's column (July 29), I too believe that the names and identities of the counsellors we had, made an enormous impression on our experiences.

As a researcher today, completing a doctoral dissertation on the supporting role of attachment figures and the family home for school-aged children of divorced parents, I feel that the camp counsellor has an important caregiving function, and therefore has a pivotal role in the child's life.

When children attend camp for four or eight weeks, they look to their counsellors to fulfil the role of their parents.

Erica Horn said it is school that "prepares kids for the future and trains them to handle the world." I believe that camp also holds this preparatory function.

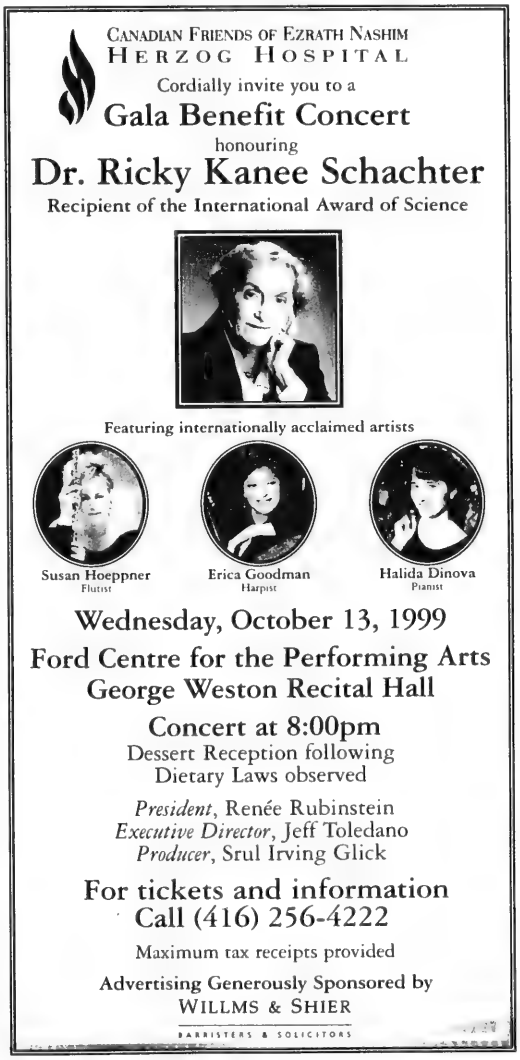
In her column (July 29), Horn construed camp as "part of fantasy life." I disagree. To me the routines of camp life – swimming lessons, arts and crafts, hikes, singsongs, and special events such as color war and the celebration of Tisha b'Av – are extraordinary preparation for the rest of one's life.

Routine activities were halted when Shabbat arrived. We greeted the Shabbat Queen in the apple orchard as part of services that were followed by the Shabbat dinner in the dining hall. Everyone was dressed in their finest whites. Friday night folkdancing followed.

Saturday morning sleep-ins and services, unstructured afternoon baseball games – these activities rounded out the special day. In my opinion, it was a great preparation for important lifelong relationships.

As Horn mentioned, "the bonds of friendship formed throughout camp are unbreakable."

Those friends that withstand the test of time – my "friends of the heart" – and I often talk about our memories of counsellors Florence Keltz and Sheila Fine, who were substitute parents for us, those many years ago. One of the many things they taught us was how to be parents to our children.



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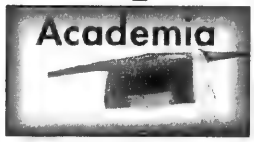
York University professor has special interest in refugees



By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO – Howard Adelman is still haunted by that horrific sight he witnessed in 1996.

There, before his unbelieving eyes, lay thousands of corpses. They had just been dug up from a mass grave in the backyard of a technical school in southwestern Rwanda.

They were rotting under a broiling sun, the hapless victims of a tribal struggle in the heart of Africa which had triggered a mass movement of refugees.

"The corpses were laid out in rows," recalled Adelman, a 61-year-old York University philosophy professor known for his expertise in the phenomenology of genocide and humanitarian intervention.

"Apart from the horror and the smell, which has never left me, I was mesmerized by the kinds of wounds inflicted – children who were decapitated, women who had objects and machetes thrust into their genitals.

"This was not just a vision of murder but of the destruction of the body and its ability to reproduce. The form of death was as symbolic as the actual fact was real."

When Adelman stumbled upon that desolate scene three years ago, he was making his second trip to Rwanda since 1995, and had just co-authored a report commissioned by 19 states and 18 international agencies.

It was entitled *Early Warning and Conflict Management: The Genocide in Rwanda*. When Adelman arrived in Rwanda, he presented it to the Rwandan government and diplomatic community in Kigali.

Since then, he and Astri Suhhrke have written *The Path to Genocide: The Rwandan Crisis from Uganda to Zaire*, published this year by Transaction Books.

As much as he was moved by the genocidal orgy in Rwanda, he maintains that the Holocaust, conceived and perpetrated by Germany, remains an unparalleled event.

"The (Nazis') industrialization of murder was unique," said Adelman, whose Galician and Polish forebears settled in Canada prior to World War I.

In his view, the major lesson of the Holocaust – never again – has not been learned.

Adelman was swept into the Rwandan maelstrom because of his knowledge of refugees.

In the early 1980s and 1990s, he was respectively director of York University's Refugee Documentation Project and the Centre for Refugee Studies.

And in 1994, he and several colleagues compiled *Immigration and Refugee Policy: Australia and Canada Compared*, published by the University of Melbourne Press and the University of Toronto Press.

Adelman's interest in refugee problems was piqued by the drama of Vietnamese boat people streaming into Canada in the late 1970s.

After writing a review article of books dealing with the rejection of Jewish refugees during World War II, he found himself involved with Operation Lifeline, the chief Canadian organization sponsoring and helping Vietnamese refugees.

With the European Jewish refugees in mind, Adelman sprang into action. He called a meeting of rabbis, ministers, priests and lay people at his house.

Adelman thought that a letter-writing campaign on behalf of the Asian refugees would be effective. But he switched gears in mid-course upon hearing from an Ontario government official that sponsorship of the refugees might be preferable.

"We agreed to sponsor 50 families, and distributed the responsibilities," he said.

The Globe and Mail carried a story about the event, and Operation Lifeline was born.

"Within two weeks, Operation Lifeline had 66 chapters across Canada. Our own chapter overachieved its 50-family target."

Operation Lifeline had 66 chapters

By the time Operation Lifeline wound down, tens of thousands of refugees from southeast Asia had immigrated to Canada.

Adelman, a visiting professor at the Hebrew University in 1977 and 1978, has also taken an interest in Palestinian refugees, having written extensively on the subject.

In 1982, when Israel invaded Lebanon in a massive offensive widely decried by even its friends, a controversy erupted over the number of civilians, Lebanese and Palestinians, displaced by the war.

"Israel published a figure of 19,000 homeless, while OXFAM claimed in full page ads that the real figure was 600,000."

Working out of his office at the Centre for Refugee Studies, Adelman concluded that the actual number was closer to 40,000.

"The Israeli count was very honestly done," he said, "but it was marred by an embarrassing arithmetic addition error of about 10,000." It also left out refugees Israel had not been aware of.

Howard Adelman

The Palestinians provided the most accurate figures. However, their count included Palestinians who had been living in Kuwait for 10 years and had rented out their homes.

He believes that the Palestinian refugee problem, one of the most intractable of the Arab-Israeli dispute, can be resolved. He came to that conclusion after attending a conference in Greece chaired by Canada in its capacity as head of a working group on refugees.

By his account, Israeli and Palestinian Arab academics formulated a framework accord providing for the right of Palestinians to return to their homeland. By "homeland," Adelman does not mean Israel, but a future Palestinian state where refugees can be resettled.

"Those terms are presently being negotiated on the political level more or less along the lines set out by the academic negotiators."

Although he is optimistic that Israel and the Palestinians can reach a peace agreement after final status talks, he has no illusions.

"Spoilers could quickly derail the process. There are many dangers ahead, but the movement toward peace is going in the right direction, and is very powerful."

Adelman and his wife Nancy, a former importer of women's fashions and children's educational toys, have six children. They live in midtown Toronto, near the Casa Loma.

For the past year, the pair have worked for *Israel Today*, a cable television program. Adelman hosts and produces the program, broadcast on CTS TV on Sundays at 9 p.m., while his wife serves as artistic director.

"I was invited to do this news commentary program because the station manager believed I would be fair to all parties."

It appears he has succeeded, since the show was recently renewed. In line with his personal interests, Adelman has let viewers sink their teeth into such topics as Israel and the media, religious pluralism, human rights, Canadian policy toward Israel, Jerusalem as a megacity, and the handicapped in Israel.

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Campaign Surges Ahead

UJA Federation's Campaign 2000 is nearing the $18 million mark thanks to gifts from more than 12,000 community members.

"We've done remarkably well so far," says Mel Wolfond, who is co-chairing Campaign 2000 with David Engel. "The community response has been absolutely incredible."

The Campaign jumped ahead recently when 350 volunteers raised more than $1.3 million from 4,000 donors during the first series of Answer the Call telethons. Among the volunteers were over 100 students from the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto who spent hours contacting contributors.

Campaigner Robyn Piasznik thanks a donor for their generous contribution.

When a young campaigner dialed up Jill Pomerantz, the long-time contributor responded by saying "Hi UJA...I'm answering the call" and increased her gift to help Jews in need. Pomerantz and all other donors who use the phrase "Hi UJA...I'm answering the call" and raise their contribution will be entered into a draw to win rewards.

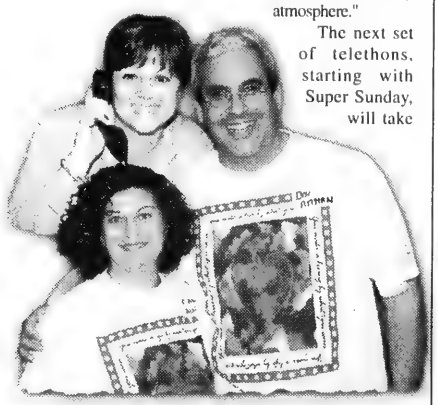
"The number of volunteers who turned out and the enthusiasm that filled the rooms night after night far exceeded our wildest expectations," says Dov Altman, who is co-chairing Answer the Call telethons with Rosanne Ain and Judy Engel. "It's wonderful to see the community come together for such a worthy cause."

Barbara Naglie, who made an effort to personally greet each and every volunteer during the telethons, said campaigners "felt good about the warm and friendly atmosphere."

The next set of telethons, starting with Super Sunday, will take place October 17-20. To sign up as a volunteer, call (416) 635-2883 ext. 177.

"It was wonderful to see so many new faces and so many students," adds David Engel.

Additional funds raised during Campaign 2000 will be allocated toward new projects that assist the vulnerable, strengthen Jewish identity and rescue Jews in danger.


Answer the Call Telethon Co-*Chairs (clockwise-bottom left) Rosanne Ain, Judy Engel and Dov Altman.*
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campaign capsule

UJA Federation's Campaign 2000 has shifted into high gear with 800 volunteer campaigners raising millions of dollars to assist the vulnerable, strengthen Jewish identity and rescue Jews in danger around the world.

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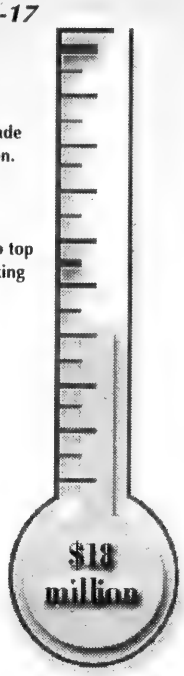


UJA Washington Fly-In

Seats are going fast for UJA Federation's Washington Fly-In.

Tickets for the one-day mission to the U.S. capital, scheduled for take-off on Tuesday, October 26, are $550 per person, with a minimum UJA Federation household gift of $1,000. Space can be reserved by calling Elana Carr at (416) 631-5736. Parents are invited to bring age-appropriate children for this exciting educational experience.

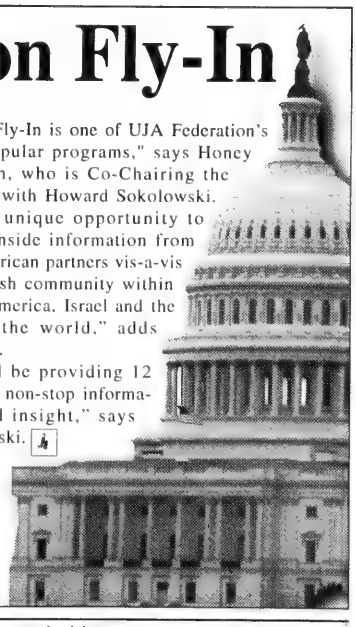
The VIP itinerary includes a visit to the Canadian embassy where participants will be briefed by top level officials, and to the State Department.

On Capitol Hill, participants will meet with a high profile U.S. Senate representative and members of the America Israel Public Affairs Committee to discuss U.S Israel relations.

Fly-In delegates will also have the option of touring the world renowned Holocaust Education Museum or visiting the Pentagon for a briefing on U.S.-Israel military cooperation and FBI headquarters for an update on Jewish security issues.

"The Fly-In is one of UJA Federation's most popular programs," says Honey Sherman, who is Co-Chairing the mission with Howard Sokolowski. "It is a unique opportunity to obtain inside information from our American partners vis-a-vis the Jewish community within North America, Israel and the rest of the world," adds Sherman.

"We'll be providing 12 hours of non-stop information and insight," says Sokolowski.



Greater Toronto Area

Lipshitz retires as *CJN* Yiddish columnist

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

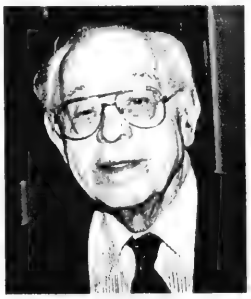
TORONTO — Sam Lipshitz, the 89-year-old elder statesman of Yiddish in Toronto, is giving up his column in *The Canadian Jewish News* as of this issue.

After editing 170 columns, 20 of which he wrote himself, Lipshitz is turning over the job to Alek Silver, a Yiddishist who, like Lipshitz, is a linotype operator. Silver's first column, in this issue, is a joint effort with Lipshitz.

"I always liked writing and editing," said Lipshitz, who came to Canada from Poland as a boy of 17. His first printed article in Montreal, about the anti-labor policies of Henry Ford, did not carry a byline because the editor didn't know Lipshitz, even though Lipshitz worked for him as a linotyper.

He became known nationally when, with three other leading Communists (including the late J.B. Salsberg), he split from the Communist party in 1957, denouncing the anti-Semitic outrages committed by Stalin.

During the time the Communist party was illegal in Canada under the War Measures Act, Lipshitz lived in hiding in Montreal, a warrant out for his arrest.



Sam Lipshitz

A lot of former members followed him and Salsberg into the New Fraternal Society.

Until then, he had been a leading figure in the Canadian Communist party, an editor of their various publications, and manager of Salsberg's successful campaigns to be elected to Queen's Park in Spadina riding.

He was so involved with the Young Communist League that he was fired from his job as assistant librarian at the Jewish Public Library in Montreal.

In Toronto, he eventually left his job as a linotyper (he once set type in Italian for an Italian daily) to start his own highly successful trade typesetting service, which he sold in 1972, but where he carried on as a partner until 1975 when he retired.

His promotion of Yiddish was exemplified by his work as a member of the Yiddish committee of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto for 25 years and a leading member of Kultur Gezelshaft since 1960.

As a stalwart of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region's executive committee and of the Yiddish committee, he fought for Yiddish on all fronts, whether it was for funds for Yiddish classes for adults and children, for Yiddish studies at Ontario universities, or to lobby the late Ray Wolfe, then *CJN* publisher, to start a Yiddish column.

During his tenure, Lipshitz's columns covered a wide range of subjects of interest to *CJN* readers, his contributing columnists always being Canadian. He remains proud of the fact that the column avoided political arguments.

He is upbeat about the number of *CJN* readers who like the twice-monthly Yiddish column, estimating the number at 2,000, and expecting that it will increase as interest in Yiddish language and literature grows.

He still lives in the condominium that he shared for many years with his wife, Mania, a devoted Yiddish teacher for 25 years. She died in 1996.

Their daughter, Dr. May Cohen, is associate dean of family practice at McMaster University, Hamilton, and their son, Joseph Lipman, is professor of mathematics at Purdue University in Indiana.

Surdin launched Yom Hashoah candles

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jules Surdin, a recent honoree of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC), died suddenly at his home of a heart attack Sept. 16. He was 79.

Obituary

A past president of the Men's Club at Beth Tzedec Congregation, Surdin originated the idea of commemorating the Holocaust with Yom Hashoah candles in 1982.

Today his Remember the Six Million program, which also encourages the giving of tzedakah, has spread across North America. He was honored this summer at the FJMC 70th anniversary convention, held in the Catskills. The organization is the umbrella for men's clubs in Conservative congregations.

A native of Toronto who served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II, Surdin had a long involvement with the Jewish community.

In the 1930s he served as president of Balfour Boys Club Young Judaea and president of a Habonim lodge. He is also a past president of the Council of Jewish Brotherhoods, Metro Toronto and of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, Ontario region (now part of Canadian region).

In an interview two months before his death, Surdin expressed pleasure at the honor he was given. "I feel wonderful being recognized," he said. "Now my job will be as a goodwill ambassador to get [more] synagogue clubs to do this program...When I go, I'll go with a smile, because I'll know I did the right things when I was around."

Surdin is survived by his wife Pearl, daughters Sheila Einstoss, Gayle Eisenberg and Cathy Schiff, ten grandchildren, and sisters Betty Palter and Ruth Fruchtman. A brother, William, predeceased him.

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Wed. Nov. 10
Gabriel Ben Dor
The Millennium, Jewish History and the Jewish State
An explanation of the lessons of the past 2,000 years for the Jewish people and the Jewish state – and a look at what the next millennium may bring.

Tues. Nov. 23
Irving Greenberg
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An explanation of the relationship between Judaism and Messianism. When our history is replete with false Messianism, failed Messianism and broken Messianism, what credibility does Messianism still hold for modern Jews?

Tues. Nov. 30
Michael Cook
Why Wariness is Warranted: Irksome Roles Assigned to 'The Jews' in Millennialist Scenarios
Many end-time thinkers, seeing Jews and Israel as central to history's culmination, conceive 'Tribulation,' 'Rapture,' '666,' 'Anti-Christ' and 'Armageddon' with Jews in mind. Some identify the Jews as God's primary concern in history and the sole means by which to gauge the world's timetable; others see the Jews as embodying the 'Evil' to be decimated if Jesus' millennial rule is to begin. It's vital, then, at least for the next decade, that Jews be aware – and beware – of the pivotal roles assigned them in this spectrum of bizarre scenarios.

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Rabbi Dow Marmur
8:00 p.m. (beginning Oct. 5)
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Shabbat Morning Torah Study
Rabbi Dow Marmur
9:00 a.m.
All are welcome to join this always lively class, currently studying the Book of Exodus.

Other Study Opportunities

Bikur Cholim Study Workshop
Rabbi Yael Splansky
Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.
(Oct. 26, Nov. 2 and Nov. 9)
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The Six Corners of Jewish Theology
Rabbi Dow Marmur
Wednesdays at 8 p.m.
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What Makes a Short Story Jewish?
Adam Sol
Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
(Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 and Dec. 1)
This course will encourage us to examine what we mean when we talk about Jewish literature. Is a story that has no recognizable Jewish content, but is by a Jewish writer, such as J.D. Salinger, Jewish literature? Or how about a story by Tadeusz Borowski, a non-Jewish survivor of the Holocaust? We'll also look at an essay or two, which will help lead us into our discussion. Our focus every week, however, will be on short stories that will force us to confront our assumptions about what Jewish Literature is and should be.

Haftarah Cantillation
Randi Garfinkel
Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.
(Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, Dec. 7 and 14)
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Other Fall Lectures

Thurs., Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m.
Matthew Teitelbaum, *Director, Art Gallery of Ontario*
Reaching Audiences: Charlotte Salomon, Paintings and Exhibitions that Matter (slide lecture)

Tues., Oct. 19 at 8 p.m.
Mark Rosenblum
Political Director, American Friends of Peace Now
Barak and the Pursuit of Peace: A Current Analysis

Tues., Nov. 2 at 8 p.m.
Professor Michael Marrus
Dean of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto
The Holocaust:
What was Known at the Time? By Whom? When?
Holocaust Education Week Lecture

Tues., Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m.
Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut
Book Launch:
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Importance of volunteerism stressed by Todres

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Volunteerism keeps people from falling prey to the sin of indifference says the president of Baycrest Foundation.

"The opposite of love is indifference and the opposite of life is indifference; we must never allow ourselves to be indifferent or view the world with indifference," Elaine Todres said at the recent opening meeting of National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section.

Todres, former deputy minister in five government departments and assistant deputy minister of the Ontario Women's Directorate, as well as an activist in the Jewish community, said that although many of her professional positions had been in mainly non-Jewish environments, "I chose to be visibly Jewish and raise my children in a Jewish home surrounded by Jewish history."

When she first moved with her husband to Toronto from Winnipeg, she called United Jewish Appeal and offered her time, she said.

"A group of women got together, and formed a business and professional network. We developed a group of leaders, and made plausible, important steps in what was then a male-based power structure."

She has witnessed in organizations, Todres said, that women develop skills such as chairing meetings, planning programs, organizing other volunteers, and writing and delivering speeches. "Volunteering in organizations definitely makes a difference in women. I can see their maturation as they get involved."

When working for Ian Scott, former attorney general of Ontario, Todres, the first female deputy minister in Ontario, said a group of six Orthodox feminists came to see her to talk about the problem of agunot.

"Fourteen years ago we didn't talk about agunot because at that time, no Jewish issues were identified. How is it that our voices were so stilled that we were not identifying such fierce issues?"

After being told that Ontario believes in the separation of church and state, Todres said, and that there was a beit din that could handle the issue, "these women took matters [in their own hands] and lobbied the legislature. One woman sat daily – with her knitting – at the legislative hearings."

These women radicalized her commitment to make Jewish women's issues "all of our issues," Todres said.

Working at Baycrest was one of the results of her choice to become even more involved in the Jewish community, she said.

"Baycrest is the only place that I can speak Yiddish in the morning and meet with a group of bankers in the afternoon. I feel comfortable there; it is a wonderful way to meld the various compartments of my life."

Women who choose to become involved in an organization, she said, can do anything from stuffing envelopes to developing new programs. "Each choice is important to the woman and to the community.

"I always get inspired by evenings such as this because I see women who are struggling with the same issues, juggling the same balls. I hope that we each make positive, life affirming choices that inspire continuity. Your great-granddaughters will carry on the same commitments as you do."

Todres encouraged women not to sit around and let events unfold. "Choosing to act is better than not acting. Choosing to be involved is better than being distant."

Orthodox Caucus launched

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Tradburks, Dr. Aaron Jesin, Jerry Tollinsky, Aaron Weinstock and Kurt Rothschild.

The Toronto Torah Ethics Project is the biggest project the Orthodox Caucus has undertaken, Rabbi Kelman said. "It is the first one where we are trying to get the whole community involved."

The project chosen for Toronto is Kevod HaBeriyot, sensitivity to the needs and feelings of others. For three weeks, starting on Shabbat, Oct. 9, there will be projects, programs, guest speakers, sermons, study evenings and discussions in schools, shuls, private homes, organizations and youth groups.

The inaugural speaker will be Rabbi Jacob Schacter, spiritual leader of Manhattan's Jewish Centre and an expert on Halachah and ethics. The event will be held Oct. 10 at Beth Jacob V'Anshei Drildz in Downsview.

Discussion guides, reading lists and other material geared to different age groups are being distributed throughout the community. Topics include a schoolmate who wants to join a game but causes his team to lose, a friend with bad taste in clothes, a non-observant family that moves in next door to an observant one, and a man who refuses to give his wife a *get*.

One of the sources cited in the Kevod HaBeriyot material is a quote from Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, which probably sums up the Orthodox Caucus:

"I may attack a certain point of view which I consider false, but I will never attack a person who preaches it…Such a relation is in accord with the concept of kevod haberiyot, for 'beloved is man for he is created in the image of God.'"

For information on the Kevod HaBeriyot Torah Ethics Project or the Orthodox Caucus generally, contact Rabbi Jay or Ilana Kelman, 416-633-5406, or the Orthodox Caucus Web site, www.orthodoxcaucus.org.

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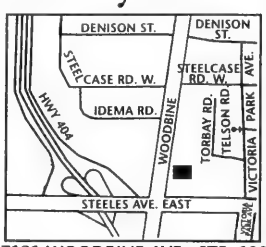

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Internet Bible study project launched

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism project that kicks off this Sunday will have Jews studying the Bible in bite-size – or, in many cases, byte-size – chunks.

The Perek Yomi program, which has an Internet component, is the brainchild of Rabbi Jerome Epstein, executive vice-president of the New-York based umbrella organization.

Since the project was announced over the High Holy Days, United Synagogue has received inquiries from Canadians in Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, Hamilton, Toronto and Montreal, as well as many from the United States, and a "smidgen" from Israel and South America, according to Morton Siegel, senior vice-president of United Synagogue of America.

One of the synagogues actively involved in the program is Beth Tzedec Congregation, the largest Conservative congregation in North America.

"We want to enable people to study, learn and grow, at their timetable," said Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, Beth Tzedec's spiritual leader.

"We're trying to enable people to create the possibility of studying, without necessarily coming into the synagogue. It's not that we don't want them to come in, but we recognize that given people's schedules, they're sometimes limited."

The Perek Yomi program at Beth Tzedec has three components: a link from the synagogue's Web site (www.beth-tzedec.org) to United Synagogue's Perek Yomi site (www.uscj.org/perekyomi), which offers questions, listserves, chat rooms and mentors), a paper version of weekly questions relevant to each daily portion, and the availability of synagogue clergy as resource people.

Particularly for people who are already online, the program provides a new opportunity, said the rabbi. It shouldn't take more than 10 to 15 minutes a day, he added.

By studying a chapter a day, participants can read the complete Tanach – the five books of the Torah as well as the Prophets and the Writings – in 2½ years. The program begins on Simchat Torah with the Book of Joshua.

Rabbi Frydman-Kohl believes that Bible study can be a unifying force in the Jewish community. "[It] may be one of the important ways that, as Jews, we can bridge some of our differences, instead of focusing on areas where we have disagreements," he said.

People today are looking to spiritual sources to help them deal with rapid social, economic and technological changes, the rabbi believes.

"As the 20th century closes, people see that we have made tremendous technological and scientific progress, but they don't necessarily see the same kind of moral advancement."

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Pride of Israel joins growing number of study programs

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Is there some kind of trend towards Bible study? Absolutely, says Rabbi Robert Rhodes, spiritual leader of the Pride of Israel Synagogue.

While a number of Canadian Conservative congregations are gearing up for the post-holiday launch of United Synagogue's Perek Yomi program, the Pride of Israel recently announced its own daily study program (Tanach Yomi), in affiliation with the religious Zionist organization AMIT (Americans for Israel and Torah).

The program was launched at AMIT's national convention in Ellenville, N.Y., in July. Participants will receive a book of daily study guides. Registration, through the AMIT New York office, is $36 US.

Neither Rabbi Rhodes nor the congregation, which is traditional Conservative in practice, is affiliated with AMIT.

The rabbi read about the program in the New York Jewish newspaper, the *Forward*, and thought it sounded like a good idea.

Since he joined the synagogue in August, he has received a number of requests for adult education, and more than a dozen congregants have expressed an interest in the AMIT program, he said last week.

Participants will study daily on their own, and the rabbi will lead a weekly study session, beginning after the holidays.

The program at Pride of Israel begins with the Book of Genesis.

Other adult education initiatives being instituted by Rabbi Rhodes include a Read Hebrew Canada program, and Shabbat afternoon study sessions on the laws of mourning – "not a happy subject but surprisingly interesting, and it has practical value," said the rabbi.

Throughout the western world, said Rabbi Rhodes, more people are becoming more interested in – and have more access to information about – spirituality. "It's not a phenomenon unique to Jews and Judaism."

People who wouldn't necessarily buy a book of commentary, he said, would go to a Web site and read about the weekly Torah portion.

Further information about Tanach Yomi is available from the Pride of Israel Web site at www.thepride.org.

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Baycrest Centre is looking for volunteers with good interpersonal and interviewing skills who can make a half-day weekly commitment to telephone seniors in the community or their caregivers to provide support. In addition to English, a second language of Yiddish, Russian, French, Hungarian or Polish would be an asset. Training and supervision provided. Call Mindy Goodman, 785-2500, ext. 2250.

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What's New

By Miriam Herman

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Mon., Nov. 8, Inn On The Park
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DEADLINE REMINDER

What's New and About People deadlines: Monday, Oct. 4, is deadline for Oct. 14 issue and Tuesday, Oct. 12, is deadline for Oct. 21. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 391-1836, fax 391-0829.

Thursday, Sept. 30

LUNCH & LEARN

Downtown Jewish Learning Council and the Michael Bernstein Chapel of the Bloor Jewish Community Centre present Lunch & Learn with **Prof. Harold Troper** speaking on L'Chaim for the 1960s, Canadian Jews during the Era of Flower Power, noon to 1 p.m., Bloor JCC. 924-6211.

Sunday, Oct. 3

SUKKOT CELEBRATION

Morris Winchevsky School community Sukkot celebration at Camp Naivelt, 10:30 a.m. Sukkah, songs, Camp Naivelt Klezmer Band, folkdancing led by **Tanya Granovski.** Families from Shalom Food Project's Supportive Housing Coalition are joining in. Reserve. 789-5502.

JEWISH STORYTELLING

At Beit Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave., 7:30 p.m., hosted by **Alec Gelcer**. All welcome to listen and tell. Presented by Jewish Storytelling Arts 699-8914.

YIDDISHLAND CAFÉ

Workmen's Circle Yiddishland Café evening, The Street Drummer: New York Yiddish Poets, readings by **Chaya Thalenberg**, songs by **Michael Mandel** with **Nina Shapilsky** at the piano. 7:30 p.m., 471 Lawrence Ave. W. 787-2081.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Feminist Book Discussion Group of North York chapter, Older Women's Network discusses *By the Light of My Father's Smile* by **Alice Walker**, 2 p.m., North York Community Centre, 505 Lawrence Ave. W. **Ruth Goldsmith** 782-6414.

Tuesday, Oct. 5

HEALTHY AGING

Baycrest Centre lecture, Depression: It's Not in Your Head, It's in Your Brain! with **Dr.Helen Mayberg,** 7:30 p.m. **Jordana Berger** 785-2500, ext. 2035.

BOOK REVIEW

Heather Kassel reviews *The Reader* by **Bernard Schlink**, 8 p.m., Adath Israel Synagogue.

DR. FILDERMAN LODGE BB

Dr. Filderman Lodge, B'nai Brith, meeting with speaker **Michael Manzu Radian** on Incursions in the Spirituality of Jewish Humor, followed by Yiddish melodies by singer **Vladimir Radian**, 6:30 p.m., B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St.

Wednesday, Oct. 6

HOLOCAUST & INTERNET

The Child Survivors/Hidden Children of the Holocaust Education & Memorial Centre-UJA opening meeting, **Judy Cohen** lectures on Women and the Holocaust on the Internet, 7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Holy Blossom Lunch and Learn in Retirement topic The Ancient Art of Tai Chi, with narrator **Alistair Cooper,** director, Seniors Division of Tai Chi, at noon. Bring lunch. Coffee, tea, cookies served.

HEALTHY EATING

Baycrest Centre Wellness Education Group presents Healthy Eating to Reduce the Risk of Cancer with dietician **Pauline Wisdom-Gilliam**, Toronto-Sunnybrook Regional Cancer Centre, 1:30-2:30 p.m., at the Wagman Centre. 785-2500, ext. 2267.

Thursday, Oct. 7

JEWS, MONEY AND POWER

Jews, Money and Power in Modern History is the subject **Prof. Derek Penslar**, University of Toronto, discusses 7:30 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

And What Else Is New

STUDY LUNCHEON

Beth Tzedec study luncheon following services Saturday, Oct. 9, with **Prof. Lawrence Hoffman**, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, speaking on Respiritualizing Judaism: The Jewish Project of the New Millennium. Reservations (paid) no later than Tuesday, Oct. 5. Unpaid reservations cannot be accommodated. **Florence** 781-3511.

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Some of the most obvious mitzvot are some of the hardest to keep.

Imagine if the Torah said nothing about moral behavior. Would you suddenly become a liar, a thief, an opportunist?

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The problem is not that Orthodox Jews are any less ethical than the non-Orthodox. In fact, many individual and group assistance projects within the Orthodox community are the pride of the entire Jewish community. What's crucial is that Torah sets a high standard for all of us to follow and that we cannot deny any shortcomings within our community. In ceremony. In ritual. And in ethics.

It is painful to hear about committed Jews who say and do the wrong things, cheat or get involved in shameful scandals. These Jews ignore not only the spirit of the Torah we hold so dear, but the *halachot* that should be our guide. A guide not just to our communities and our organizations but to individual family members, business people and citizens as well.

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Relationships between Jew and Jew, Jew and non-Jew, and the dignity we must afford men and women alike, are all covered in detail in our rich *halachic, aggadic* and *mussar* literature, as well as in the biographies of the leading personalities of every generation.

Derech Eretz, Anivut, Gemilut Chasadim, and *Areivut* must be taught and lived as equals to *Hilchot Shabbat, Talmud Torah, Eruv* and *Nidah*. Torah, after all, was given to us in its entirety at Sinai. We dare not pick and choose our *halachic* commitments.

A day will come when turning your back on a shady business deal, working through a problem with your spouse and accurately reporting your income to the tax authorities will become indispensible to the definition of "observant".

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On Sunday, October 10th at 8pm the Toronto Torah Ethics Project will be launched at a community-wide lecture featuring Rabbi Jacob J. Schacter. Rabbi Schacter received rabbinic ordination from Yeshivat Torah Vodaath, holds a doctorate from Harvard University and is the rabbi of Manhattan's Jewish Center. He will speak at Beth Jacob V'Anshe Drilds Synagogue, 147 Overbrook Place (Wilmington just south of Finch). For more information please call Ilana Kelman at (416) 633-5406.

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What's New

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JEWISH HISTORY COURSE
The Village Shul presents a Crash Course in Jewish History, The State of Israel and How It Came To Be with **Rabbi Shlomo Jakobovits**, a six-week series starting Monday, Oct. 11, 8-9 p.m., 1072 Eglinton Ave. W. 785-1107.

JUDAISM & CHRISTIANITY
Shabbaton focusing on Judaism & Christianity: The Tug of War for the Jewish Soul with **Rabbi Tova Singer,** director of Outreach Judaism, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 8 and 9, at Aish HaTorah, 949 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. 905-764-1818.

TUESDAY MORNING SHIUR
The Beit Midrash and the Sisterhood at Adath Israel Tuesday morning shiur, Agony and Ecstacy: Moses the Man, Israel the Nation with **Rachael Turkienicz**, Oct. 5 to Nov. 9. Continental breakfast 9:30 a.m., lecture 10-11 a.m. 635-5340.

KADIMA CENTRE
Kadima Centre, a social, recreational centre for developmentally disabled adults, 18 and over, meets twice a week at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, for Supper Club Tuesdays 4:30-6:30 p.m. and Sundays, 2-4 p.m. The Open House Welcome Back dance Sunday, Oct. 17, 2-4 p.m. **Suzanne Agasee,** program co-ordinator, 635-6800 evenings.

ONEG SHABBAT
Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation, in conjunction with the inter-synagogue singles committee, invites singles of all ages to an oneg Shabbat Friday, Oct. 8, 8 p.m. Discussion on Now That the Holidays Are Over: Making the Most Out of Life's Ordinary Moments led by **Rabbi Philip Scheim**.

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES
Lech L'cha: The Journey Continues, 12-week study of Joseph's Journey with **Rachael Turkienicz** focusing on the generation immediately following the last of the matriarchs and patriarchs, Wednesdays 8-9:30 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue through to Dec. 1. 221-3433.

TRANSNISTRIA PROGRAM
Members and friends are invited to the Transnistria Survivors Association commemorative program for loved ones in the Transnistria shoah. Sunday, Oct. 10, 2 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. 638-1291.

YORK CHAPTER'S 50TH
York chapter, Jewish Women International, celebrates its 50th anniversary with a luncheon Sunday, Oct. 17. Former members interested in attending should call **Greta** 787-3099 or **Mildred** 633-6522.

FALL HIKE
Aish 20's fall hike through the Bruce Trail, Monday, Oct. 11 (Thanksgiving). Bus, park admission, lunch, snacks. Reserve. **Marni** at Aish HaTorah, 905-764-1818, ext. 225.

SIDDUR ON SUNDAY
Siddur on Sunday with **Shalom Eisenstat**, next session begins Oct. 10, 10 a.m. to noon at Adath Israel Synagogue. Structure of the siddur, meaning of the prayers, davening, other synagogue skills. 635-5340.

CREATIVE WRITING
Toronto District School Board presents a Creative Writing Class for seniors at the Bernard Betel Centre, nine classes starting Friday, Oct. 8, 10 a.m. to noon. Instructor **Sylvia Warsh** For information, **Bookie** 225-2112.

MOTHER AND BABY
Learn to massage your baby, songs and finger play, information sharing, starting Thursday, Oct. 7, 11 a.m. to noon for six consecutive Thursdays.This is an ongoing program at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. **Rachel** 905-731-7216.

STUDENT DANCERS
Auditions for dancers of all ages, 7-18, for Toronto's Dance Machine, the competitive dancer's training program at Koffler Centre School of Dance, Sunday, Oct. 17, in the Studio Theatre at Bathurst Jewish Centre. Register your interest before Sept. 30, to receive information package. 636-1880, ext. 273 or 359.

KOL SHIRA SINGERS
Kol Shira Singing Group, under the direction of composer-conductor **Srul Glick,** welcomes all voices, with a particular need for tenors, basses, altos.Group meets Wednesday evenings at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. **Stan** 491-0194 or **Maureen** 905-475-1759.

BOOK CLUB
Holy Blossom Temple Book Club, facilitated by **Prof. Henry Auster,** University of Toronto, first sessions Tuesday Oct. 5 at 1:30 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 7, at 7:30 p.m. **Anne** 789-3291, ext. 235.

OHR PENIMI
Congregation and Institute Ohr Penimi fall courses, Jewish Mysticism and Jewish Meditation, led by **Rabbi Moshe Kirsh**. Information/registration 905-889-0793.

BOWLERS WANTED
For seniors five-pin mixed league, Sundays. **Ben** 633-2428.

FOR SENIORS

Association of Jewish Seniors general meeting, Thursday, Sept. 30, 9:30 a.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Speaker **Lillian Carnivale,** Canadian Arthritis Society. Assistive devices demonstrated. **Goldie Leiberman** 635-2860.

Beth Tzedec Seniors Haverim opening meeting with **Alfred Kwinter**, lawyer and humorist, Monday, Oct. 4, 1:30 p.m.

LZA Seniors Club registration for Miami trip for four and six weeks at the Colonial Hotel. **Libby** 782-2059 or **Shelagh** 250-1234. Ladies Folkdancing classes Thursdays 1:30 p.m. and Cultural Discussion Group Tuesdays 10 a.m. in the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. The centre is open for socializing Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Sept. 30, Sukkot, no program; Oct. 7, lecture in English by **Shura Vorona** on UFOs; Sunday, Oct. 10, Simchat Torah dance with Teddy Band, call **Malka Colla,** chair of social committee, at 630-5771 for tickets and information. **Jerry Bengall**, president, 905-707-7334.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Casino Rama Oct. 6, 20; Dixie Mall trip Oct. 13; Windsor Casino trip, Oct. 26, two days,one night; Sunday dances Oct. 17, 31. 395-7881.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club: Opening meeting, a travelogue on South Africa with **Stanley Witkin** Monday, Oct. 4, 1 p.m.; trip to Israel Nov. 21-Dec. 8, orientation Oct. 4. **Lena** 785-5773, Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE
Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 225-2112.

Update on Transportation with **Howard Moscoe**, chair, Toronto Transit Commission, Tuesday, Oct. 5, 1:15 p.m.

Fall semester: For information, **Ruth Cohen** ext. 105.

Recreation programs offered in partnership with the Toronto Board of Education: Painting with Watercolor; Pottery; Ballroom Dancing; Canadian Literature; Creative Choir.

Fitness programs: Fitness, Yoga, Tai Chi, Osteofit. Nine sessions beginning the week of Oct. 4 to Dec. 2. Register at first class.

Bernard Betel Centre also runs fitness classes at Antibes Community Centre: Vigorous Fitness and Osteofit, 10 sessions beginning the week of Oct. 4 to Dec. 9. Register at first class.

Israeli Club Etrog: Do you speak Hebrew? Join club members every Tuesday at 7 p.m. for movies, lectures, dances, sing-alongs, bingo. **Anna** ext. 110.

WAGMAN CENTRE
Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. 785-2500.

Supervised Bridge begins Monday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m. to noon. Registration starting 9:30 a.m. For details, **Mara** ext. 2275.

Creative Writing classes begin Monday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m. to noon. Registration 9:30 a.m

Wellness lecture Wednesday, Oct. 6. Check What's New under the date.

Bring Your Own Lunch concerts at Roy Thomson Hall begin Friday, Oct. 8. Bus from Wagman Centre leaves 10:30 a.m. and returns 2:30 p.m. Reserve at Service Desk.

Dora Gruber Lecture Wednesday, Oct. 13, 1:30-2:30 p.m. delivered by **Rena Schochet** entitled Cult Guarding the Jewish Community. Register, ext. 2267.

Book sale Sunday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. hard cover, paperbacks, English and Hungarian books. Money goes towards new books for the Lipa and Fanny Green Library. **Kathy Garber** ext. 2231.

Trip to McMichael Art Gallery Thursday, Oct. 21. Bus leaves 10:30 a.m. and returns 2:30 p.m. Registration begins Oct. 5, at Service Desk. **Tracy Sanford** ext. 2273. Further trips planned for Fridays Oct. 22, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17.

Lunch and Learn Thursday, Oct. 26, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**Shelly Ditty**, director of planning, presents the new Jewish Home for the Aged, slated to open January 2000. **Mara** ext. 2275.

BLOOR JCC

Bloor Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 924-6211.

Osteoporosis I program, taught by **Edith Varner,** Tuesdays 9:30-10:30 a.m., 12 sessions. **Alison Lee.**

Nutrition Management program (Health Options Plan), healthy eating and weight loss. Personal training appointments can be set up. Classes Tuesdays 6:15-7:15 p.m., 8 week sessions. **Alison Lee.**

Aquatic Leadership programs for teens and adults: Bronze Medallion/Senior Resuscitation/Bronze Cross Mondays 6-9 p.m.; Aqua Leader's Course Tuesdays 6-8 p.m.; National Lifesaving Course Thursdays 5:30-9 p.m. **Alison Lee.**

Scuba-diving: For kids (minimum age of 12 years) Fridays 4:40-6:30 p.m. beginning Oct. 15. For adults and/or families Sundays 5-8 p.m. beginning Oct. 17.

Seniors Club; Thursday, Sept. 30, 2 p.m. The Century in Review: Ideas and Events That Shaped the Twentieth Century with artist/educator **Sylvia Galvanek**; Thursday, Oct. 7, 2 p.m. Relationships and Sexuality As We Age with **Gail Weber**, health educator and counsellor. For information **Judy.**

BATHURST JC

Bathurst Jewish Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. 636-1880.

Fifty-Five Plus Department of Adult Services variety show celebrating the Year of Yiddish Culture, Thursday, Oct. 7, 2 p.m. Leah Posluns Theatre. Reserve **Teme** ext. 364 or **Janet** 259.

Lunch 'n' Learn Friday, Oct. 8, noon to 1 p.m. with **Rabbi Ronnie Cahana** of Lodzer Synagogue.

Fall courses start the week of Oct. 4.

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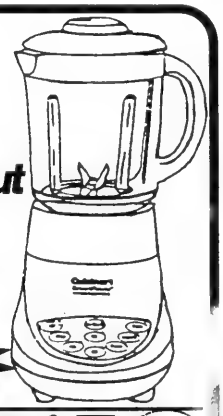

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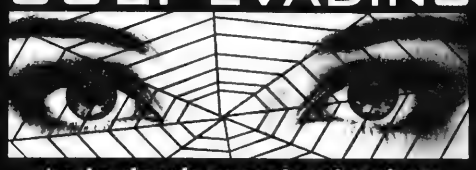

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Emunah launches crisis centre for Israeli children

By DAVID LAZARUS
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Emunah Women of Canada is spearheading the construction of a crisis centre in Israel for children who – in increasing numbers – have to be taken away from their families because they are being abused or facing danger at home.

The $1-million (US) centre being built at the request of Israel's Welfare Department is set to open by Chanukah. It will be located at one of Emunah's four Israeli institutions for needy children, and will be Israel's first crisis centre to also accommodate children with disabilities and those from Orthodox backgrounds.

According to Canadian Emunah executive vice-president Roslyn Schneidman, the centre is a response to an increased need in the Jewish state to find safe places for children whose family situation necessitates their leaving right away.

Israel has only two other crisis centres for children, both of which are run by the state, Schneidman said.

"There is a dire need," she said. "It's the unfortunate reality."

According to the organization, the centre "will be open 24 hours a day to take in children who have to be immediately removed from their homes due to the effects of extreme abuse, poverty, parental drug abuse or mental illness. The crisis centre will save children."

The centre will be a two-storey separate structure at the Neve Michael Children's Village in Pardes-Chana north of Netanya, one of Emunah's homes for underprivileged children.

Founded in 1942 by Emunah and by Youth Aliyah as a place to house European refugee children smuggled to Israel via Iran and

Provides 'special attention a religious child would need'

Japan, the home was originally called Beit Hayeled.

In an Orthodox setting, Neve Michael now accommodates close to 300 children from needy and/or troubled families, and provides educational facilities and a warm and nurturing home-like environment.

Children are placed at Neve Michael by Israel's Department of Social Welfare and by Youth Aliyah, and sometimes through a court order. Virtually all Neve Michael "graduates," Schneidman said, go on to live productive and successful lives after they leave.

She said the advantage of the crisis centre is that there will finally be a place that provides "the special attention a religious child would need."

Schneidman emphasized, however, that the centre, like the village, will be non-sectarian, accepting children from all cultural and religious backgrounds.

It is also not a "shelter," she said, which would house children only on a very temporary basis.

The centre will have15 beds, with a minimum stay of three months expected. Its facilities will include two classrooms, an observation room, an evaluation room, a playroom, a playground, a counselling room for parents, and rooms for a psychologist, social worker, doctor and nurse.

Schneidman anticipated that many of the children will later integrate into the village itself, which is structured with "family units" with "parents" for groups of about a dozen children.

Neve Michael also has an elementary school and facilities to help educate children with learning disabilities or those who are intellectually impaired.

Schneidman said although Neve Michael receives Israeli government funding, Emunah Women of Canada is alone taking on the crisis centre's fundraising outside Israel.

A cocktail reception will be held Oct. 19, 6 p.m., at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, with guest speaker Monica Berger, wife of former Canadian ambassador to Israel David Berger.

Another function will take place in Toronto Nov. 21, and the campaign will have events in other Canadian cities, including Ottawa and Windsor.

"These children were lost before," said Schneidman. "Now we hope they'll be saved."

Coast to Coast

CIC chair sees amicable resolution to peace talks

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — As the peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians proceed, the shape of public opinion in Canada and the rest of the world will become increasingly important, according to Joe Wilder, the newly installed national chair of the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC).

Joe Wilder

"It is very important that Canadian Jewry understand the issues and help explain them to their fellow citizens and legislators," Wilder told *The CJN* in a recent interview.

"To that end, the Canada-Israel Committee has created a new initiative – a grass-roots outreach program across the country to educate our Jewish communities about the situation, he said.

"We are concerned that our younger people do not have the same visceral feeling about Israel as there was during previous crises. We want to try to stimulate that interest and reconnect our people with their roots and the State of Israel."

Wilder, a prominent Winnipeg lawyer, has been a major player on the Canadian Jewish stage for the past 25 years. He has been involved in the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council and Canadian Jewish Congress.

The CIC was formed in the late 1960s in the aftermath of the 1967 Six-Day War. Wilder became involved with the committee as a representative of Congress, replacing Torontonian Brian Morris as CIC chair in August.

Wilder pointed out that Canada, in recent years, has developed a much higher international profile and has more influence than it did in earlier years. On a recent CIC-related visit to Israel, Wilder said he noticed a huge change in the way Israelis regard Canada and Canadian Jewry.

"The last prime minister of Israel was quoted as saying that Canada was not on his radar screen," Wilder recounted. "We are now. We found that Israelis understand that we are distinct from Americans."

Wilder and his fellow CIC members, as well as Congress and B'nai Brith delegates, met with several of the new Israeli cabinet ministers, a number of other government and business people and staff from the Canadian Embassy. The CIC chair described the discussions as informative, constructive and helpful.

One of the ministers with whom the Canadians met was Rabbi Michael Melchior, who heads the new ministry of relations with the Diaspora.

Wilder said he was impressed with the tremendous change in Israeli attitudes to their cousins in the Diaspora.

"Rabbi Melchior talked about the importance of the rest of world Jewry to Israel," Wilder recalled. "A number of ministers spoke of their concern for Jews, not only in disadvantaged countries, but all over the world.

"While our younger people do not seem to be as connected to Israel as in the past, Israelis, who used to be more inward-looking, are showing greater concern with Jews elsewhere."

While the change in government in Israel has made the work of advocacy groups such as the CIC much easier, Wilder cautioned that there is a danger that expectations are so high that they will be difficult to fulfil.

"The honeymoon period will be short," he said, "but deals take more time to be consummated. The issues are enormously complex ... Part of our job now will be to explain that the parties in the peace negotiations [require] the necessary time to reach a settlement free of external pressure."

While Canada and Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy are generally supportive of Israel, Wilder noted that the CIC is not always happy with the way Canada votes at the UN.

For instance, he cited a vote last February on a resolution sponsored by 19 states which castigated Israel "with incendiary language." The resolution called for the reconvening of the Geneva Convention to judge Israel's conduct in the occupied territories.

"Canada voted in favor," Wilder said. "The United States cast the only dissenting vote. We met with our foreign [affairs] minister in Ottawa en masse to suggest that the Geneva meeting was not helpful to the peace process.

"It goes against the spirit of the Wye accords where both sides agreed to refrain from unilateral action. It may be coincidental, but Canada didn't attend the [Geneva] meeting. The session was adjourned indefinitely."

Wilder said he foresees an amicable resolution in the peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians.

He sees the buildup of nuclear arms by Iran and Iraq as the major problem in Middle Eastern foreign affairs, he said. "There is a grave fear that both Iran and Iraq may have nuclear weapons within a few years."

BBYO TRAINS ITS LEADERS

The BBYO Greater Toronto Area Council executive participated in a three-day leadership conference. Seen (standing, from left) are Brandon Kovshoff, Andrew Epstein, Andi Fenyes, Mark Mandelker, Bayla Lazarus, Michael Tolensky, Heather Bernknopf, council n'siah, and Adam Shulman, council godol; (seated, from left) are Zavi Lerman, Aryeh Altman and Naomi Herman.

Visual arts series set

TORONTO — Jewish Visual Culture, a six-part lecture series on Jewish art, gets under way Oct. 5 at the Koffler Centre of the Arts (4588 Bathurst St.).

Presenters will be Sylvia Ptak and Cyril Reade, who have been collaborating on projects dealing with Jewish identity and visual culture since 1996.

The six slide lectures will examine Jewish visual culture through various thematic viewpoints, including Jewish art of the 19th century; Nazi-proscribed degenerate art; the Jewish influence on art in the 1950s in the United States; memorialization through artworks; gender-based art practices; and the geographical, political and spiritual aspects of work by contemporary Jewish artists.

Ptak, a visual artist and educator, recently produced a slide resource of Holocaust-related work by Canadian artists for the York Region Board of Education to support its Holocaust curriculum unit.

The lectures will take place Oct. 5 and 19; Nov. 2, 16 and 30; and Dec. 14, all from 7 to 9 p.m.

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Jewish candidates defeated in Manitoba

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — All three Jewish candidates running in last week's provincial election in Manitoba were defeated, but for Lawrie Cherniack, the battle is not yet over.

The Winnipeg lawyer was the NDP standard-bearer in a traditionally strong Conservative riding in south Winnipeg. Nonetheless, he came within 19 votes of pulling off a major upset. At press time, the hospital and prison votes were still to be counted, and with a margin of victory that narrow, there will be an automatic recount.

"There will be a recount, but I am not hopeful," he said. "I don't expect to win it. I am happy that my party won the election."

Cherniack has deep socialist roots. His grandparents, the late Alter and Fanya Cherniack, were founders of the I.L. Peretz Folk School and prominent leaders in Winnipeg's left wing Yiddishist movement in the 1920s and 1930s. Alter Cherniack was among the founders of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Lawrie Cherniack's father, Saul, was a cabinet minister in the first NDP government elected in Manitoba and served in the the cabinet during both of Ed Schreyer's terms in office (1969-1977).

Lawrie Cherniack himself was a Winnipeg city councillor at one point and a member of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council. This was his first run for office provincially.

For Liberal candidates Rochelle Zimberg and Michael Lazar, their campaigns were impossible missions from the beginning. Lazar, a prominent younger member of Winnipeg's Jewish community, ran in the north Winnipeg riding of Kildonan, where the majority of the north Winnipeg Jewish community resides.

While it was expected that Lazar would at least finish a strong second, he actually finished well back in third place, more than a thousand votes behind the second place Conservative candidate and 5,000 shy of the incumbent NDP MLA.

"The results were disappointing," said Lazar who has been a member of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council since 1989, "but percentage-wise my results were in line with the Liberal vote province wide. My staff and volunteers worked hard and we learned a lot. My strong feeling is that the people wanted to get rid of the Conservatives and felt that the best way to do it was to vote NDP."

Zimberg was the Liberals' sacrificial lamb in Tuxedo, the riding held by outgoing Manitoba Premier Gary Filmon. Like Lazar, Zimberg, the former longtime executive director of the Manitoba Association of Urban Municipalities, finished a distant third.

The collapse of the Liberals led to the election of the New Democratic Party, led by Gary Doer, bringing to an end the 11-year administration of Gary Filmon. The final count was 31 seats for the NDP, 25 for the Conservatives and one for the Liberals (Liberal leader Dr. Jon Gerrard in the heavily Jewish River Heights riding).

Filmon was a good friend to the Jewish community throughout his tenure. He grew up in the largely Jewish North End. His father spoke Yiddish and an aunt married a Jewish man and converted to Judaism.

During his time in office, he supported the construction of a Holocaust Memorial on the Legislature grounds, and his government was a major contributor toward construction of the Asper Jewish Community Campus.

He and his wife, Janice, were instrumental in initiating the flow of Argentine Jewish families to Winnipeg in the last couple of years. In recognition of his friendship, both B'nai Brith and the JNF have honored Gary Filmon.

Volunteer bureau launched in Winnipeg

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Winnipeg's major Jewish communal organizations have joined together to form a central volunteer bureau for the Jewish community.

Hours to Share is a culmination of two years of discussions between the participating organizations which include the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, the Gray Academy of Jewish Education, the Rady Jewish Community Centre, the Jewish Heritage Centre, the Jewish Child and Family Service and the Winnipeg Jewish Theatre. All these organizations are housed at the Asper Jewish Community Campus, and the Sharon Home.

"We began working on this when the Asper Jewish Community Campus opened in September, 1997," says Hours to Share co-ordinator Maurene Cohen of the Jewish Child and Family Service.

"At the Jewish Child and Family Service, we have over 200 volunteers," Cohen says. "We were getting requests from these other organizations and agencies for volunteers but we were at capacity. We couldn't accommodate any more."

On behalf of all the organizations involved, the Jewish Child and Family Service applied for and received a grant from the Winnipeg Foundation to study the feasibility of a joint volunteer bureau. "Now we have implemented the bureau," Cohen says.

To announce the formation of the new volunteer bureau, the cooperating organizations blanketed the synagogues with flyers on Rosh Hashanah.

Scene in Ottawa

By G.K. SIMCOE

Don't say you weren't warned! We predicted trench warfare amongst Liberals in the battle to win the nominations in two of the safest Liberal ridings in the country.

In Toronto, Judy Sgro defeated Sergio Marchi's former assistant, Peter Vecchiarelli. Vecchiarelli was the choice candidate of the Liberal party brass, but following a less than pleasant campaign and surprising strength from a third candidate, Jesse Randhawa (himself a longstanding Liberal), Sgro came up the middle. In effect, her victory represents a "nose-thumbing" at the party, a sort of reclaiming of the Liberal party for Main Street.

Montreal's experience is a little more dramatic, but may result in an even harsher wake-up call for the Liberal establishment. It also hits a little closer to the Jewish community, since Mount Royal still has the largest Jewish population of any riding in the country.

Municipal politician, Saulie Zajdel has had his eyes set on the nomination. He had expressed keen interest in it before, but was persuaded to defer to Sheila Finestone who decided to run one more time. It seemed his time had finally arrived. He had a proven track record as a city councillor, an impressive network of support and, most of all, a burning ambition to become an MP.

He started this nomination race so far out in front that Eric Maldof resisted the temptation to run. But as the date for closing out nominations drew near, a white knight appeared in the form of Prof. Irwin Cotler.

Suddenly, Zajdel was approached by the "party" to withdraw his name from the race in favor of Cotler. Seeing the writing on the wall, and being an astute politician, Zajdel withdrew (for the second time) and put his support behind Cotler.

However, the Liberal party Powers That Be (PTBs) could not yet celebrate. There were too many riding association memberships floating around, not to mention a third candidate poised to pull a "Sgro." So more pressure had to be brought to bear, and presto! the field was cleared and Cotler was acclaimed.

On the riding level, however, this may prove to be a pyrrhic victory. How long do the PTBs think earnest Canadians will invest of themselves in an exercise that ignores democratic principles and is contemptuous of their right to choose a candidate?

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Cotler to carry Liberal banner in Mount Royal

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the McGill-based centre he founded. Lately, he has been involved with the effort to establish a permanent international criminal court. He also wants to continue teaching at McGill, where he has been a professor for 27 years, if a reduced schedule can be worked out.

As a constitutional law expert, Cotler thinks he can make a contribution to the national unity debate. "Federalism is a morally compelling ideal, which I don't think is being articulated properly. It's imperfect, but internationally it is seen as an effective model, something I don't think we understand or appreciate."

Cotler rejects the bookkeeping approach to federalism, that is, focusing on its fiscal benefits or drawbacks. "Federalism is a system of values, beliefs and principles – about social justice, sharing of power, protecting the individual by limiting the state's authority – which should be asserted.

"In the battle of ideas, federalism will win out over secession."

Cotler has not been associated in the public's mind with Quebec's language issue, and he is not now donning the mantle of anglophone rights defender in Ottawa.

"I see language as part of the larger issue of minority rights... As representative of Mount Royal, I should reflect the multicultural mosaic, which includes the promotion and protection of minorities. Language is part of the larger concerns of minorities," he said.

Although he is better known for his activities on the international stage, Cotler said his human rights work began at the local level, working in anti-poverty projects, including founding the legal aid clinic in Pointe St. Charles 30 years ago.

Cotler, a lifelong resident of the riding, said that until a few days before Yom Kippur he had no intention of or interest in running for the seat vacated when Sheila Finestone, Mount Royal's MP for 15 years, was appointed to the Senate Aug. 11.

He was in Israel at the time for his grandson's brit milah, and didn't even know Finestone had resigned until his return at the beginning of September. Later that month, Cotler returned to Israel for the pidyon haben.

"When I came back, the pressure began and built to a crescendo."

But, he was torn, he said. "I didn't feel good about it."

So, just before Yom Kippur, he turned to his spiritual mentor, 80-year-old Herzl Fishman in Jerusalem, an ethical philosopher.

"He said, 'You have no choice. Your responsibility is to answer the call of those who believe in you. You must run.'"

"I thought it through during Yom Kippur and right after Neilah, made my decision. The next morning I filed my papers."

At the same time, Saulie Zajdel, 43, a Montreal executive committee and Lubavitch community member, generally seen as the front runner, withdrew his candidacy and declared his support for Cotler. He had entered the race only five days earlier.

Cotler, he stated, "is a candidate of national and international stature. His record as an advocate for the poor and the rights of women, minorities and the oppressed speaks for itself. I am confident that Irwin will be a strong and effective voice in Ottawa for the concerns of Mount Royal, and will bring much needed intellectual rigor and passion to Parliament. We need people like Irwin Cotler in public life."

Shortly after, lawyer David Lisbona, 30, also bowed out, giving his support to Cotler. "Irwin has a stellar reputation... It's an honor just to have him as my MP."

The last hold out, lawyer Anthony Housefather, 29, a militant English rights and Canadian unity campaigner, dropped out Wednesday night.

"There was tremendous pressure, more from the community than the party. The party played by the rules. They didn't say you're out or we won't sign your papers," his aide Steve Pinkus said.

Housefather withdrew reluctantly, however, because he had signed up close to 900 members.

"It was a realistic assessment. A man of Cotler's worldwide stature and the considerable resources he could mobilize were more than we could go up against," Housefather said.

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פֿון ש. ליפשיץ

מיט אַרום אכט יאָר צוריק האָט די רעדאַקציע פֿון „קענעדיען דושעש ניוס" — אין רעזולטאַט פֿון פֿאַרהאַנדלונגען מיטן נאַציאָנאַלן קאָמיטעט פֿאַר ייִדיש, ביים קאַנאַדער ייִדישן קאָנגרעס — באַשלאָסן אײַנצופֿירן אַ צווייַ־וואָכנטלעכן קאָלום אין ייִדיש. די פֿאַרשטענדניש איז געווען, אַז דער נאַציאָנאַלער ייִדיש־קאָמיטעט וועט זיך פֿאַראַנטוואָרטלעך פֿאַר צושטעלן דעם קאָלום, גרייט צום דרוק, און די רעדאַקציע פֿון דער צייטונג וועט באַזאָרגן אַ פּלאַץ דערפֿאַר יעדע צווייַ וואָכן.

נישט נעקוקט דערויף, וואָס מיר האָבן דאָס באַשלאָסן וויי אַ מיטמום און נעהאָפֿט, אַז אַ ייִדישע אָפּטיילונג אין דער נאַציאָנאַלער שׂדישער צי־טונג וואָלט געוואָרפֿט דערשיינען וועכנטלעך — דאָך האָבן מיר אָנגענומען דעם באַשלוס צו דורכן דעם קאָלום יעדע צווייַ וואָכן, און פֿון באַשלאָס וויי אַ גוטן אָנהויב, אַז אַ ייִדיש וואָרט זאָל אַריינקומען אין אַרום 50 טויזנט ייִדישע הייזער איבערן לאַנד. מיר איז געגעבן געוואָרן די־אויסנאָבע אין־כבוד צו רעדאַגירן און באַזאָרגן דעם קאָלום צום דרוק.

די צייט ליפֿט מיט אַ זשיער שנעלן סטעפּ. עס איז פּשוט שווער צו גלויבן, אַז עס זיינען שוין אַוועק 8 יאָר, זינט דעם טאָג, וועלן איך האָב אַריי־נגעטראָגן דעם ערשטן קאָלום, געשריבן פֿון דעמאָלסדיקן נאַציאָנאַלן סאַ־יזיצער, סלייפֿ (פּנחס) גיזונעס ע"ה. במשך פֿון דער צייט זיינען דערשינען אַרום 190 קאָלומס, געשריבן פֿון צענדליקער מענטשן איבערן לאַנד, אין וועלכע עס זיינען באַהאַנדלט בעוואָרן גרויסלאָמפּטלעכע, קולטורעלע און ליטעראַרישע סטעמעס.

די גרעסטע באָפֿרידיקונג איז געווען דער ענטוזיאַסטישער אָפּרוף פֿון צענדליקער לייענערס. די בעווען־דע רעדאַקטאָרין פֿון דער צייטונג, פּאַטרישא ברוקער, האָט מיר אַמאָל בעוואָגט, אַז דער אָפּרוף אויפֿן ייִדישן קאָלום איז דער סאַמע דערמאָנלעך־סטער.

אָבער וויי בעוואָגט, די צייט ליפֿט און עס ליפֿן אויך די יאָרן, און באַנץ אָפֿט קומען אונטער בעוווּסט־פֿראָבלעמען, וואָס מאַכן שוועריער צו טאָן, וואָס מען וואָלט געוואָלט. מיט גרויס באַדויערן מוז איך, דעריבער, אויסבענען אַ סך סטעמיקייטן, צוליב וויי די רעדאַקציע פֿון „ייִדיש־ווינקל".

די באָפֿרידיקונג איז דער פֿאַקט, וואָס די רעדאַקציע נעמט איבער אַ מענטש מיט זעלטענע פֿיאָליקייטן. **אַלעק סילווער**, דער ניייער רעדאַקטאָר, איז אַ באַאַבטער זשורנאַליסט, אַ קאָמפּעטענטער רעדאַקטאָר און אַן ערשט־קלאַסיקער שריפֿטזעצער, ספּעציעל אין ייִדיש. סילווער האָט פֿאַר אויסבענען אַ סך סטעמיקייטן, צוליב וויי די רעדאַקציע פֿון „ייִדיש־ווינקל". און ער איז דער רעדאַקטאָר פֿון דעם לימערישׂ־קיסס־סלערישן ייִדישן זשור־נאַל פֿון מיאַמי, „דער אָהיימ". ער נעמט איצט אונטער נאָך אַ פֿאַראַנ־דערע אויפֿגאַבע, וויל ער איז פֿאַראינטערעסירט, אַז נאָך אַ באַשׂ־דענע ייִדישע אָפּוויצע זאָל פֿאַרהיטן ווערן. דערפֿאַר דאַנקען מיר אים און וויינטשן אים דערפֿאָלג אין אַלע וויצע סטעמיקייטן.

אייך, ליבע לייענער, אַ דאַנק פֿאַר אייער דערמוטיקונג און קאָאָפּעראַציע.

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פֿון אַלעק סילווער

ליהטן קעפּל פֿון אַרטיקל וועט איר דאָך מסתמא פֿאַרשטיין, אַז איך וויל זיך פֿאַר אייך פֿאַרשטעלן. איך טו עס, כדי עס זאָל אייך נישט ווונדערן, ווען איר וועט זען נאָר אויבן אַ ניעס נאָמען, אַנשטאָט דעם וואָס איר האָט געוווּנען בײַ איצט. מיין נאָמען איז אַלעק סילווער. מען האָט מיך געגעבן דעם כבוד אויצרצונעמען דעם אָמט פֿון ייִדיש־ווינקל רעדאַקטאָר. **סעם (שלמה) ליפשיץ**, וועלכער האָט זיך איצט כשר פֿאַרדינט דעם טיטל פֿון רעדאַק־טאָר־עמעריטוס, האָט באַשלאָסן צו מאַרגינגערן זיין אַרבעטס־לאָסט און אויפֿגעבן אַ ריי אַקטיוויטעטן. נאָך 8 יאָר פֿון רעדאַגירן דעם ייִדיש־ווינקל, האָט פֿוריינט ליפֿשיץ דעצידירט דאָס אויבערצוגעבן אין אַנדערע הענט. און מיינע הענט זיינען געווען די מזלדיקע. צו ווערן אויסגעקליבן פֿון אַ פֿרוס־טישפּולער ציטונג, וווּ „קענעדיען דושעש ניוס", איז עס באמת אַ גרויסער כבוד.

איך וואָלט בעקענט שרייבן אַ סך וועגן די דערגרייכונגען פֿון סעם ליפֿשיץ. איך וועל עס אָבער נישט טאָן צוליב סיבות. ערשטנס, גלויב איך נישט, אַז עס איז טאָן פֿאַראן אַ ייִדיש־לייענער בײַ אונדז אין שטאָם, בעסער געוואָגט, בײַ אונדז אין לאַנד, וועמען עס איז נישט באַקאַנט דער דאָזיקער נאָמען. צוויטנס וויל זיך פֿאַרשטאַרבענער פֿרוי **מאַניע** ע"ה, זיינען זי תמיד געווען אין די ערשטע ריינען פֿון קאָמף פֿאַר דער ייִדישער שפּראַך און קולטור. די צוויי־טע סיבה איז, וואָס ליפֿשיץ אַליין וואָלט דאָס מיר פֿאַראַכט צו טאָן. ער האָט קיינמאָל נישט געוווּכט און זוכט נישט איצט קיין ספּעציעלן לויב פֿאַר זיינע סטעמיקייטן. ער טוט זיין אַרבעט, וויל ער פֿילט, אַז ס'איז זיין חוב דאָס צו טאָן.

איצט אַ צוואָג: מיר וועלן זיך באַמיען אַנצוהאַלטן דעם ועלבן הויכן ניוואָ, וויבײַ איצט. יעדער תושב פֿון **קאַנאַדע**, איך שטרייך אונטער **קאַנאַדע**, וועט דאָ בעמיען פֿלאַץ צו ווערן בעדרוקט, אויב די אַרבעט איז דורקבאַר. מיר בעטן אייער קאָאָפּעראַציע: שרייבט דיסלעך, קורץ, אויף איין זיים פון בלעטל, מיט אַ סך לידיקן פֿלאַץ צווישן די שורות. פֿאַרגעסט אויך נישט אייער נאָמען, אַדרעס און **טעלעפֿאָן נומער**, סאָמער האָבן מיר פֿראָגן. שיקט אייערע מאַנטסקריפּטן צו דער צייטונג: דער אַדרעס איז אויף זיים 2. צייכנט אַן אויטן קאָנווערט, אין וואָס מאָר אייער דערמוטיקונג און קאָאָפּעראַציע.

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מיד האָפֿן, אַז אונדזער באַקאַנטשאַפֿט וועט זיין אַ לאַנגדויערנדיקע.

Analysing DNA test results in the Weizmann Institute lab are (from left) Michael Goldberg from Canada, Dr. Vinca Lardans, his mentor/researcher from Israel, and Sharon Cohen, a student from the United Kingdom.

Summer science program proves a life changing event

By MICHAEL GOLDBERG
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This summer, I was fortunate to be a participant in a special science program for pre-university students, the Dr. Bessie F. Lawrence International Summer Science Program.

As I boarded the airplane in July for Israel and a month's visit to the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, I realized I was about to embark on a journey that would change my life.

Five weeks later, I returned to Toronto, and realized how right I was.

The Weizmann Institute, named after the great Jewish scientist and first president of Israel, Chaim Weizmann, began this program in order to fulfil Weizmann's dream of exposing young minds, gifted in the sciences, to the wonders of science and Israel.

It provides participants a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet peers from around the world, enjoy the equipment and facilities of the renowned Weizmann Institute, and benefit from the experience of engaging professors and researchers, in a beautiful campus setting.

The program, which this year included six Canadian students from across the country, is co-ordinated by the staff of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute. Dr. Louis Siminovitch, one of Canada's leading scientists, conducted the applicant interviews.

Sixty-six students assembled from around the world (Argentina, Canada, Columbia, England, Germany, Holland, Israel, Mexico, Russia, Serbia, Sweden, Switzerland, Uruguay and the United States) to conduct research in the fields of biology, chemistry, mathematics and physics.

The projects undertaken by the students included cloning proteins, genetic engineering, optical data processing, and combinatorial circuit complexity with cryptographic applications.

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My project involved the comparative study of proteins by electrophoretic analysis. This research helped to significantly increase my knowledge of laboratory equipment and procedures.

I enjoyed the company of interesting, like-minded, pre-university teenagers from different religious, ethnic, cultural and national backgrounds. In fact, I learned more about people than I did about science.

Three-quarters of the participants were not Jewish, which for me enhanced the quality of the program from a cultural perspective.

The Jewish students benefited from an assorted group, while the non-Jews were provided with an environment where they could learn about the history and traditions of the Jewish people and the land of Israel.

It is not difficult to appreciate why students are motivated to return. The setting is extremely conducive to a positive learning environment; the lush grounds of the Institute create a relaxed, comfortable atmosphere.

Several post-doctoral students served as counsellors to our group and arranged excursions both within and outside the facility. I particularly enjoyed visiting the Koffler Particle Accelerator.

Those directing the students did an outstanding job. Each pair of young scientists was instructed and assisted by a private mentor, a scientist who was conducting post-doctoral research at the Weizmann Institute.

A typical day began in the lab, where participants diligently worked on their projects and prepared for seminars. This continued until lunch, when everyone met together in the cafeteria to informally discuss their work and findings, as well as to socialize. On returning to the lab, the students resumed their research tasks.

After a long day of work, free time before dinner gave the teens an opportunity to go into town, enjoy a luxurious swim in the Institute's magnificent pool, or just catch up on e-mail in the computer lab.

Following dinner, more free time allowed students to play cards, musical instruments, and ping-pong – essentially, to relax. Occasionally, evening programs were co-ordinated, ranging from parties to sports.

Weekend trips were organized to expose students to different aspects of Israel. We toured Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, the Galilee, Eilat, and Ein Gedi.

All the students got along very well – in fact, the majority of the participants maintain contact through the Internet. One boy from Switzerland established a Web site which you may visit at issi99@onelist.com.

I have taken away so much from this outstanding program: skills, friends, and memories which will last me a lifetime. I was enriched by learning a great deal about science, through lectures and practical application. I also learned a great deal about myself.

I suppose I was right when, as I boarded the plane, I knew that I was never going to be the same.

Features

The Iraqi Jews of Toronto

By JERRY GLADMAN
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There are few communities in Toronto – anywhere, for that matter – that are as self-contained, successful and unique as the tiny Iraqi Jewish stronghold here.

Their ranks (probably no more than 1,000) bulge with the upper echelons of professionals. Most are highly educated, particularly the younger generation.

They look after their own, stubbornly maintaining their cultural and religious traditions. And even though they avoid involvement in politics, they contribute to the overall society in many ways.

"We are an independent community and people," says Asad Muallin, a veterinarian consultant who fled Iraq in 1965 and eventually settled here.

"Our community is well-educated and mostly professionals. We are the cream of the crop. We are very demanding on our children and, in nature, very competitive. In short, we like to be successful."

Asad Muallin

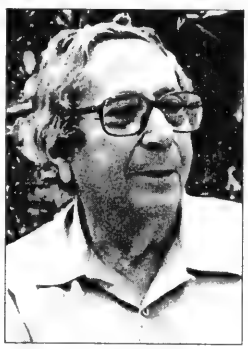
Not that other communities don't. But their small numbers and their history account for their uniqueness.

For one thing, Iraqi Jews were once among the most prosperous and influential populations in the Middle East. Unlike Europe's Jews, they weren't swept up in the horrors of the Holocaust, although they were ultimately persecuted before fleeing Iraq in the '50s.

And once they did reach our shores, the new immigrants were able to manage without assistance from any organization or association geared to helping new immigrants.

The immigrants clung to the philosophy that an effective system of Jewish Iraqi tradition is crucial to maintaining Babylonian Jewish consciousness, wherever they are.

"You have to understand that the Iraqi Jews weren't persecuted the same as the Jews in Europe," says Sasson Mayer, a 73-year-old retired developer who has been living in Toronto for more than 30 years. "For a long time we really had no reason to leave. We more or less controlled the economy."



Naim Dallal

They were Iraq's main traders, goldsmiths and money-changers, and comprised the bulk of government employees. They had 30 private schools in Baghdad alone, and with their departure, Iraq lost many of its elite engineers, doctors, musicians and artisans.

Some estimates put the Iraqi Jewish population at 350,000 before their major exodus to Israel in the early '50s. Now, it's believed there are less than 100 Jews in the entire country. Some 30 synagogues lay in ruins or were deserted. Only one is still open – and that will probably soon join the others.

Meanwhile, while most other new Jewish immigrants sought to assimilate into the overall Jewish community here, the Iraqis purposely avoided it.

"I don't like the word assimilate," says Naim Dallal, 74, a dental surgeon, who was founder and president of the Iraqi Jewish Association (IJA) of Ontario.

"Our community has not really changed here. We try to hang on to our traditions, which are different. We try to keep the community as it is. It hasn't been hard."

But he adds that their desire to keep together hasn't prevented them from contributing to the overall community.

"None of us went on welfare. We pay for our children's education. We are a very proud community that looks after its own... We have made solid contributions to society, including charitable donations."

But, he says, there is not much of a connection with other Jewish associations. "It just hasn't been necessary, although we have cultural meetings that are extended to the other groups."

Mind you, there were some who would have welcomed help from others when they first arrived, but were rebuffed.

"I was very disappointed that the Jewish groups didn't help when I came in 1975," says Ramzi Loya, 59, an accountant, who lived alone here in a basement apartment for seven months before his family was able to join him.

"It was very difficult. A friend from school in Iraq directed me where to go. Then, someone gave me an idea – to go through the list of companies in the YellowPages to find work.

"I was an accountant in the travel business in Iraq and found a travel company where I eventually worked for 11 years before upgrading myself.

"We are very happy here now," he adds. "It's a very successful community."

While a largely affluent society, the Iraqi Jews still don't have their own synagogue. For most of the past 20 years, they have rented accommodations for the High Holy Days and imported their own rabbi from Israel. They now have a contract with a shul for the next three years.

"There just aren't enough families to justify the cost of our own shul," says Dallal, whose wife, Renee, now heads the IJA.

Almost every family has an intriguing story about their lives in Iraq and their departure from a society that dates back to 7 BCE when King Nebuchadnezzar captured Jerusalem and carried thousands of its inhabitants in chains to Babylon.

Under British rule beginning in 1917, the Jews fared well economically and many served in top government posts. But in 1941, the mufti-inspired, pro-Nazi coup of Rashid Ali sparked rioting and a pogrom in Baghdad that saw 180 Jews murdered.

The persecution reached its peak during the establishment of the State of Israel and the 1948 War of Independence. The government declared Jews enemies of the state and spies, and forced numerous restrictions upon them.

They were forbidden to sell their homes and cars, limited to the amounts they could withdraw from bank accounts, and were banished from private businesses. Their movements were restricted within the country and yet, they were forced to stay in Iraq.

The persecution escalated following Israel's success in the Six Day War. In 1968, when the Ba'ath party came to power through a military coup, the situation grew even worse as more Jews were arrested, tortured and murdered.

In 1969, nine innocent Jews falsely accused of spying for Israel were hanged and their bodies suspended in public squares. Several more hangings followed after trumped-up charges.

By then, however, the majority of Jews had fled Iraq; most in the early '50s, following the establishment of a special bill that allowed them to leave if they renounced their citizenships.

The majority fled to Israel while the remainder scattered throughout the world, including North America.

Finally, in response to international pressure, the Iraqi government allowed most of the remaining Jews to leave in the '70s.

Mayer, whose father was the principal of the only Jewish high school in Iraq, was involved in a Jewish underground group and even spent time in jail. When the government began closing in on the underground's activities and his life was endangered, he escaped to Israel.

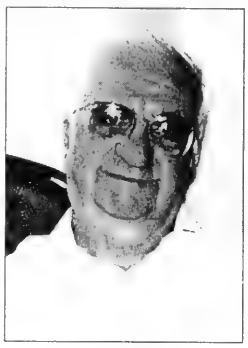
He fought in the '56 and '67 wars, married, raised a family and worked as an importer in the film business. Soon after, weary of the wars and economic strife, he moved his family to Toronto to join a brother and seek new opportunities.

"There were only a handful of Iraqi Jewish families when we arrived, but that's really when the community started. More families followed and I'd say there are now about 300 families. Half of them probably know each other from Iraq."

Dallal, who was among the early arrivals in 1959, has a fascinating background. He was one of the few Jews in the Middle East to serve in three different armies – as a dental student in Syria, in the Iraqi army during the War of Independence (all Jewish officers were dismissed under fabricated charges) and the Israeli army during the Suez War.

After leaving Iraq in 1952, he took his clan to London where he studied for a year, followed by six years in Israel. When the family joined his in-laws here in 1959, he attended the University of Toronto so he could work as a dental surgeon.

"We originally formed the IJA to keep families together. And we have succeeded. Our community has really not changed that much since I arrived, except it has grown."



Sasson Mayer

Although retired, Dallal, a member of the Canadian Jewish Congress' national committee, does volunteer work as a dentist in Israel one month each year.

Muallin left Iraq when he was a veterinarian student, immigrating secretly through the British Embassy in 1965. He first went to the U.S. but felt there were better opportunities here.

"I did everything on my own," says Muallin, now 57 and the father of three. "I had to start from zero. The family stayed in Iraq and the government confiscated their business, a large factory. My parents left for Israel in 1971. I visited them and met my future wife there."

Muallin says most of the Iraqi Jews that come to Toronto now are from Israel.

"We are a successful community, but we are not isolated. We feel we are part of the general Jewish community, but have traditions we prefer to keep our own."

Meanwhile, Loya said his family lost everything in the late '40s due to Iraqi government persecution.

"For a time it was very bad for us. There was no food and water. We had to live in huts. Things eventually improved, though, and I was able to study and become an accountant."

Ramzi Loya

When fired from his job following the Six Day War, he moved his wife and young child to Israel. They remained there for three years, but found life harsh. That's when he decided to move to Canada.

"The Iraqi Jewish community here helps one another. We stay together, although some have assimilated very well. We try to keep our traditions."

His wife, Norma, says that most of their friends are Iraqi Jews, but it's a different story with the next generation.

"Most of our children grew up in Canadian society and married Canadians. This is how they mix. But I don't believe the different traditions contradict each other. I think they compliment each other.

"Society changes, technology changes, but people continue to follow certain things from the past, simply because they are pleasant."

She smiled and added: "It's a good t[illegible]."

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Jacques Volger (second from right) with, from left, André, Suzanne and Paul Malvaux at the ceremony in Brussels last month honoring the Malvaux family as Righteous Among the Nations.

Toronto man joins Yad Vashem to pay tribute to Belgian saviors

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jacques Vogler put it simply and best when he turned to the children of his saviors, and said: "Thank you."

Small words for a huge gesture.

Last month, Vogler and his entire family – his wife, children, grandchildren, in-laws and nieces – travelled en masse to his native Belgium to help pay tribute to the family that rescued him during World War II.

At a moving ceremony at Israel's embassy in Brussels, two surviving members of the Malvaux family were designated Righteous Among the Nations, and presented with specially-struck medals. Their names will be installed at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, along with thousands of other Righteous Gentiles.

It was an emotional event, says Vogler, 69, an account executive at State of Israel Bonds' Toronto office. "We used a lot of Kleenex."

The honor was bestowed, posthumously, on René Malvaux and two of his children, André and Suzanne. A third child, Paul, was too young at the time to understand the gravity of the situation.

The Malvaux took in a young Vogler after Nazi Germany invaded Belgium in May, 1940.

Two years after the German invasion, Vogler, just 13, was on his way home from a boy scout meeting, when he saw his street being combed by Nazis, who were searching for Jews. He and his parents hid in the attic and avoided deportation.

The boy's parents paid a family to take him in. After another near capture, this time at a summer camp, Vogler was shunted to a sympathetic Roman Catholic priest, Abbé André, who was hiding about 25 Jewish children in a parish house in the town of Namur, about an hour's drive from Brussels.

Vogler knew the Malvaux family because they cooked soup for the hidden children. In the meantime, Vogler's parents were in hiding in Brussels, and his brother Norbert was caught trying to escape into France. He later died while on a forced march to a concentration camp.

Following a visit to the parish house by the Gestapo, Vogler, after just a few months in hiding with the priest, jumped a fence, again evading capture. Alone and frightened, he made his way to the Malvaux household, and was taken in.

"They made me part of the family," Vogler recalls. "I had my own room, they clothed me, fed me. I went to school, and worked in the family store during Christmas."

Vogler had false papers identifying him as a Catholic. The Malvaux family explained that he was an underprivileged child they had taken in.

But all the Malvaux children knew Vogler was Jewish, as did the extended family. Had the Germans discovered the ruse, everyone, including the children, would have been executed on the spot.

Vogler stayed with the family until 1946. He came to Canada the following year on a program for Jewish war orphans. He kept up contacts in the ensuing years, visiting as often as he could. René Malvaux died in the 1960s, but his grandchildren and Vogler's children have since established friendships.

Of the 65,000 Jews who had remained in Belgium, roughly 40,000 perished, including Vogler's parents.

Vogler first suggested that the family be honored by Yad Vashem three years ago.

"I have had the gift of life," Vogler said at the ceremony. "I have had the chance to see my children grow…I have had the chance to have a life."

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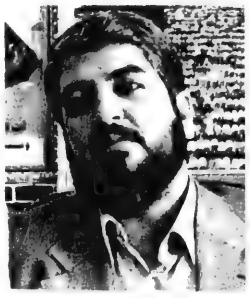
Jordan prepared for riots following Hamas' arrests

By DANNY RUBINSTEIN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

Jordan's security forces were placed on high alert over the weekend to prepare for the possibility of riots in response to the arrest of Hamas leaders Khaled Meshal and Ibrahim Rosha, and the deportation of Moussa Abu Marzouk.



Khaled Meshal

King Abdullah of Jordan

Commentary

In the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Jordan's actions against Hamas are being watched. On Saturday, the Palestinian press carried pictures of a large Jordanian police force standing outside an Amman mosque, in case the worshippers tried to stage a demonstration as they came out of Friday prayers.

All has passed quietly so far, and the Jordanian public has not gotten overly excited about the arrests. The rest of the Arab world appears pleased at the Jordanian measures, as are Israel, the United States and the international community at large.

Even the Palestinians reacted with indifference. Palestinian sources in east Jerusalem say that for the past three weeks a debate raged among Hamas leadership in Jordan over the course of action for the group's leaders, who were on a visit to Iran when arrest warrants were issued against them in Amman.

It was not by chance that King Abdullah and his men launched their attack on Hamas when its leaders were abroad. The Jordanian authorities thus gave the three men a chance to avoid arrest by staying outside Jordan.

Among Hamas activists in Jordan and in the territories, there were those who warned that if the three men returned to Amman, it would be seen as a direct challenge to King Abdullah, a test as to whether he would really dare jail the leaders of the Palestinian fundamentalists.

The position adopted in the end was the more extreme one – requiring a confrontation with the authorities. The three returned to Amman and were greeted at the airport by their followers, who staged a demonstrative reception.

Hamas activists in the West Bank and Gaza Strip apparently did not approve this. Sheikh Ahmed Yassin and most of his men believe that Hamas should not now launch battles against the Jordanian authorities or Arafat's rule. They have several reasons for this, including a drop in their movement's popularity.

For example, many in the Palestinian public have recently criticized Hamas for the attempted bombing attacks in Haifa and Tiberias. They point to the fact that during the three years of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's term of office, there were almost no Hamas terrorist attacks, whereas now – after the formation of Barak's government and the renewal of the peace process – the attacks have been resumed.

They say this serves as a form of confirmation for the popular assertion that there is co-operation between the extremists on both sides – or in other words, that Hamas was pleased with Netanyahu.

But Hamas' problems stem from a wider background. For some time now, the position of Islamic fundamentalists in the Arab world seems to be weakening.

In Algeria, the fundamentalists are losing ground in the lengthy and vicious civil war. In Egypt, although earlier this month a Muslim fundamentalist tried to assassinate President Hosni Mubarak in Port Said, the Egyptian security authorities have largely managed to suppress Islamic terrorism.

In most Arab countries it is the moderate Islamic activists who are now gaining the upper hand. For example, Rashad Ghanushi of Tunisia, stated several days ago that it is the Arab leaders who need the extremists to justify their dictatorial rule.

"The only ones who stand to gain from the suspension of terrorism [on behalf of the extremists] are the Islamic movements themselves," Ghanushi declared.

But the weekly magazine of the east Jerusalem *Al Quds* newspaper argued this week that Islamic terrorism has not come to an end. Rather, it has simply moved far away from the Middle East, toward regions of the former Soviet Union.

At the center of this new wave of terrorism is the mysterious Hatab Jadib Abd al-Rahman, a Jordanian citizen of Saudi descent and a disciple of Osama Bin Laden.

Al-Rahman fought against the Russians in Afghanistan, moved on to help the fundamentalists in Egypt and Algeria, then fought in Bosnia and Chechnya and is now in Dagestan, from where he is directing the recent attacks and explosions in Russia.

Levy meets with Arab leaders

By SHLOMO SHAMIR
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

NEW YORK — Syria suffered a diplomatic blow when it failed to keep other Arab countries from participating in a multilateral meeting here with Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy last week.

The absence of Syria and Lebanon got more attention than the presence of 11 Arab countries and five countries from the Persian Gulf, some of which have no diplomatic relations with Israel. The Algerian envoy did not show up either.

Chief peace negotiator Dennis Ross said that Syria's absence was no surprise, but stressed that the United States has recently gone to great lengths to renew the talks between Israel and Syria and is convinced that the Syrians will be willing to co-operate.

Despite the Syrian no-show the meeting was a great success for Secretary of State Madeleine Albright who set it up. Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen, none of which have diplomatic relations with Israel, sent delegates, as did Qatar.

UN sources told *Ha'aretz* that the Syrian foreign minister has been putting pressure on his Arab colleagues not to attend the meeting.

Syrian and Lebanese diplomats who were in New York for the UN assembly general meeting were working hard to convince officials from Arab countries and the Persian Gulf that attending a public meeting with the Israeli foreign minister would compromise Syria's starting point for reopening the talks with Israel.

After the meeting, Levy told reporters that the major significance of this meeting "was in that it expressed the commitment of the Arab world and the countries of the Persian Gulf and the Maghreb to the peace process."

Levy also said the fact that countries which had no diplomatic relations with Israel had sent delegates proved that "Israel was gaining recognition not only among its neighbors, but among countries like Saudi Arabia, Yemen and Arab countries in north Africa."

In his speech at the meeting, Levy reiterated the same view he has expressed in all his meetings in New York: Israel will not accept the double standard the Palestinians have been practising, namely, making agreements with Israel while simultaneously using every opportunity, especially in the UN, to promote anti-Israeli activities.

"The future of this region depends first and foremost on trust," he said. "We have to know that our partners keep their word."

New Black September feared

By DANIEL SOBELMAN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — A senior Jordanian source said last week that a police raid last month on Hamas offices in Amman uncovered evidence pointing to dangerous activity by the movement, threatening the kingdom's very stability.

The source, speaking with an Agence France Press reporter, claimed that "Hamas has invaded Islamist and opposition groups in Jordan in a manner reminiscent of the tragic events of the 1970 Black September."

In September 1970, King Hussein sent his army against Palestinian organizations after they declared the north of his kingdom a "liberated" territory and challenged his rule. The PLO was driven out of Jordan.

According to the source, the authorities have "thousands of documents, audio and video cassettes and CDs, constituting irrefutable evidence that some of the extremists in the Islamic ranks and opposition groups carried out missions for the Hamas."

According to the source, the Jordanian parliament was briefed on the situation "and delegates expressed concern over a repeat of Black September."

Last Wednesday, Jordan arrested the head of the Hamas political bureau, Khaled Meshal, and Ibrahim Rosha, the organization's representative in Jordan as they landed in Amman.

A member of the organization's political wing, Moussa Abu Marzouk, who holds Yemeni citizenship, was deported from Jordan several hours after arriving there from Tehran.

But a Hamas representative in Tehran, Abu Mohammed Mustapha, said last week that Abu Marzouk did not return to Iran. "He is not in Tehran, he is not in Iran and he is not coming here. I can guarantee that," Mustapha said.

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Celebrating the High Holy Days in Riga

By BLAKE LAMBERT
Special to The CJN

RIGA, Latvia — When you grow up in Canada, you start to take some things for granted.

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Welcome to the former Paris of the Baltic states, population perhaps 900,000, where Nazism and communism together violently choked the oxygen from a once-vibrant Jewish community. That is, until 1991, when Latvia regained its independence from the collapsing Soviet empire.

In Riga's synagogue, tucked into a small corner of its magnificent Old Town, a swirl of languages drifts around me. To me, it is a most frustrating tangle of tongues, since I can barely understand a word.

Once in a while, I think I can hear a word in Russian. Then again, it might be Yiddish, but who the heck speaks Yiddish?

Nevertheless, since it is the High Holy Days and I have come here to feel holy, it's time to do some praying, these indecipherable side conversations notwithstanding.

Rabbi Shneor, one of two Chabad rabbis in Riga, understands my dilemma and tries to help. But he tells me there aren't too many prayer books in English, and hands me one in Russian and Hebrew. For some reason, he apologizes.

Finally, the prayers begin, and the cantor, who has a voice that's slightly lower than that of the 1970s soul sultan, Isaac Hayes, but twice as loud, is belting out Hebrew.

I start to feel as if I'm on firmer linguistic ground. Still, this confusion over language persists throughout the High Holy Days as I meet people.

My favorite question comes from a visiting Belgian who asks me in Hebrew if I can speak French. Not so well, I reply, watching his face become a mask of disappointment.

When not distracted by language, I find myself plied with food and some religious thoughts on these High Holy Days. There are three rabbis in Riga; two are from Chabad, and they both invite me to their apartments for meals.

At Rabbi Schneor's uptown apartment, it is a Hebrew-only meal, with Orthodox trimmings to start Rosh Hashanah. I do my best to keep up with the food and the rapid-fire dialogue of four Israelis, but I just can't do it.

My ears drift off during Rabbi Schneor's extended d'var Torah.

At Rabbi Glazman's apartment, there is more English, slightly less dogma, and a personal revelation on the Shabbat before Yom Kippur.

There's more English because Rabbi Glazman spent eight years in Brooklyn and his wife grew up there. There's less dogma, perhaps, because the rabbi came to Riga in 1992 to help build up Jewish life, which was obliterated after Nazism and communism.

After we mark Kiddush and wash our hands, the rebbitzen asks me my name, which, for me, is the pivotal point of our evening. I tell her, but add that Rabbi Schneor, calls me Baruch, which is my Hebrew name.

The rabbi pauses for a moment and weighs in, "So Baruch is your real name. The other one is fake."

I mutter some reply and he says, "Baruch is a blessing, what could be better than a blessing?"

Now Lambert family lore has it that when I was born, my late grandfather, Ralph, heard my name and said, "What am I going to call him?"

Almost 28 years and thousands of kilometres away from my family, I'm convinced somewhere in heaven, on these High Holy Days, my grandfather is smiling.

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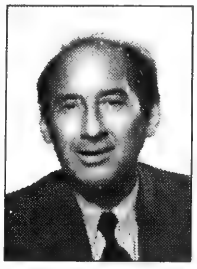

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New consul general named

JERUSALEM — A new consul general to Toronto and Western Canada has been nominated.

Meir Romem currently heads the Israel Foreign Ministry's desk that oversees consulates in the United States.

Previously, he was consul general in Houston and Atlanta, and served at the Israeli Embassy in Stockholm.

The term of Jehudi Kinar, the current consul general in Toronto, expires this year.

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The Week in Israel

Sept 20
• *Yom Kippur*

Sept. 21
• Prime Minister Ehud Barak held talks with German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder. Barak was the first leader since World War II to visit Berlin since it became the seat of government in the reunited Germany. *(Barak began a two-day visit the following day with French government officials in Paris.)*

• Police questioned a Jerusalem contractor, his wife and daughter for seven hours regarding three years of work he carried out in the home of former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu. The work was billed to the Prime Minister's Office shortly after Netanyahu was defeated in the May elections.

Sept. 22
• Barak named Gadi Baltinsky, a former journalist and spokesperson for the Israeli Embassy in Washington, as his communications adviser.

• Israel began building a neighborhood of 52 houses in the Golan Heights. The construction comes amid efforts to restart Israeli-Syrian talks.

Sept. 23
• Barak reaffirmed his campaign pledge to withdraw all Israeli troops from south Lebanon by the middle of next year. "I don't advise anyone to test us when we draw back" [to the international border], Barak said after meeting with French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin in Paris. His comments came one day after Israeli jets raided suspected Hezbollah positions in Lebanon.

• In another effort to end a crisis with Shas over funding of its educational system, Barak convened a later-night meeting with Yossi Sarid, minister of education, treasury officials and leaders of Shas.

Sept. 24
• Police arrested another Israeli Arab, the sixth, on suspicion of involvement in the terrorist attacks in Haifa and Tiberias earlier this month.

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European nations push fair trial for Iranian Jews

By JULIA GOLDMAN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — European nations pursuing expanded relations with Iran are raising the issue of 13 Jews being held on charges of spying for Israel and the United States.

During a meeting last week with Iran's spiritual leader, Austrian President Thomas Klestil discussed the fears and concerns of the European Union regarding Iran's human rights record.

In his meeting with Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Klestil spoke about the 13 Jewish detainees and four students condemned to death for their alleged role in leading the July pro-democracy demonstrations in Tehran, according to a report issued by *Agence France-Presse*.

Meanwhile, in New York last week, British Foreign Minister Robin Cook reportedly brought up the issue of the Jewish detainees with his Iranian counterpart, Kamal Kharazzi, during a meeting at the United Nations.

The hour-long discussion is the first time in 20 years that the United Kingdom and Iran have exchanged foreign ministerial visits. Cook is reportedly planning a trip to Iran next year and said he would bring up the issue again then.

Klestil's visit was meant to develop bilateral relations and to give support to the liberalizing reforms of Iranian President Mohammed Khatami.

Responding to Klestil's concerns, Khamenei reportedly said, "We are very sensitive to problems such as espionage, and we ask for nobody's permission to punish anyone."

The 13 Jews, the youngest of whom is 16, were arrested in March and have remained in custody in Shiraz, a city in southern Iran, while awaiting trial by a revolutionary court. Their ranks include a rabbi and several teachers.

Iran's official news agency, IRNA, quoted Khamenei as saying, "We hate spies, whether they work for Israel or anyone else.

"If their crime is proved by the court," he said, "they will probably be punished."

The news reports quote Khamenei as telling Klestil, "Zionist agents are everywhere, in Austria, too," adding that he knew of such agents' subversive activities in Austria, without giving details.

Spying for Israel or the United States is punishable by death in Iran. Iran maintains that several Muslims were involved in the espionage along with the 13 Jews. Both Israel and the United States say the espionage charges are unfounded. Advocates for the prisoners adamantly insist they are innocent.

On Sept. 15, the European Parliament passed a resolution demanding the release of "all the prisoners, to enable them freely to prepare their defence with the lawyers of their choice."

An amendment to the resolution says that "any dialogue between the European Union and the Islamic Republic of Iran must be dependent on respect for fundamental human rights."

Hujat al-Aslam Hadi Marvi, Iran's deputy judiciary chief, said in remarks published Monday that a trial is unlikely to occur soon because several people associated with the case are outside Iran.

"The 13 Iranian Jews who are under arrest are accused of spying; we are not saying they are spies," Marvi was quoted as saying in the English-language magazine *Iran Daily*.

According to news reports, he said the accused would be allowed to choose their own lawyer.

Because of the political nature of the charges, the case would be heard not by a jury, but by a judge, who would determine whether the trial would be open.

Advocates for the 13 in the United States and Iran have been working in recent weeks to arrange for legal representation.

Marvi is also reported to have said that some of the Jewish detainees had admitted to their crimes. These confessions, he said, make up the bulk of the evidence against them.

But last week, the head of Iran's hard-line judiciary, Gholamhosseib Rahbarpur, said that the courts had strong and sufficient evidence to prove the case against the alleged spies.

Iranian-American Jewish groups welcomed Marvi's comments as a gesture to allay European concerns that the prisoners receive a fair trial.

"But the true test for Iran is not in words but in action," said Pooya Dayanim, a lawyer in Los Angeles who is the spokesman for the Council of Iranian American Jewish Organizations.

ADL survey quantifies Russian anti-Semitism

By PETER EPHROSS
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — A combustible mixture of anti-Semitic attitudes and despair characterizes a substantial segment of the Russian population, according to a new survey.

About 44 percent of the 1,528 people in the survey, conducted for the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), agreed with at least six of 11 statements that express stereotypes about Jews.

A similar survey conducted by the ADL in 1998 showed that 12 percent of Americans harbored strong prejudice against Jews.

And only seven percent of Russians believe that their country is headed in the right direction, creating what the survey, quoting a man from a 1998 focus group, calls an age of survival in Russia today.

The survey results provide quantitative evidence of the bleak portrait that has been painted anecdotally in Russia since last August, when the country's economy collapsed.

Several anti-Semitic bomb attacks and incidents have occurred during the past year, and last fall prominent Communist lawmakers made repeated, public anti-Semitic comments.

The ADL called the findings "extremely troubling and potentially dangerous, especially in a climate of political and economic turmoil, and as acts of political and popular anti-Semitism increase in the Russian Federation."

The survey "puts into black and white what many people have believed. Now we have the documentation," said Mark Levin, the executive director of the National Conference of Soviet Jewry, which entered into a partnership with the ADL and the Russian Jewish Congress earlier this year to combat anti-Semitism and promote democracy and tolerance.

"This should be a clarion call to focus" on the issues of anti-Semitism, human rights and democratization, Levin added.

In part, the survey asked respondents to agree or disagree with statements about Jews, including "Jews, more than others, are ready to use unscrupulous means to achieve their aims" and "Jews in Russia these days exercise too much power."

Other statements on this chart asked individuals to agree or disagree with statements such as, "Too many banks in Russia are controlled by the Jews" and "Jews have many irritating traits."

The findings demonstrate the problems that led to the creation of the new partnership between Jewish organizations in the United States and Russia, said Levin.

The partnership is devising a strategy – including public service announcements, educational curricula and pressing political parties to add human rights to their platforms – to achieve its goals.

At the same time, however, a majority of respondents agreed with several positive statements about Jews, including, "Most Jews are decent, honest people" and Jews contributed their share to the Soviet cause during World War II.

This finding is consistent with other surveys of prejudice – as the survey report notes, positive beliefs about a particular group often coexist with negative ones.

In other findings:

- 71 percent believe the last year or two have been the hardest of their lives.
- In the United States, anti-Semitic attitudes are most prevalent among people older than 65 and those without higher education; in Russia, anti-Semitic attitudes are spread more evenly throughout the population. Women under 45 and women with higher education are the least likely to hold anti-Semitic beliefs.
- An overwhelming majority of Russians expressed political apathy – 70 percent agree that "whether or not I participate in the coming elections, nothing will change."
- Respondents exhibited a high level of anger toward the United States. Eighty-seven percent agreed that the "United States is taking advantage of the economic difficulties Russia is experiencing to strengthen its influence in the world"; and approximately 10 percent think President Clinton is a real friend of Russia.
- In general, Russian politicians are not viewed favorably. Only four percent of respondents said they like Russian President Boris Yeltsin. Former prime minister Yevgeny Primakov and Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov had the highest favorability ratings – at 72 percent and 60 percent, respectively.

The Boston-based Marttila Communications Group and a Moscow-based opinion research firm ran the survey, which was conducted in face-to-face interviews in Russian. The survey, conducted in May and June, has a margin of error of plus or minus three percentage points.

HISTORIC, BUT PAINFUL FIRST VISIT

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder stand in front of main gate of Sachsenhausen, the former concentration camp. Barak spent two days in Germany last week. He was the first foreign leader to visit the reunited capital of Berlin. [Reuters/RNS photo]

Two new drugs approved to fight breast cancer

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Two new drugs, Herceptin and Arimidex, have in recent studies been shown to be effective in the fight against breast cancer.

Not only do these drugs appear to be more effective than tamoxifen, the current drug of choice, but patients report fewer side effects.

In fact, the survival rate for women with advanced breast cancer treated with Herceptin, especially when combined with chemotherapy, is 24 percent, the highest survival rate in 40 years.

Herceptin, the trade name for trastuzumab, is the first of a new class of drugs called monoclonal antibodies. Unlike current medications, which attack both diseased and healthy cells, monoclonal antibodies target only the cancerous ones.

Speaking at a recent press conference, McGill University oncology department chair Brian Leyland-Jones, who was involved in much of the research, said Herceptin is particularly effective in women with advanced breast cancer.

Nearly a third of women with breast cancer have what Leyland-Jones described as an "overexpression" of the HER2 (human epidermal growth factor receptor-2) gene. HER2 is a protein found on the surface of all cells.

Under normal conditions, each cell contains two copies of the gene that produces HER2. In some women, however, the gene overexpresses or produces more than two copies – in some cases, as many as six, 10 or even 12 copies. When this happens, there is uncontrolled cellular growth, a hallmark of cancer.

Because it is associated with a particularly virulent form of breast cancer, the overexpression of HER2 is a "prognostic marker" for the disease, Leyland-Jones explained.

Recent trials with Herceptin have shown a 50 percent increase in the rate of response to therapy, a 58 percent increase in the duration of the response, and a 65 percent increase in the length of time a stage of the disease lasts before the disease progresses to the next stage.

One of the most significant aspects of Herceptin, is that there are virtually no side effects. This is in contrast with the devastating side effects from chemotherapy and radiation, such as hair loss, nausea, vomiting and mouth sores, which can lead to a very poor quality of life.

However, those people who take Herceptin with chemotherapy or radiation therapy, still have the side effects from those treatments.

Arimidex (anastrozole) suppresses estrogen, a hormone which feeds and sustains tumors.

The results of a randomized, double-blind study were presented recently at the 1999 European Cancer Conference in Vienna. Arimidex was found to delay the spread of cancer by 31 percent, controlling cancer growth for nearly twice the time that tamoxifen does. As well, fewer women developed blood clots.

While saving lives is obviously the most important consideration, the significance of reducing side effects must not be minimized. Suzanne Giroux, a woman with advanced breast cancer who has taken part in the study on Herceptin, said she had decided that she could not bear any more chemotherapy or radiation.

Herceptin changed her life, she said at the press conference. "After my treatment, I go shopping or rollerblading. I can even go back to work."

The cost of Herceptin and Arimidex is comparable, about $2,700 per month. Both drugs have been approved for use in Canada.

Jewish senior citizens urged to be wary of scams

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — One of the most frequent scams directed at Jewish seniors in Toronto is a letter from Brooklyn,N.Y., purporting to be from a Holocaust survivor asking for donations to pay for his daughter's wedding.

"Thank goodness most people don't fall for this, but it's an indication of how cleverly con artists will direct their schemes at certain ethnic groups," said Robin Haley-Gillin of the Volunteer Centre of Toronto.

Only 10 percent of people who are victims of these scams report to police because they are too embarrassed, said Haley-Gillin.

The ABCs of Fraud program, sponsored by the centre and by Scotiabank, has been successful in reducing the number of those victimized, she said.

During their presentations to seniors, facilitators encourage the audience to take part.

"When our volunteer speakers come back, they tell us what kind of scams are popular in that area."

Two of the volunteer speakers are Ruth Gelber, a retired school teacher, and Bernice Henry, an artist.

The ABCs of Fraud program has been presented to senior groups at Shaarei Tefilah and Beth David-B'nai Israel synagogues, the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, the Bernard Betel Centre, the Wagman Centre, and the National Council of Jewish Women building.

In addition to Toronto, the program is offered in Vancouver, Calgary, Halifax, Winnipeg and St. John's.

One of the favorite con games is to tell a senior that she or he has won a prize and that the taxes on the prize need to be collected first, Haley-Gillin said.

But then letters are sent to the victims saying more money is needed for customs clearance and asking them to convert the original amount to U.S. funds. Finally, as if rubbing salt into the wound, this multiple approach ends with a letter from a firm wanting a 10 percent retainer to settle the matter.

"It sounds ridiculous, but these con artists are so convincing and seniors generally are polite and don't want to say no. Seniors don't need to be scared, they just must be aware," Haley-Gillin said.

For the ABCs of Fraud program, older adults are recruited and trained as volunteer facilitators to deliver entertaining presentations on frauds and scams, which include videos, skits, quizzes, handouts and lectures.

Students to run for cancer research

TORONTO — Students in Grade 6 of Associated Hebrew Schools are taking part in the Terry Fox run to raise money for cancer research.

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Young artists' exhibition a show of contrasts

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
CJN Staff

TORONTO — Dozens of people recently gathered at Gallery 401 in the heart of Toronto's fashion district for an exhibition of works by two young Toronto painters – Tracey Kornblum and Randy Gladman.

Both artists told *The CJN* they were thrilled with the exhibition, the first time their works were featured in a show.

The exhibition was one of contrasts, with Kornblum's figurative pieces juxtaposed with Gladman's geometric abstract works.

The Toronto-born Gladman, 24, graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a bachelor's degree in art history and film theory, and then went to New York City to pursue a master's degree in art history at New York University.

He said he started painting in his third year of university after receiving a paint brush as a gift for the opening of a group show displaying two of his photographs.

"I had always been a compulsive doodler and had already filled numerous sketch books with drawings, but my first canvas in 1995 marked a departure in my creativity, from black and white ink drawings to full-color larger scale acrylic paintings."

And while he took some studio courses at Western, he is largely self-taught, he said. "Most of my artistic development has been guided by my own devices and strongly informed by art historical studies."

The abstract style seen in the exhibition developed gradually, beginning in 1997. By 1999, "a definite style emerged," he said.

"I have been attempting to create compositions where a visual effect of spatial depth is created without the use of traditional methods of perspective. I have been concentrating on using various sharply defined layers of color juxtaposed in such a way as to create three-dimensional spaces from two-dimensional fields."

Gladman said his paintings are meant to "create feelings, moods and emotions in the viewer… I consider my paintings to be music, music which stimulates your retinas rather than your ears."

Like Gladman, Kornblum, 26, who was born and raised in Toronto, is largely a self-taught artist. Since 1995, she has painted privately commissioned murals in homes. She has also created book and CD covers.

A graduate of Trent University, in women's and cultural studies, she spent a year at Tel Aviv University.

This year, she worked as a studio assistant to a Canadian printmaker on Stoney Lake.

Since her return from Israel in 1997, Kornblum said she has focused on her art, and she began working on a series of paintings that reflect her relationships with those around her.

She said she regards her paintings — she works in acrylics on canvas and masonite – as a reflection of "the relationship between the viewer and the viewed."

Her style, which she calls interpretative figurative, signifies her work's realism and its surreal qualities, she said.

"I don't only capture the existing moment, I allow events to happen, static, until I can understand them, until they exist. At this point the painting functions as a lookout."

Tracey Kornblum and Randy Gladman. [Barbara Silverstein photo]

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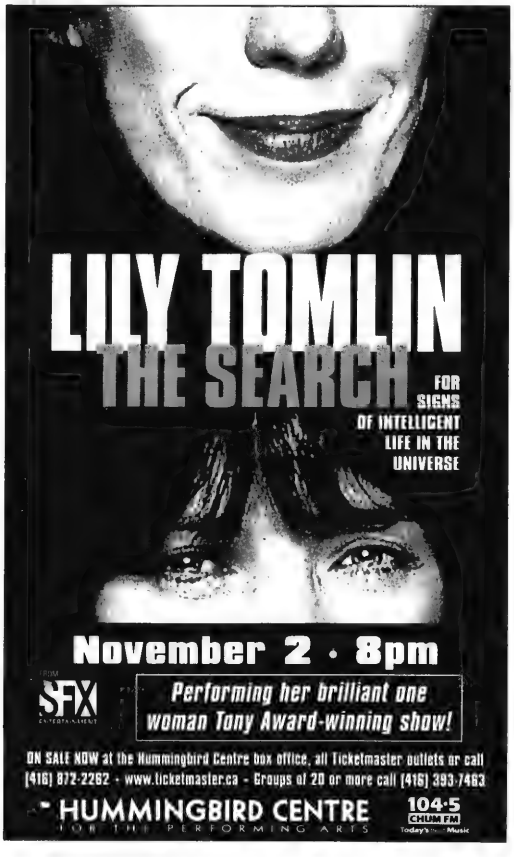
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Actor comfortable in outsider's role

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Alon Nashman fits the role of astronomer Johannes Kepler like an old shoe.

The 40-year-old actor calls on his Jewish background to play the role of a man, who although he was not Jewish, felt like an outsider in his 16th-century world.

In *A Short History of Night* by Canadian playwright John Mighton, Nashman follows Kepler through all the machinations that ensued when the worlds of science and religion collided.

"Kepler was a Lutheran in a Catholic society and he was an outsider," Nashman says.

A Short History of Night opens the season at Factory Theatre, Oct. 1 to 31. It won the 1992 Governor General's award and the Chalmers Award and Dora Mavor Moore award the same year.

Nashman thinks the play is an important one now because it deals with the fight between religion and science at a time when even scientists are discovering that there are mysteries in the universe that defy explanation.

"The play is important because after that, the world of science was in ascendancy."

But the actor believes that Kepler himself did not show any preference for either world, because he was so involved in the tumultuous political events of the era.

Nashman is fitting rehearsals for *A Short History of Night* around his home life with wife Elizabeth. They are the parents of a 1-month-old daughter, another daughter, Tiferet, 5, and a son, Herschel, 2.

He is a busy actor, called upon, in his words, "to do soul-stirring and mythic roles," as he did playing the Jewish cowboy, Lenny, in *Easy Lenny Lazmon."*

His talents and his singing voice (tenor, low f to high b) have drawn him into so many roles that he is one of the busiest actors around. He played parts, for example, in *None Is Too Many* and *Reading Hebron* by Jason Sherman.

"I am proud to be Jewish. I love playing the whole gamut of Jewish characters. It's a fascinating situation for me. And there are some great local Jewish playwrights, Sherman, Adam Nashman (no relation), Anton Piatigorsky, Alex Poch-Goldin and Jonathan Garfinkel.

Next January, Nashman will direct Garfinkel's latest play, *Walking to Russia*, which has a Jewish theme.

It will be his first major directing effort since he graduated in directing at the National Theatre School at the age of 30.

Despite working in a variety of roles, Nashman denies that he has "arrived."

"In this business, there is always a new challenge around the corner. Nothing allows you to relax, you are always under scrutiny."

This may be, but anyone lucky enough to have seen him play the cynical, yet ingratiating, bellhop in *This Hotel* by Poch-Goldin in The Fringe Festival earlier this year will believe he has "arrived."

Alon Nashman plays "soul-stirring" roles.

Singer blends folk, funk, Celtic and Hebrew

By KATHRYN KATES
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — In celebration of her newest CD, *Gypsy Hill*, Susan Cogan has left the comforts of her Salt Spring Island home in British Columbia.

The internationally renowned singer/songwriter, instrumentalist and record producer packed her bags, kissed daughter Ora and husband Uri goodbye, threw a bed into her Toyota van, nicknamed the Spirit Princess, and embarked on a four-month cross-Canada, solo tour of coffee houses, halls, bars, bookstores, festivals, synagogues, Jewish camps and community centres.

Cogan was born and raised in Toronto. When she was 15, her father John Devor moved his family to Israel to make aliyah. There, her father bought her her first guitar as a Chanukah present and she attended a high school associated with a music academy in Jerusalem.

"War broke out while we were there, so I joined a troupe of working and studying youth who would perform in the evenings for soldiers. That was my first performance experience as a singer. I came back to Canada to finish high school and got my first paid professional job singing with my Uncle Benny Louis' big band," she says.

After she graduated, Cogan's family moved back to Israel, where she joined another Canadian, Fran Avni, to form the duo, Susan and Fran. The two rose to stardom, producing four albums and numerous compilations on other well-known artists' recordings. They are still heard on the radio today.

After five years, the duo separated. "I couldn't stay in the duo anymore because I had to explore my own life and my own music. I've been a singer with my own material ever since," Cogan says.

She married her Israeli-born husband in Canada, and lived in the country outside Toronto from 1974 to 1980, when the couple decided to buy a house. They were drawn to the beauty of the West Coast's mountains and ocean, where Cogan has recorded CDs, performed live, recorded movie soundtracks and appeared on television.

"I love performing because that's where the medium becomes the gateway to something else that happens. Without being trite, I'll put it into the spiritual realm. It's a communication and a touching of the heart that happens between the audience and the performer.

"I love to record; it's very gratifying if you like my recordings and you tell me so. If my CD sells well, it allows me to perform more. [But] there is something about live music – it is happening in the here and now, that is very important."

After recording *Space-Age Primitives* in 1993, Cogan had an experience with a Vancouver studio that went sour. As a result she partnered with producer/engineer Paul Brosseau to form a label to produce quality music, calling it Nomad, because the company began with mobile recording equipment but no building.

Her latest CD, *Gypsy Hill*, which Cogan describes as mixture of old and new material, is a family affair. Her husband, a Vancouver television station employee and desktop publisher, helped Cogan create the albums' graphic arts.

At the age of six, Cogan's daughter recorded a mystical melody she improvised herself, and her mother has included it in the CD.

Now 17, Ora, a singer/songwriter and crafter, continues to lend her talents to mom's career, as photographer of the CD cover.

On *Gypsy Hill*, Cogan blends sounds from the musical genres of world, Celtic, folk and funk, creating 11 innovative tracks.

"The themes seem to evolve around water and war. The very first track, *Medicine Wheel*, a song about native spirituality, starts with thunder; and the last song, *Mayim*, sung in Hebrew, the melody borrowed from the traditional horah dance and the words from Isaiah, ends with trickling water.

"I've really been enjoying this tour. I love what I do. I feel blessed in so many ways I just can't count them."

When her tour ends at the end of September, Cogan will be acting with the Payback Theatre Troupe and preparing to record a jazz CD and an album of Hebrew songs. Then she will tour Jewish communities throughout North America and Israel.

The singer/songwriter's first solo album, *Susan Cogan One*, will be released as a CD in the near future.

Cogan is passionate about many causes and was arrested for protesting against logging old-growth forest in Vancouver Island's Clayoquot Sound. She continues to lend her support and raise funds through her music.

To purchase her CD, call 1-877-CD-BY-MAIL, for up-to-date tour information, e-mail www.saltspring.com/susan.

Susan Cogan: "I love performing."

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

BILLY WILDER, 93-YEAR-OLD LEGEND

The October issue of *Vanity Fair* magazine has already generated some headlines for its story *Hitler's Pope*, about wartime's Pope Pius XII who failed to denounce Hitler's Final Solution.

In a much lighter vein, the issue also contains an interesting interview with one of Hollywood's great legends: **Billy Wilder**, who at 93 can look back on a remarkable career as auteur-director of many celebrated films, including *The Apartment*, *Some Like It Hot*, *Witness for the Prosecution*, *Sunset Boulevard*, *Double Indemnity* and *The Seven Year Itch*.

Asked about **Marilyn Monroe**, who starred in two of these films, Wilder describes a difficult, tearful actress who rarely arrived on the set before noon and who sometimes needed more than 50 takes to deliver a simple line. She was "a continuous mystery with no solution," he says, but she added an immeasurable appeal to any movie.

Wilder also speaks about the joys of directing **Gloria Swanson**, **William Holden**, **Barbara Stanwyck** and **Jack Lemmon**, and says that of all his films, *The Apartment* was the picture with the "fewest obvious faults."

However, Wilder's all-around favorite Wilder film is *Some Like It Hot*, the idea for which originated in an obscure German film comedy of the early 1930s.

Of his longtime writing partner, **I.A.L. (Izzy) Diamond** who died in 1988 at the age of 67, Wilder says he was a reserved, taciturn man. He felt towards him as one would feel towards a younger brother, but "we never talked about personal things."

Perhaps the most startling revelation in the interview is Wilder's assertion that he had wanted to make a movie of **Thomas Keneally's** book *Schindler's List*, and had approached director Steven Spielberg to obtain rights to the story.

"We spoke about it," says the European-born Wilder, who lost most of his family at Auschwitz. "He was a gentleman, of course, and we acknowledged each other's strong desires. In the end, he could not give it up. He had to do it. I would have done it differently – not necessarily better. I wanted to do it as a kind of memorial to my mother and my grandmother and my stepfather."

The interview was conducted by **Cameron Crowe**, and was excerpted from a book, *Conversations with Billy Wilder*, to be published this fall by Knopf.

As an added plus, the current *Vanity Fair* also contains an interesting column by **Christopher Hitchens** on *New Yorker* writer and wit **Dorothy Parker**, including more on her famous feud with writer-playwright **Lillian Hellman**.

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Fosse Returns: *Fosse*, the Tony award-winning musical based on the sexy footwork of Broadway legend **Bob Fosse,** is returning to Toronto for a five-week engagement at the Pantages Theatre. It previews Dec. 8, opens Dec. 9 and continues through Jan. 8, 2000.

Tickets ($20-$89) go on sale Oct. 2. 872-2222. For tickets to the opening night performance, a benefit for Casey House Hospice, call 962-7600.

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Galati Returns: After recovering from knee surgery, dance teacher **Michelle Galati** is resuming her teaching career at the Koffler Centre of the Arts on north Bathurst Street. Galati will be teaching jazz, acro and pre-teen hip hop, as well as preparing students participating in the competition program for outstanding achievement in the new season.

"Michelle has a natural talent for challenging the best in her students," says **Jacque Foesier**, director of the Koffler Centre School of Dance.

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• Although not Jewish, Brampton artist **Lilia Muglia** uses some Jewish symbols in her modernistic, slightly Picasso-esque oil canvases. Connections, her first show (oils and silks) is on display at Brampton City Hall, 2 Wellington St. W., Oct. 4 to 29. 905-840-7148.

•Large format, modern abstract paintings by **Andrew Ross** are on view at The Simcoe Gallery, 136 Simcoe St., 2nd floor, Oct. 1 to 30. 408-1616. simcoe2@ibm.net.

Irving Berlin gives new regards to Broadway

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special To The CJN

NEW YORK — The story has it that when Irving Berlin's new musical *Annie Get Your Gun* was being readied for its 1946 Broadway opening with Ethel Merman in the title role, the legendary composer was so nervous about one particular number, *There's No Business Like Show Business*, that he was prepared to yank it from the show.

He didn't of course, and the rest is show business history.

A nostalgic look back at Buffalo Bill's colorful Wild West Show from the 1880s, *Annie Get Your Gun* offered a formula romance between hill-billy sharpshooter Annie Oakley and crack rifle shot Frank Butler.

The show introduced some classic Broadway hits, including *You Can't Get a Man With a Gun*, *They Say It's Wonderful* and the comic duet *Anything You Can Do*.

More than half a century later, a new Broadway production of *Annie Get Your Gun*, at the Marquis Theatre in Times Square, has proven the durability of Berlin's music as well as the story by Herbert and Dorothy Fields. While it's true that not every musical number has staying power, it's a wonderful, spine-tingling treat to watch as most of Berlin's simple, old-fashioned music takes on new life with this adept cast.

Bernadette Peters replaces the Merman charisma with her own unique brand of charm as Annie Oakley. If the show initially lacks sparkle, the situation improves the moment she makes her entrance. Tom Wopat makes an increasingly sympathetic Frank Butler. By the end of the second act, the stage chemistry between the two is almost electrifying.

With this production, which was directed by Graciela Daniele who choreographed the hit show *Ragtime*, we are given an unusual and certainly distorted glimpse of American society of more than a century ago. We are indeed receiving these stories of the old west through a glass darkly: first from the vantage point of the show's original framers in 1946, then through the eyes of its modern revivalists.

Thus, I regard it as a small triumph that we get even a seemingly genuine, albeit fleeting, perspective of American society of the 1880s. After her triumphant European tour, Annie and Frank meet at a New York ball, in which she looks with disdain upon all the lovely high-bred ladies with long white gloves – a reference, certainly, to the elite of 19th-century New York society known as the Four Hundred.

Annie Oakley's backwoods charm contrasts sharply with the slick sophistication of her urban rivals. Indeed, she hails from such honest and upright American pioneering stock that she hardly understands the necessity of female guile in order to win a man. Only in the closing scenes does she pretend to be a less talented sharpshooter than Butler, forfeiting a shooting match with him in order to secure him as a husband.

This battle of the sexes is certainly no less relevant today than back then, and no doubt will be equally amusing a century from now. Tickets, 212-307-4100.

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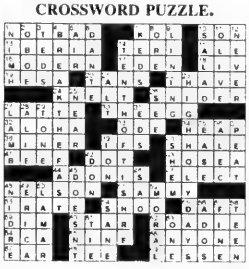

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Arts & Travel

A cycling tour of Jamaica's mountain range

BY JOSIE NEWMAN-PROVOST
Special to The CJN

BLUE MOUNTAINS, Jamaica — We hesitantly peddled our way down the side of the mountain in the rain, weaving gingerly around potholes and broken chunks of concrete.

The rain was a real tropical downpour, the kind that gets into every fibre of clothing and pore of the skin. Our orange rain ponchos were like beacons in the dark day, as I peered out at the rain forest surrounding me on all sides.

A lush abundance of tropical plants, fruits and vegetables met my gaze, from grapefruit and breadfruit to the African tulip, otherwise known as the danka pee-pee tree.

Damien, one of our guides, elaborated on the nickname, saying the plant smells like urine if it's split open and laughed as he told our group that Jamaican schoolboys carry leaves of the danka pee-pee to school and squirt them at girls.

We were at a height of 1,500 metres, at the top of the Blue Mountains, a range which covers much of the inner part of the island of Jamaica.

Our group of four was part of a larger group of some 30 cyclists who were being escorted by staff of Blue Mountain Bike Tours Ltd., a company which has existed for more than a decade in the mountains. Many of the cycling guides are residents or former residents of the Blue Mountains and know the steep, winding grades like the back of their hand.

Our day had gotten off to a slow start when the bike tour company's driver forgot to pick us up so our Jamaica Tourist Board driver had to drive us 2 1/2 hours from Ocho Rios to the Blue Mountains' peaks. This was OK, though – we were now on Jamaican time, *mon*. We'd already learned not to worry greatly about punctuality and accuracy whilst on the island.

It was hot and sunny, as we picked our way through construction. When we finally got to the top, the other cyclists had already started cycling and it was raining.

Gregory, one of our guides, helped us pick our way 14 kilometres down the mountain road to an open-air restaurant run by the bicycle company. By the time we got there the rain had stopped, the sun was shining and we saw some magnificent views.

Damien, still laughing about the danka pee-pee joke, was our guide after lunch. We still had eight kilometres to go. He showed us Summitfield, the village he was born and still lived in; it was part of the parish of Portland, population 5,000.

He guided us slowly through many other villages in the parish, even taking us by the mayor's house in Wakesfield. As we cycled, he told us about the life of the Jamaicans who live in the Blue Mountains. Many of them work on coffee farms in the mountains, making around $6 (US) per day for their labor. Many are unemployed – unemployment stands at around 40 percent in Jamaica.

Others, like Damien, have tourism-related jobs. The poverty and simplicity of life is apparent in the dwellings and faces of the people along the roadside. Many houses are mere shanties with small children playing outside the doorstep. Every small village has a grocery store, where a number of grown men and small children congregate. Along other parts of the road, women walk, balancing bags and baskets on their heads.

Very few people own cars. If they want to get anywhere, local residents must get up at 4:30 to catch a 6 a.m. bus at a stop partway down the mountain. Sometimes, they'll take taxis, but at a cost of $1.50 each way, it's expensive.

Residents with jobs off the mountain often spend a lot of time away from home. Damien's father spends all week at an armed forces base and comes home on weekends, while his mother is a nurse who spends several nights away from home a month.

The coffee grown and harvested in the Blue Mountains is some of the best in the world. We cycled past several small coffee farms dotted along the side of the road. Some even had For Sale signs posted. Dozens of men were selling bags of coffee beans.

Eventually, we wound our way back down to Silverbridge and Fish Dunn Falls, which translated means fish can't go over the falls. If there'd been more time, we could have gone swimming. Despite the 2½-hour drive back to Ocho Rios, the Blue Mountain bike tour had been worth it.

Portraits of Palestine

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Photographs of 19th-century Palestine were almost exclusively the domain of non-Jewish cameramen. In the 20th century, however, their monopoly was broken by a group of Jewish photographers such as Bernard Edelstein, Tsadok Bassan and Shmuel Yosef Schweig.

They roamed the land, snapping pictures and creating an intriguing portfolio of black and white photos which tell the story of Jewish life and settlement in Palestine.

In *Documentors of the Dream: Pioneer Jewish Photographers in the Land of Israel 1890-1933*, Vivienne Silver-Brody, an Israeli photographer and photo historian, presents an alluring portrait of a nation-in-the making.

Yosef Schweig's 1920s photo of newly-arrived immigrants in Haifa.

Published by the Magnes Press, the Hebrew University and the Jewish Publication Society of America, this handsome coffee-table book is supposedly the first to chart the origins and development of local photography as seen through the eyes of Jewish photographers.

More than that, the author devotes an entire introductory chapter to the history of books about photography in Palestine. It is an extremely useful exercise.

Virtually all the photographs, plucked in the main from Israeli archives, are historically significant.

They are of rural and urban vistas. They evoke poetic passions, romantic impulses and Zionist industriousness. At least one veers into the realm of kitsch.

A 1905 photograph of a man and a woman carrying a cluster of newly harvested grapes in Rishon LeZion is biblical in essence.

A 1912 photograph of a kibbutz guard on horseback framed against the backdrop of wild flowers and a bare mountain evokes a bygone era.

Tel Aviv was an expanse of desert when it was founded in 1909. Judging by a medley photographs, Rothschild Boulevard., circa 1923, consisted of giant sand dunes, while Herzl Street, in 1910, resembled a glorified beach.

A photograph of immigrants' tents near Allenby Street in the early 1920s indicates that Tel Aviv was still a gleam in someone's eye. Fast forward to the late 1920s and Tel Aviv has grown into a town of modest proportions.

Jerusalem is seen from various angles, and the views of the Western Wall are particularly impressive. But perhaps the most original photographs are from the 1930s. Incongruously, a swastika flies from the balcony of the Hotel Fast. On King David Street, an Arab vendor leads a flock of turkeys for sale at Christmas time.

Immigration was the lifeblood of the Zionist enterprise, and on page 228, there is an excellent photograph of new arrivals being processed at the port of Haifa. It is reproduced on the cover of this book.

Not every photograph works. A 1919 photo of an art student dressed as Ruth the Moabite gleaning the fields descends into mawkishness. It is offset by a stunningly beautiful photograph of Arab fishermen casting nets into the sea at Jaffa.

All in all, a delightful book.

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Third year of operation

Roger Neilson's Israel hockey camp catches on

By PAUL LUNGEN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Roger Neilson's annual hockey camp in Israel is getting to be a pretty big deal.

Neilson and his staff from his hockey camp in Lindsay, Ont. have made the Canada Centre rink in Metulla a regular summertime stop.

Word of the camp is spreading among NHLers and it's no longer a major feat to sign on. *NHL Cool Shots*, the TV show that features profiles of NHL players, has for the second consecutive year sent a crew to film the summertime extravaganza.

American and Israeli kids are flocking to the camp in ever growing numbers.

The only place where it isn't catching on in a big way is Canada, where only about a dozen youngsters from across the country enrolled in the 1999 edition of the summer hockey school.

Nevertheless, the camp has proven once again to be a tremendous success, said Marshall Starkman, goaltending instructor and one of the organizers behind the event.

Fresh from his visit to Israel, Starkman was bubbling with pride at the tremendous strides the camp has made in its third year of operations.

Fifty-two Israeli youngsters from ages eight to 18 participated in the school while another 20 or so older skaters from the country's national junior and senior teams were in Metulla at the same time as the camp went on, he said.

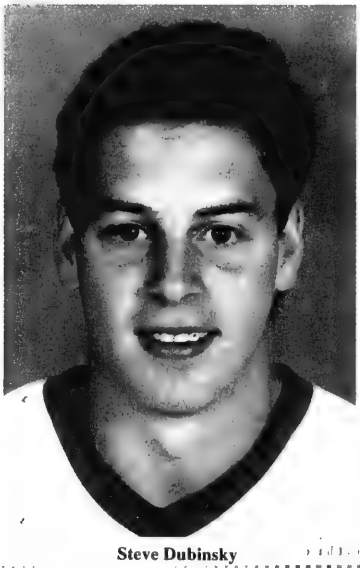
Although the national players were in Metulla just to get some extra ice time, the younger kids were put through their paces by instructors from the Neilson camp – the same instructors Canadian kids train with in Lindsay.

They included Alex Andjelic, coach of the Belfe Tigers, a Dutch first division team based in Amsterdam, Geoff Brennagh, a player/coach in Belgium, Dave Clement, an AAA coach in Peterborough, Starkman, Jeff Budd, a former volunteer leader in Metulla, and NHLer Steve Dubinsky.

Dubinsky's enthusiasm for the program was infectious, Starkman said. "He just wanted to take in the whole experience... He was into everything. He wanted to do everything."

One of only a handful of Jews to play in the NHL, Dubinsky helped out during the practices on the ice and really identified with the kids, Starkman said. "They knew he was Jewish. I'm sure it was meaningful for them too."

For Dubinsky, a 29-year-old native of Montreal who plays for the Calgary Flames, it was his second visit to Israel.



Steve Dubinsky

Back when he was 18, he spent six weeks working on a kibbutz. This time, his wife, Sheryl Leiber, accompanied him, also a native of Montreal, and the two visited Jerusalem, Yad Vashem, Masada, Tel Aviv and other sites.

Where in the past, Neilson had to search high and low for an NHLer to accompany the instructors to Israel, this year it would have taken a team of wild horses to keep Dubinsky away from the camp.

Dubinsky came to Starkman's attention through connections in Calgary. The NHLer had approached the local Jewish community and informed them he was interested in getting involved in some sort of community work.

The United Israel Appeal and the Canada Israel Experience Centre (CIEC), which are involved in arranging the summer camp and other youth visits to Israel, were informed of Dubinsky's interest.

Starkman visited Dubinsky in Calgary to size him up and showed him videos of the camp, "but before I had finished, he'd made his mind up that he was going. I really didn't have to sell him on it."

Dubinsky was so enthusiastic about the experience, he's already indicated he would like to return and be involved in the future of the camp, Starkman added.

Florida Panther Bill Lindsay, who participated in the first camp, three years ago (last year, Danius Zubrus of the Montreal Canadiens attended), has also indicated he wants to return, Starkman said.

A file photo of Coach Neilson on the ice with his charges at the Canada Centre Rink in Metulla.

Getting Canadian kids to participate is another story. "Every year it's a bit of a struggle to get them," Starkman said. "We had hoped to get 22, but in the last month, we had filled only 11 spots."

Meanwhile, back in Israel, the Israeli kids presented a real mixed bag of hockey skills. Some of them were roller hockey players who were skating on ice for the first time ever; others were veterans of previous camps. They and the North American kids were taught the basics of the game in morning sessions and they scrimmaged in the evening.

Hockey, however, was only one part of the program. Each afternoon, the CIEC structured programs for the visiting youngsters that included kayaking on the Jordan River, trips to the Golan Heights, visiting a kibbutz, touring Safed and other outdoor activities, Starkman said.

For the second year in a row, two youngsters from the Ice Hockey in Harlem program participated in the camp, along with four other Americans and one nine-year-old from Holland.

And for the second consecutive year, *NHL Cool Shots* was on hand to film the camp. The New York-based show is planning to air five features from Israel, including a show that will be co-hosted from the Jewish state

"Israel will be getting tremendous exposure," Starkman said. As for himself, "the camp is a lot of work, but it's fun. It's almost like a vacation."

Neilson, the Philadelphia Flyers coach has already made his intentions clear.

"He told the kids on the final night that he loves it and he'll be coming back next summer," Starkman said.

The Inside Back

Talmud Kanadi – Masechet Sukkah

By JORDAN MAX

The sukkah: Of what is it made?

R. Yose haGolani, who lived in the far north, said the boards are made from the cedars of Lebanon, or else the inhabitants will freeze from bitterly cold winds.

But R. Akiva, who lived in the south, said they make the sukkah out of canvas, or animal skins.

Last Laugh

R. Elazar ben Azariah said, I am like a man who is 70 years old, and have seen many sukkot in my days, and the best are made by fitting wooden walls together.

And how do they fit them together? Rava said one upon one, the second on the first and so on, but with cross-beams for upper support, to brace against the wind. Abaye said to attach opposite sides first. But the sages agreed with Rava.

R. Eliezer said one who does not use beams will have no share in the World to Come. R. Shimon haTzadik said in the name of R. Yehuda that they should not fit perfectly, because of the Destruction, and so the wind may pass through.

R. Yochanan ben Zakkai asked his students: "What is the best sukkah?"

R. Eliezer ben Hyrcanus said, "A strong one." R. Yehoshua ben Chananya the Chiropractor, said, "One that carries [easily]." R. Yose HaCohen said, "One that one can build with a friend." R. Elazar ben Azarya said, "That which takes up less storage space [in the garage so the car will fit]." R. Yochanan said, Elazer ben Azarya was correct, for his encompassed them all.

And what is the best design? Beit Shamai said it should be a square of at least 8x8 cubits, in remembrance of the Temple Mount, which was 500x500 (cubits). But Beit Hillel said it should be minimum 8x12, or better yet 10x12, and regardless, it should be rectangular so it can seat more people. Rava brought a Baraita that this is so, as was proven by R. Hypotenus the Greek.

Nonetheless, Abaye maintained that it should fit the backyard patio, or better yet a deck. But if the deck is not large enough, they should use the backyard, whether or not there is a patio.

R. Yehuda said a patio is preferable, since it does not ruin the grass or flowerbeds, as long as it is near the kitchen and has not too many steps; otherwise they may drop the food bringing it to the sukkah. This is considered a bad omen and does not bring peace between husband and wife. Thus they concluded that the one who builds should consult his wife on the placement of the sukkah.

How do they attach the walls together? R. Akiva said they use nails from Timna, but R. Meir said bolts with pre-drilled holes are better, since one does not hit his thumb from hammering and moreover they are reusable. But R. Akiva replied that this leads to twisting and tendonitis.

R. Meir said in the name of R. Yochanan that a power tool is a thing of beauty. R. Dosi the Bandaged said, "What is a power tool? I have used nails and a hammer all my life, and, lo, have damaged all my fingers."

Ben Zoma explained that he has a tradition from Moshe Rabeinu that the power tool was created just before the creation of man, but that the power screwdriver is superior to all.

To which was asked: Which bit is truly superior, Phillips or Robertson? R. Akiva explained that the Robertson provides better control while turning the screw, but with much less torque.

R. Nudnik of Chelm asked, Why not just hold the screw and turn the sukkah around? And the sages threw him out of the house of study.

Rav Picasso asked in the name of Rav Huna, "How is the sukkah to be decorated to make it beautiful?"

What is beauty? Rav Papa said beauty is in the eye of the holder of the power tools. But R. Huna said, it is in the eye of the bee holder, who makes devices which lure and trap the pests, preventing them from ruining Sukkot meals. On this the sages did agree, that one who traps bees is meritorious indeed.

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6 lg. tomatoes, sliced in 1/2" slices
Olive oil for brushing, plus 3 tblsp for breadcrumbs
salt and pepper
1/4 cup parsley, chopped
1/4 cup basil, julienned
3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 cup breadcrumbs

Spray grill rack well with cooking spray. Preheat grill to med.-high heat. Brush eggplant, potatoes, mushrooms and tomatoes well with olive oil and season on both sides with salt and pepper.

Spray a 9" tart pan well with cooking spray. Heat pan in oven. Set aside.

Grill vegetables on both sides until well browned and softened. Slice mushrooms caps into thin slices.

Layer in tart pan - eggplant, potato, mushroom, tomato, sprinkling some of the parsley, basil and grated cheese in between each vegetable layer. Keep hot.

In a small skillet, heat the 3 tblsp olive oil on med.-high heat until hot. Add breadcrumbs and sauté until golden brown. Top tart with breadcrumbs. Serve immediately.

About Teens

Dear Karilani,

I'm starting high school this year, and I have many worries about what the new school year will hold for me. My first concern is that I won't make any friends. Not all of my friends will be coming with me to high school. However, with respect to the ones that are coming, I worry that a competition will occur where all of us will be overly concerned with whom we meet and which close friends we make. What if my friends get invited to parties that I'm not invited to? What if I don't find my own circle of close friends? Another worry is that academically, the work load will be too hard. I'm a good student, but I know that the work is more difficult and complicated in high school. How should I deal with these worries of mine?

High School Worrier

Dear High School Worrier,

The worries you are having are typical concerns. Anyone who attempts a new situation has these feelings. The fact that you are already worrying about making new friends and doing well in your studies shows that these things are important to you, and you will do your best to achieve these goals.

When your friends come up to you to show off and compete with you for friendship, you must ignore their comments and maintain confidence in your own social skills and personality.

Do you think that just because you are surrounded by hundreds of new people, you must befriend them all. You should concentrate more on creating bonds with a certain amount of friends whose company you enjoy. It is more likely that you'll prefer to get to know a smaller group of people well than just becoming acquaintances with a larger group.

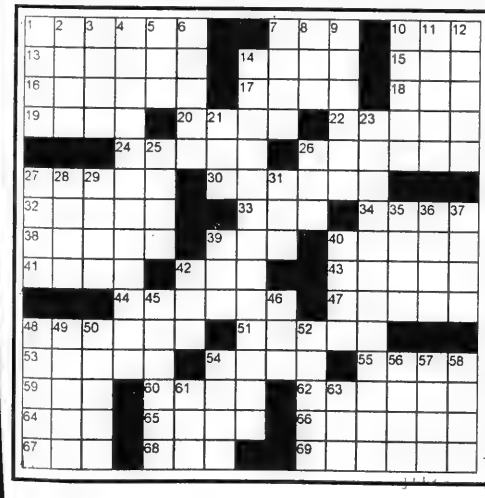
As for academics, there are different ways to pace yourself with your work load. First of all, try not to become overwhelmed. It is obvious that your work from elementary school changes once you become a high school student. You should make yourself a schedule where you work on different subjects at different times.

Don't forget, your teachers are there to help you, for they are quite aware of the challenges you will be facing.

You will find high school work is somewhat demanding in comparison to elementary. However, as the school year develops, you will begin to establish your own working habits which will lead to a comfortable working atmosphere.

If you find yourself overwhelmed at the start of the school year, remember to take it slowly and pace yourself academically and socially.

Karilani is a composite name for three girls, who are close friends and in Grade 11 in Toronto



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Signed and Sealed

By Matt Gaffney and David Bianco (QSyndicate@aol.com)

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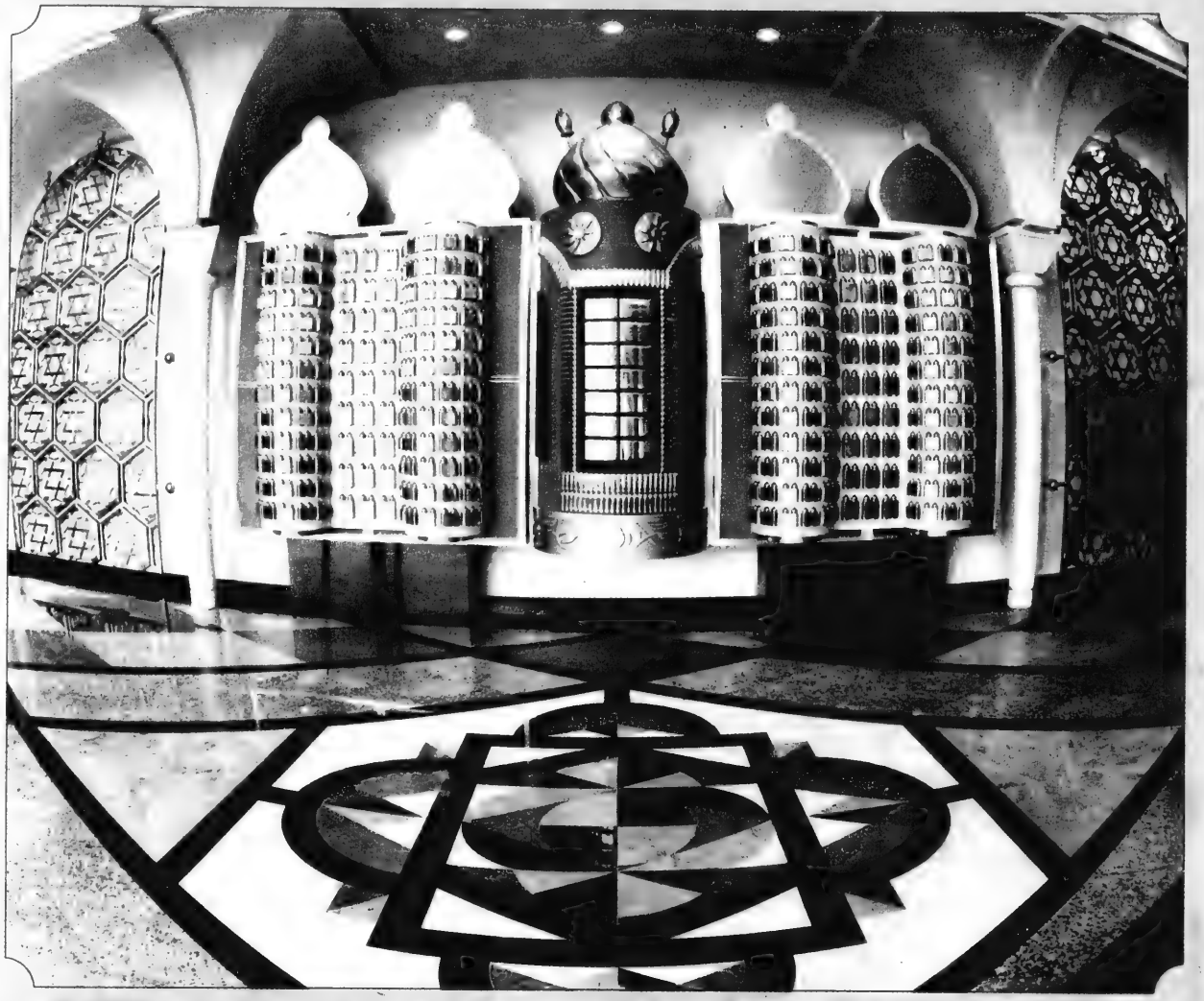

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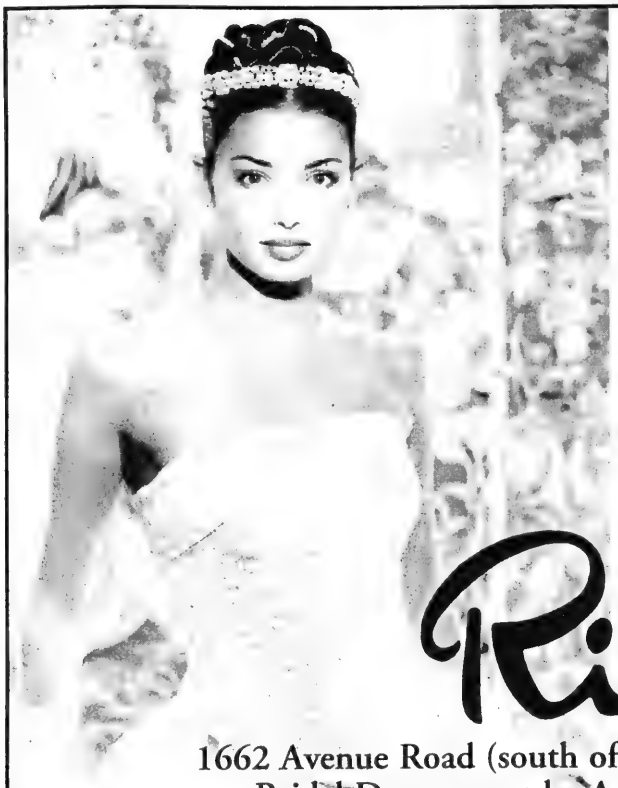

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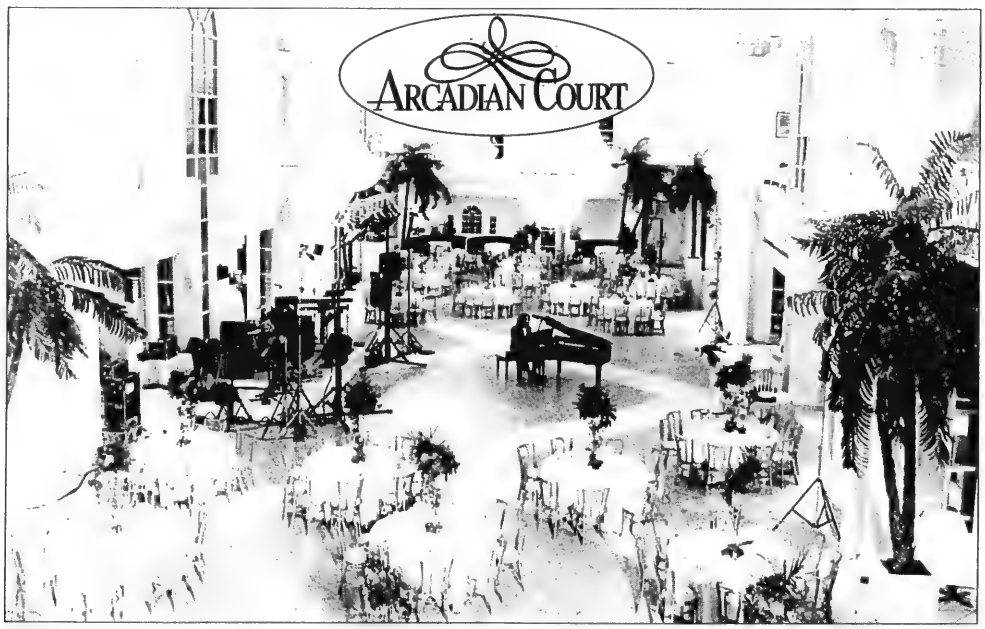

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The Court, which must be seen in person to be fully appreciated, is skirted by massive Roman columns and banked with exquisite semicircular seating enclaves which, together with the central seating arrangements, allow the room to accommodate large parties comfortably.

Built in 1929 and renovated in 1987, the Court spans two entire floors of the Bay building on Queen Street. The gallery overlooking it is available for your pre-dinner reception.

The downtown location adds to the sense of history, and makes it a particularly nostalgic venue for parents and grandparents who grew up in the vicinity.

A spectacular setting demands equally spectacular cuisine, and Hudson's Bay Catering delivers with eclectic menus prepared by highly skilled chefs. The keyword here is *flexibility*; you can choose from a wide variety of menu packages or create a custom menu, tailored to your taste and budget.

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Sephardic Kehila Centre: all in one, no compromises

Superlatives and hyperbole are the stuff of bridal advertising. Gowns are *stunning*; banquet halls are *spectacular*; food is *the finest*; service is *white glove*. So when you hear these or similar adjectives used to describe the Sephardic Kehila Centre, don't believe a word of it. It isn't that good.

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One of a kind in every sense of the term, this magnificent edifice so far exceeds its billing as to make mere words inadequate. Once you've set foot inside it, all other facilities pale in comparison.

From the foundation up, it's a work of art that will redefine forever your notion of "attention to detail". Virtually every design element of the Centre is custom-made. If whole buildings could reside in the Louvre, the Sephardic Kehila Centre would take its rightful place beside the Mona Lisa.

The Sanctuary at the Sephardic Kehila Centre: awe-inspiring

Its most compelling attraction as a simcha destination is that it's the *only* all-in-one facility in which no component of the simcha is compromised. Synagogue, cocktail reception area, banquet hall, cuisine, service: it leads in all areas, and does so at prices that will have you scratching your head and asking, *How Is This Possible?*

Synagogue. The two-level sanctuary, reminiscent of the famous Córdoba Synagogue of Spain, features rich cherry wood seating and wall panelling, and an awe-inspiring, towering three-tier Aron Hakodesh. Its 100 foot high gold leaf domed ceiling is girded by twelve stained glass windows depicting the twelve Tribes of Israel. It has become Toronto's most sought-after location for chuppah ceremonies.

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Attention to detail: Its Brit Mila chair was hand-carved by a master craftsman.

Cocktail reception area. If the Sephardic Kehila Centre's lobby doesn't leave you gasping, then you're either an experienced mountain climber or incredibly blasé. Adorned with a delicately veined mosaic tiled marble floor, slanted floor-to-ceiling soaring glass wall and forty foot high granite archways, the lobby is flanked by a series of magnificent Magen Davids and torah scrolls fashioned from polished brass and brushed steel.

Banquet room. Take another deep breath as you enter the Grand Ballroom. Three larger-than-life crystal chandeliers with gold Moorish trimmings, each one custom made with over 700 bulbs and 3,000 pieces of crystal, overlook a dining area appointed with exquisite taste.

Attention to detail: Each piece of gold-trimmed Royal Doulton fine bone china and sterling silver cutlery bears the Sephardic Kehila Centre logo.

Cuisine. A team of superb chefs whose geographic repertoire knows no bounds will bring the four corners of the world to your table. The cuisine, like the facility itself, caters to Jews of all origins, but if you wish to explore the finer elements of Moroccan cuisine, Kehila's resident expert, Mme Alice Zhrien, is there to serve you with four decades of experience in this genre.

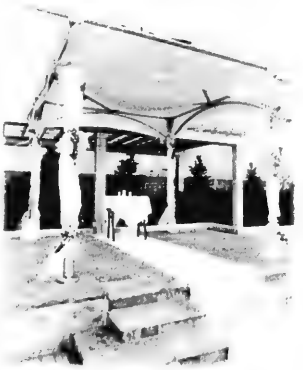
Attention to detail: The Kehila Centre raises the bar on presentation, striving for perfection not only in each meal, but in each plate.

Service. Assisting you throughout the proceedings are Director of Catering Joe Boussidan, a native Torontonian, and Catering Manager Craig Gruzd, originally from South Africa. Both Boussidan and Gruzd have spent their entire adult lives in the Kosher food and hospitality industries. Their mission: to ensure that the entire affair is greater than the sum of its parts.

In that vein, says Boussidan, each simcha unfolds like a Broadway play. From the moment the curtain rises on your function until it drops, Kehila's entire cast and crew performs with opening-night gusto for your pleasure. In lieu of thunderous applause, two simple words from you will signify Mission Accomplished. And if it's true that a picture says a thousand words, it's also true, suggests Boussidan, that your heartfelt "Thank You!" resonates more than a thousand handclaps.

Each simcha like a Broadway play

Attention to detail: The importance of bringing closure to the festivities with a sweet ending cannot be overstated.



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All-Inclusive Affair packages

Price. Though you'd expect to pay a king's ransom for the level of opulence you'll experience at the Kehila Centre, nothing could be further from the truth, says Boussidan. All-Inclusive Affair packages are available at affordable prices and include use of the Sanctuary, the Lobby, the Grand Ballroom, all taxes and gratuities. That's right — you can enjoy all of the facilities described above for a fixed fee, with **NO EXTRA CHARGES**. These packages have proven so popular that the Kehila Centre is already heavily booked into the year 2000 and beyond.

Boussidan, who measures success by the satisfaction of his customers, notes that catering is the most personal business because "every guest is a professional eater with a personal vested interest in what you put on their plate, so you want them to absolutely love it. You want them to remember each and every detail of their simcha fondly and vividly, for as long as they live."

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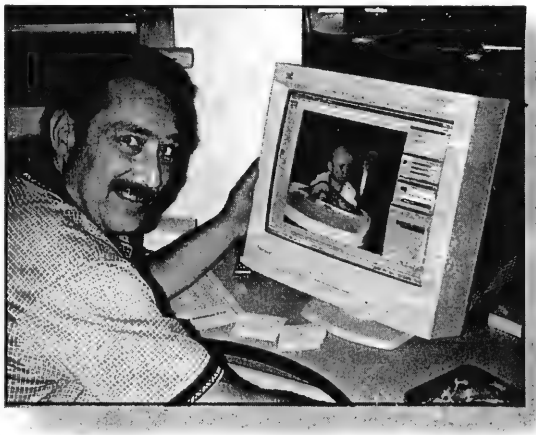

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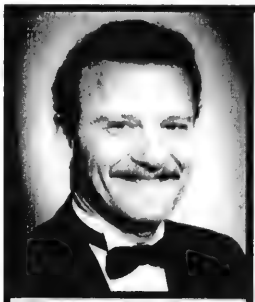

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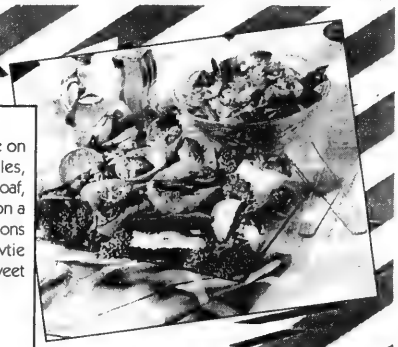

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Designer reaps rewards for patience, persistence

Q What does one of Toronto's foremost bridal designers have in common with a dyslexic teenager whose brightest job prospect in high school was slinging hamburgers?

A Everything. Kim Ironmonger not only has much in common with that person, she *is* that person. Or was.

Her personal and professional odyssey began some fifteen years ago. Ignoring the burger-slinging scenario envisioned for her by a high school guidance counsellor, Kim hopped a plane to England to buy accessories for her father's business, and discovered bridal gowns.

The rest is history. With a clientele that ranges from celebrities like Whoopie Goldberg, Elizabeth Hurley, and Amy Cable (wife of Doug Gilmour) to first-time brides on a modest budget, Kim gives each and every customer her very best, and then some. If life has taught her anything, she says, it's "never to indulge in elitism. I owe everything to my customers — and my parents, who taught me that commitment means always doing what is right, not what is convenient."

Driven by a passion for perfection and an artist's eye for detail, this self-taught designer nurtures her clients' visions and helps bring them to fruition rather than imposing her own design preferences. "A customer who's involved in the design process is a happy customer," she smiles.

Bearing out this statement is the fact that over her 15-year career, *virtually all* of the brides dressed by Kim have given her an unsolicited testimonial letter. This unheard-of-ratio, she says, means far more to her than mere dollars and cents. It speaks of a relationship between designer and client that transcends business. "When a customer calls you her friend, she is paying you the ultimate compliment."

Never one to rest on her laurels, Kim recently moved from her old location in Yorkville to new, larger quarters in Forest Hills.

A visit to the new **Valencienne** at 1104 Eglinton Avenue West underscores Kim's grasp not only of the design process but also of the environment in which it is conducted. The lush decor is both compelling and soothing, with its salmon-and-cream colour scheme, dreamy-soft carpeting, and stately armoires that house some of Kim's finest creations. Luxurious fabrics and exquisite detailing are the rule, as are the unexpected design twists that are her signature. These gowns usually provide the bride-to-be with an inspiration for her own wedding dress, but just as often are snapped up on a love-at-first-sight basis.

"Valencienne" is named after a town in Northern France known for its intricately detailed lace. Kim, never one to aim low, thought her business should bear a name that evokes high standards. But don't ask her to engage in comparisons between her work and that of Paris or London. This former teenage dyslexic is far too busy sketching, designing, and beading necklines at 2 a.m. — for she has promises to keep, and miles to go before she sleeps.

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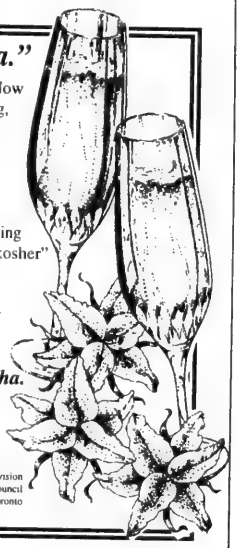

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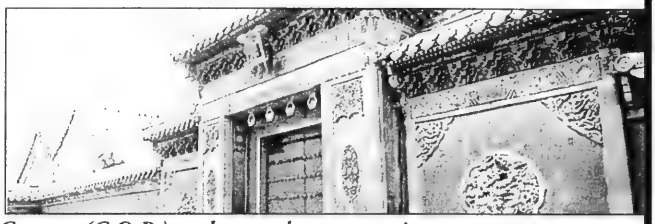

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THIS COHEN TAKES A PEEK

Several thousand worshippers were at the Kotel each day last week during Sukkot. In this photo we see a close up of one of the Cohanim, among the many hundred who were there, pronouncing the priestly blessings upon those worshippers. *[Israel photo]*

Israel should not be too trusting of Iran

By ZE'EV SCHIFF
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

It was reported in Jerusalem a few weeks ago that a change has taken place in Israel's attitude toward Iran and that we no longer regard that country as our enemy but instead define it as a "threat."

The report aroused considerable attention in Tehran. The extremist elements supporting Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Ali Khameini were not bowled over by the news. As far as they are concerned, Israel is an unkosher animal from any angle.

Nonetheless, the report did spark great interest in Iran among intellectuals, university students, members of the country's business community, and even, according to one news item, the top brass, and it was welcomed by these groups.

The problem is that these people do not wield the real power in Tehran. Neither this subgroup nor President Mohammed Khatami rules the country. Moreover, we must not reach the conclusion that

Commentary

the Iranian threat, as it was once more defined recently by military intelligence experts in their annual report to the government, will become any less lethal, even if more moderate forces enter the corridors of power in Tehran.

The assessment of the Americans is that, even if President Khatami were to pilot the ship of state, it is doubtful whether he would be able to halt the progress of any of Iran's strategic projects, such as long-range missiles, which Israel defines as a threat to its national security.

In any event, the real significance of the response among certain Iranian groups to the report that appeared here is that some circles in Iran are open to the idea of exchanging ideas with their counterparts in Israel and that we should not regard Iran as a monolithic society.

Initially, the Iranians tried to establish a clear demarcation line between their approach to the United States and their approach to Israel. When that tactic failed, they adopted the notion, which they

Joe Clark talks to *The CJN*

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Joe Clark wears the mantle of leadership confidently these days, less than a year after re-winning his old job as head of the federal Progressive Conservatives. He's so confident, in fact, that he's ready and willing to admit, in a retrospective moment, that a promise he made to Canada's Jews over 20 years ago was a mistake.

Prior to his nine-month prime ministership in 1979-'80, Clark, who three years earlier shot out of nowhere to defeat Brian Mulroney and Claude Wagner for the Tory leadership, pledged to the Jewish community that as PM, he would move Canada's embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

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Yom Kippur Throng

TORONTO — A crowd estimated at between 5,000 and 7,000 gathered here for Yom Kippur services hosted by the Jewish Russian Community Centre (JRCC). Most congregants gathered outside Fisherville High School, where JRCC spiritual leader Rabbi Joseph Zaltzman conducted services for about 750 inside. The rabbi later addressed the throng outside as well. The service was one of four conducted by the JRCC, including one for Jews of Bukharan descent.

Abella Acclaimed

SHERBROOKE, Que. — The Canadian Historical Association (CHA), at its recent annual meeting held here, unanimously acclaimed Prof. Irving Abella as its president. Abella, co-author of *None is Too Many* and a past president of Canadian Jewish Congress, is the association's first Jewish president. The CHA represents over 1,000 historians and archivists, and lobbies governments, archives and museums.

B.C. Youths Win Silver

VANCOUVER — Sixteen British Columbia youths brought home a silver medal in soccer from the Jewish Community Centre Maccabiah Games in August. It was the first time a team representing the Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver took part in the games, held in Cherry Hill, N.J. More than 1,300 Jewish youth from Canada, the United States, Britain and Israel participated.

ISRAEL

Nobel for Weizman?

JERUSALEM — Israeli President Ezer Weizman is a front-runner for this year's Nobel Peace Prize, a Norwegian newspaper reported last week. Among those who nominated Weizman was Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, who cited the Israeli president's consistent support of the Middle East peace process.

Israelis in Taiwan

JERUSALEM — Israeli officials have offered to dispatch medical assistance to Taiwan, which suffered a devastating earthquake last month. About 70 Israelis were believed to be in Taiwan at the time of the tremor. Israel's Trade and Culture Mission in Taipei, aided by Israeli volunteers, has made contact with or obtained information about the whereabouts of most of the 70.

WORLD

Ukraine Issues Visas

KIEV — Ukraine has agreed, after months of delay, to let some 500 youths come to Israel for the Jewish Agency's Na'aleh program. Ukrainian officials have delayed issuing the necessary visas, claiming the program, which promotes immigration to Israel, was recruiting the country's best and brightest youth.

Boy Returns Home

LOS ANGELES — Benjamin Kadish, a 5-year-old wounded in the shooting rampage at a Jewish community centre in suburban Los Angeles returned home from the hospital on Sept. 23. Kadish was one of five people wounded in the Aug. 10 attack. The other victims – two young boys, a teenage girl and a receptionist – all left the hospital within days of the attack.

Israel Aids Russia

MOSCOW — Some $100,000 in humanitarian aid arrived in Russia from Israel last week to help victims of the recent bomb attacks on apartment buildings. The aid consisted of medicine and medical equipment for survivors of the blasts.

Vandalism, Anti-Semitism

MOSCOW — A single shotgun blast was fired at a window of the recently opened synagogue in the northwestern Russian town of Borovichi on Yom Kippur eve. Prior to Rosh Hashanah, vandals desecrated dozens of graves in a Jewish cemetery in Astrakhan, 2,000 kilometres south of Moscow.

Meantime, a new poll released by the Anti-Defamation League shows that more than four out of 10 Russians hold anti-Semitic views.

Disney Assures Arabs

UNITED NATIONS — Arab foreign ministers meeting here recently decided to accept the Walt Disney Co.'s assurances that an exhibit at its Epcot Centre will not portray Jerusalem as Israel's capital. A spokesperson for the Arab League said the Arab states consider Disney's response "to delete any reference about Jerusalem being the capital city of Israel [to be] an important step."

Argentine Jews Blast Government

BUENOS AIRES — Some 1,000 people crowded into a synagogue here late last month to hear an all-too-familiar message: The government has not done enough to solve two anti-Semitic bombings that occurred earlier this decade.

Also familiar were some of the rituals that accompany commemorations of such events, in particular, the recitation of Kaddish.

Those attending the event included Israel's ambassador to Argentina, Yitzhak Aviran, an outspoken critic of the Argentine government's failure to find those responsible for both the 1992 car bombing of the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires and the 1994 bombing of the AMIA Jewish centre – attacks that killed 115 people and left hundreds wounded.

The president of DAIA, an umbrella group of Jewish associations, accused anti-Semitic elements within the government, the security forces and the justice system for the lack of progress in prosecuting those responsible for the repeated attacks on the community.

His comments – and the event itself – came one week after vandals desecrated 63 tombs at the La Tablada Jewish cemetery near Buenos Aires.

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Immigration reforms seen cause for concern

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jewish Canadians should be concerned about a federal government blueprint that could erect dramatic barriers to immigrants lacking a university education, immigration experts say.

The document, leaked to the media last week, shows that Ottawa plans to make it extremely difficult for many skilled tradespeople to get into Canada, thanks to a new emphasis on higher education.

The blueprint calls on the government to chart a new course, and select immigrants who are highly educated and thus, supposedly better able to adapt to the Canadian and global economies. It also recommends that newcomers have a better command of English or French.

Immigration experts warn that if adopted in its current form, the policy would make it unusually hard for semi-skilled workers and skilled tradespeople – they have traditionally formed a large segment of immigrants – to enter the country.

With this latest development, Ottawa "is going to continue the same mistakes it's been making over the years: ignore everything except the upper strata of the workforce," warns Guidy Mamann, a Toronto immigration lawyer and president of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services' (JIAS) Toronto office.

"I mean, how many engineers and lawyers do you need?"

Mamann adds that this document reinforces recent shifts in immigration policies, away from considering newcomers' experience, and toward judging them solely by their education.

It could translate, he says, into Canada accepting someone with a recent degree in computer science, but with little or no experience, and rejecting someone with no degree but with years of computer experience.

The new scheme does not bode well for Jewish newcomers, he feels, because a "significant" number of them are skilled tradespeople, such as machinists and electricians.

Jewish newcomers

Compounding the problem of Jewish immigrants, he adds, is the fact that while many are highly educated professionals, a lot of academic degrees granted in their countries of birth are not recognized in Canada.

"It's very, very clear [this] will make it more difficult for Jewish immigrants to come to Canada," Mamann says.

He says the blueprint is likely the result of the government bowing to pressure, and reacting to the current sour attitude many Canadians are expressing toward immigrants.

And it could mean, in the long run, a shortage of tradespeople.

"We'll have all these computer programmers and engineers, but somebody will still have to lay bricks and somebody will still have to be a plumber," Mamann says.

Skilled workers make up about half of the roughly 200,000 annual immigrants to Canada.

Michael Bryks, executive director of JIAS' national office, is also worried about the government document. "I would be most concerned by any immigration policy or model that fundamentally ignores what newcomers have to offer this country," he says.

"Higher, formal education doesn't necessarily mean a better or more productive citizen. Canadian immigration history certainly bears this out. Think of your Jewish grandparents for instance.'

"Not all immigrant hopefuls have had equal access or opportunity to higher education in their country of their origin. Are they to be penalized for this? We should hope not."

Mamann feels the immigration department will have a hard time selling the policy to the government.

And even if it does, an ironic consequence, he predicts, is that because Ottawa will have set such high standards, it won't be able to fill its own quota of well-educated immigrants.

CORRECTION

The last line of each column in the article "Orthodox Caucus hopes to 'sensitize' on ethics" by Leila Speisman, which appeared on this page last week, was cut off due to printing errors. The full text of the article appears on page 24.

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From the editor's desk

Those Tishrei days

The Tishrei holy days, 5760, are over. They are a unique, three-week opportunity, a gift to us, a framework for the most significant of personal journeys, inward, to the less travelled-to places in our hearts and our consciences.

The month begins literally, with a wake-up call from the old, in fact, ancient, reliable alarm clock: the shofar. But it has no snooze option. And as with all snoozeless wake-up calls, we can choose either to respond or to remain in a state of spiritual torpor, induced, in many of us at one time or another by the paradox of modern life: a sense of super individual sophistication alongside gnawing self-doubt and alienation.

It is easier to ignore the alarm. And being only human, most of us do. But the clock remains ticking.

Ten days later, the alarm rings again, only once, but very loudly: Yom Kippur.

Even those of us who avoid responding to the alarm, understand and acknowledge in private ways, the special quality of this 10th day. And if we cannot find the strength or the will to travel inward, at least we recognize the 10th day as an occasion to accept responsibility for our occasional, though altogether human, failings, if we want to.

As most behavioral scientists will agree however, 10 days is a long-time for human beings to maintain a state of serious, concentrated, personal introspection. It can lead to high anxiety.

Thus, five days later, we begin an eight-day celebration whose chief obligation, divinely ordained, is to find joy, to express happiness. The celebration culminates with rabbinically-encouraged parades, flag-waving and merriment.

This holy day was clearly intended to be a time of emotional release and catharsis from the high-stakes, nervous first 10 days of the month.

It is not surprising that the "Tishrei days" are tied to the nature and to the needs of the human psyche, to our strengths and our weaknesses.

We are enjoined to examine our place on earth, even our place in time, but not to be overwhelmed by that examination and certainly not to feel inadequate at the uncounted possibilities to which the ancient alarm bids us respond.

Ezer Weizman

The alarm is put away for another year. But the clock keeps ticking.

It always does.

* * *

It has become a tradition on Sukkot for the president of Israel to hold an "open house" at which time, the state of the nation, to borrow an American term, is discussed with members of the media.

From his earliest days as a "flyboy" in Britain's Royal Air Force, to his involvement as one of the founders of the Israel Air Force, Ezer Weizman has always shown a flare for the flamboyant.

He was and is an outspoken person and he has conducted his presidency in that same undiminished, outspoken manner.

Much to the chagrin of the prime minister of the day, and despite the sharply-worded criticisms from politicians and political analysts, he has never recoiled, while president, from speaking out on political matters.

Last week Weizman spoke out against the obstinacy of President Hafez al-Assad of Syria: "At a certain point there's a limit. We are today in a state of peace with Egypt and Jordan and at advanced stages with the Palestinians. If he [Assad] wants to join, let him come. I wouldn't run after him.

"Assad hasn't changed. How long is it possible to court someone when he doesn't move? We are all smiling to him and treating him nicely, as at the funeral of King Hussein. He stood a few metres from us, with a scowl on his face, without showing the slightest desire to meet."

Weizman was commenting on the apparent hardening in tone and in substance recently in the Syrian president's positions regarding peace with Israel.

The backdrop for Weizman's comments however, was more than the annual Sukkot presidential open house. It was also the electrifying news, reported in a Norwegian newspaper last week, that he was considered the front runner to receive this year's Nobel Peace Prize.

According to the newspaper, Weizman had been nominated for the prize by a long list of celebrities that includes Henry Kissinger, Egypt's former UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Queen Elizabeth, Spain's King Juan Carlos and, of all people, former Nobel Peace laureate, Chairman Yasser Arafat. *MBD*

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Sarit Goldman

The "Work-a-Day for UJA" initiative, on November 4, is the first time young practitioners will have the opportunity to dedicate an entire day's salary to UJA Federation. "One day's earnings is not a lot to give up," says Bernie Gropper, an active YLN member who is overseeing the city-wide effort.

Michelle Cass

"Young lawyers often feel overwhelmed by their heavy workload, but it's not enough to go to work and then come home," explains Goldman, who has been active with UJA Federation through its Young Business Network for over two years. "Our goal is to show how UJA Federation can enrich lawyers' lives by helping them give back to the community."

Goldman and Cass are also planning to organize a free legal clinic that will provide assistance to needy members of the community. "We're really trying to make sure there's something for everyone," adds Cass.

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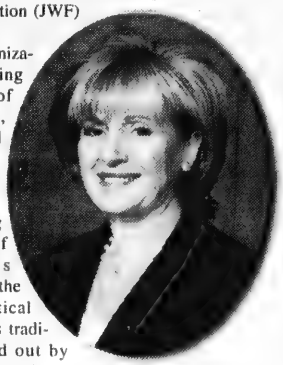
Women's Campaign and JWF Unite

UJA Federation's Women's Campaign and Jewish Women's Federation (JWF) are merging.



"There is strength in numbers," says Dodi Weill of the merger between the two key organizations.

The two organizations, representing thousands of Jewish women, are in the final stages of a transition which will integrate the fundraising activities of Women's Campaign with the social and political advocacy efforts traditionally carried out by JWF. The new entity will continue to work closely with the more than 60 women's groups and organizations affiliated with JWF.

Leading volunteers in both organizations see the move as mutually beneficial and in keeping with developments in other North American communities. "There are only two other communities that still separate the two," explains Janice Langer, currently serving out her term as the last president of JWF. "The time has come for this to happen."

"Women's issues are communal issues," says Judy Engel, Immediate Past Chair of Women's Campaign. "I believe this step will not only raise our profile, it will be a more efficient use of time and resources."

"We have a lot to gain by sensitizing and educating women to work toward a shared vision," says Carole Sterling, Chair of Women's Campaign. "We could not execute our common goals without funds raised by UJA Federation."

"Working b'yachad – together - has always been our motto," adds Jill Reitman, Immediate Past President of JWF. "This is the logical next step."

Women's Campaign Vice Chair Dodi Weill will assume the first leadership position of the new entity in the Spring. "I'm extremely excited about the prospects that lie ahead," enthuses Weill. "It will be a new chapter in the long, proud tradition of communal involvement by Jewish women.

UJA Federation Leadership Profile

Sonshine and Frisch Reaching the Majors

Ed Sonshine and Ron Frisch are used to scoring high in the world of business. Now the two are teaming up to help raise millions of dollars for Jews in need from UJA Federation's leading donors.

"So far so good," reports Frisch, who is Co-Chairing this year's Major Gifts drive with Sonshine. Both Frisch and Sonshine are pleased with initial results from contacting contributors who collectively raised over $11 million last year. "It's still early, but we've seen some significant increases."

"We have some key factors working in our favour right now," says Sonshine. "Among them are last year's record-breaking $40.5 million campaign, a relatively strong economy and a wide understanding of the growing demands on Toronto's Jewish community."

Ron Frisch

The two established businessmen and long-time UJA Federation supporters say they feel fortunate to be in a position to contribute time as well as money to the community's central organization.

Sonshine, who was born in a German displaced persons' camp after World War II, immigrated to Canada in 1949 and went on to earn a law degree from York University's Osgoode Hall. In 1987, he joined Counsel Corporation, one of Canada's largest health-care and business development companies. In 1998, Sonshine and his Counsel Corporation colleagues Allan Silber and Morris Perlis, individually contributed extremely generous endowment gifts to UJA Federation. Although still serving as Vice-Chair of Counsel Corp., Sonshine's business focus has turned to RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust, Canada's largest REIT Company of which he is president.

"Continuity is very important to me," explains Sonshine. Setting a good example of tzedakah for my children is a large part of the philanthropic work my wife Fran and I do."

Ed Sonshine

"I feel privileged to be involved in this effort," says Frisch, CEO of his family's wholesale distributing business, Kohl and Frisch Ltd., where he works with his father and brother. Kohl and Frisch Ltd. is one of Canada's largest drug wholesalers.

A chartered accountant by profession, Frisch has been active with UJA Federation from an early age, serving as Co-Chair of UJA Federation's Food & Hospitality Campaign and as a Major Gifts canvasser. "My family has been involved with UJA Federation for many years and we strongly believe in the centrality of UJA to the Jewish community."

Frisch is also hoping his four children are watching closely. "I want them to know there's a bigger world out there and that we have a responsibility to each other."

"There is a strong sense of pride among our donors about the incredible work UJA Federation funds," adds Sonshine. "I'm proud of what we accomplish year after year."

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Nussbaum was a founder of Agudah in Toronto

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Moshe Nussbaum, a founder and pillar of the Agudah movement in Toronto, was killed by a hit-and-run driver the day before Sukkot. He was 88.

Obituary

Nussbaum was on his way to one of the two Talmud classes he attended every day at Agudath Israel, a shul he founded.

Born in Tarnow, Poland, Nussbaum came to Canada after the war. He operated a building block company for many years.

He was very committed to the Agudah movement, said Rabbi Moshe Lowy, spiritual leader of Agudath Israel, who was brought to the synagogue by Nussbaum.

At his death, Nussbaum was vice-president of the Vaad Hapoel Agudath Yisrael, the world Agudah organization; president of Toronto Agudah and vice-president of Canadian Agudah, and was an officer of the American organization.

Nussbaum attended all the Agudah conventions he could, and participated enthusiastically.

He was a founder of Camp Agudah, Beth Jacob High School, Ner Israel, the Kolel, *Perspectives* (the Agudah newspaper), and was an active worker for Eitz Chaim Schools.

Rabbi Akiva Stefansky, principal of Beth Jacob, said that Nussbaum "almost daily went out soliciting funds for the school. He gave of his own resources, knowledge and skills."

After the school was built, Rabbi Stefansky said, Nussbaum regularly came to visit, "to see if there was anything he could be helpful with."

Nussbaum was "a very positive person. He had practical solutions to complex problems. Anyone who needed something turned to him for help," Rabbi Stefansky said.

Rabbi Lowy said that Nussbaum "saw youth as the future of the Jewish people," and, besides founding Camp Agudah, he supported Pirchei and Bnos, the haredi youth groups.

Among his other activities, he helped organize the Daf Yomi Siyum, a celebration marking the end of a worldwide study of the Talmud. He also helped support Israeli farmers who, in observance of the shmittah year, leave their land fallow.

Speaking for the family, daughter Brenda Lev said that they all felt shell-shocked. Still, she said, "he had a good life. He was well to the end, and had all his faculties. He was a special, wise parent."

Nussbaum's wife, Chaya, is too frail to be told of his death. Lev reminisced about how close they were. "He was so attentive to her, and treated her with the greatest respect."

Nussbaum will be remembered universally for his warmth, enthusiasm, and wonderful sense of humour. Rabbi Shmuel Klein, a teacher at Eitz Chaim, and editor of *Perspectives*, described him as effervescent.

As *The CJN* went to press, the driver of the sports utility vehicle that hit Nussbaum had not yet been caught.

Moshe Nussbaum

Nussbaum is survived by brothers Mordche and Meyer, sisters Fanny Weissmandel and Esther Roitenberg, children A.C. (Avraham), Chanie Levine, Ruchie Anisfeld and Brenda Lev, 18 grandchildren and 11 grandchildren.

Police conduct tests on suspect vehicle

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Toronto police conducted forensic tests last weekend on the vehicle suspected of hitting and killing Moshe Nussbaum.

The black GMC Jimmy was seized last Wednesday after it had been brought to a west-end auto body shop for front-end repairs described as unrelated to the Nussbaum case.

It matched the description police had of the car wanted in the Sept. 24 hit-and-run death of Nussbaum at Bathurst Street and Joicey Boulevard.

Nussbaum was struck at about 5:30 a.m. on his way to morning services at Agudath Israel Congregation. Police say he was already prone on the street when he was hit, possibly after he fainted or stumbled.

An autopsy concluded Nussbaum died of injuries as a result of being hit by the car.

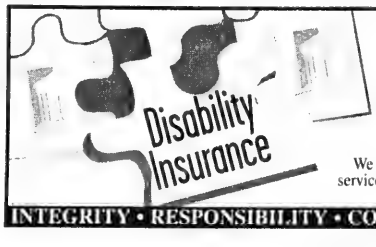
Police said the driver of the vehicle stopped, had a conversation with a passerby and then fled.

Det. Tom Fullarton told *The CJN* that the vehicle was taken to a police forensic lab to determine the origin of hair and "tissue" found on the front frame.

Fullarton said he would like the case wrapped up as soon as possible.

Police said that by fleeing, the driver of the vehicle turned the case from an accident to a criminal matter.

There were no arrests as *The CJN* went to press Monday.



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When time advances, nations can too

A report appeared in *Yediot Acharonot* last week that Jordan, Egypt, the Palestinian Authority (PA), Israel and the United States have quietly agreed to establish a broad-based, common framework to combat terror. The initiative, it is said, is only in its embryo, but appears to be assuredly advancing. In each of the countries and in the PA, the matter has been turned over to security professionals "to put content into the agreement in principle" reached by the respective leaders.

If true as reported, the development will have important, far-reaching, substantive and symbolic implications.

All five "partners" are threatened by fanatic, fundamentalist-inspired terror and hatred, and thus there is a compelling internal logic for them to pool resources, information and know-how to thwart that threat. Indeed, according to the report in the Israeli newspaper, the idea originated with King Abdullah of Jordan during a meeting with Yasser Arafat. Only two weeks ago, Abdullah closed down the Hamas offices in Amman.

According to the paper, "Arafat passed on the idea to Prime Minister Ehud Barak. Barak gave his consent and encouraged Arafat to try to bring in Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. Arafat left for a meeting with Mubarak, raised the idea and the Egyptian president also entered the picture."

President Bill Clinton agreed to the proposal, apparently, during a meeting with Arafat at the White House on Sept. 23.

Such a jointly calibrated effort against terrorism could achieve significant results. With honest, bona fide co-operation at the professional level, and equally bona fide resolve and determination at the political level, the infrastructure of terror could be severely impaired, if not eventually dismantled. The pieces of the terrorist puzzle that each of the five parties possesses could be assembled into a clearer, more compelling whole.

If shown to be viable and mutually beneficial, the co-operative structure might one day attract additional participants, possibly from Europe and the Middle East, thereby broadening the bloc's base of information and expertise and increasing the effectiveness of the fight against terrorism on a wider, more universalistic basis.

As important as the substantive soundness of the idea, is its symbolism.

Assuming it to be sincere, Arafat's high profile, public involvement in the anti-terror establishment would send an unequivocal message to his people that it is time for attitudes to change, that there is no longer any room in the national aspirations of the Palestinian people for the reflexive, hate-filled ideology of the extremists.

Israel already has bilateral understandings with the United States and Jordan, and to a lesser, problem-laden extent also with the PA, to fight terrorism. But an umbrella structure involving two Muslim countries, Israel, the United States *and the PA* is unprecedented. It could prove to the people of the region that when time advances, nations can too.

CAPTIVE IN IRAN

The government of Iran still holds the following members of the Jewish community as prisoners. Each is a universe of life and existence unto his own. And each has a name. Let us not forget them.

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Prayers at Kotel should conform to Halachah

In her column about prayer services at the Western Wall, Jean Gerber bitterly attacks Orthodox Jews for their refusal to allow non-observant prayer at the Wall ("Cleaning the Stones," Sept. 16). Gerber makes the outrageous statement that the Wall "could be one of the most profane places on earth." This site, holy to Jews for thousands of years, can indeed become profaned if we fail to treat it with the utmost reverence and respect for tradition.

The Wall has always been a place where Jews could pour out their hearts and recite prayers which have been part of us for generations. It must never be allowed to become a site where prayers are said in a format that is contrary to Halachah and is deeply offensive to Orthodox Jews. You are welcome to engage in prayer as you see fit, Ms. Gerber, but please find another place to do it.

Kenneth Fisher
Toronto

Takes issue with Vatican's views of Jews

Once again the Vatican would have us believe that Jews throughout the centuries have been the recipients of the established Church's benevolence. Such attempts, citing the positive attitudes towards the Jewish people of Pius XII, are incongruent with the views of enlightened Christian scholars.

Robert B. Morse, the distinguished award winning American journalist and author of *While Six Million Died*, informs us of the apathy of Pius XII when asked to speak publicly on behalf of the Jews, and the inherent anti-Semitism of the Catholic Church. This attitude is apparent in the April 17, 1937, sermon preached in Rome by Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli (later Pius XII) against the "Antico popolo deicido" – the God-murdering nation of the Jews.

Christian anti-Judaism eventually turned to genocidal anti-Semitism (the Holocaust).

Larry Rothman
Montreal

Suggests free Jewish education more suitable gift

I read with interest the article entitled "Free Israel Trip Offered to Young Adults." (*CJN*, Sept. 23) If the goal of such a program is "to prevent assimilation and give young Jews a strong sense of Jewish identity," then may I respectfully suggest that the $300 million gift from Bronfman and Steinhardt could be much better utilized if applied to a free Jewish education for every Jewish child who wishes to have one. This would go a much longer way in achieving their admirable goals.

Peter Klemensberg
Toronto

Seeking Israel, Louis and Mildred Rubin

I am trying to locate three first cousins or their descendants whom our family lost track of over 60 years ago. Their names are Israel, Louis, and Mildred Rubin, and they would be in their 80s now. They were born in New York. My mother, Eva Rubin, was the sister of their father Max. Their mother's name was Sarah.

If any readers know anything about them, please contact me at 423 Willow Lane, Baytown, Tex., e-mail me at mervinr@hal-pc.org or call me collect at 281-424-8765.

Mervin Rosenbaum
Baytown, Texas

How Ve'ahavta helps the homeless

Lillian Freedman's comment about Ve'ahavta's Mobile Jewish Response to the Homeless program (MJRH) being "voyeurism" (*CJN*, Sept. 16) is very unresearched.

Since the launch of MJRH in March, Ve'ahavta has successfully helped to raise the consciousness of the Jewish community about the dismal plight of the homeless and has sent out over 120 Jewish volunteers to the streets of Toronto. Many of these individuals have subsequently committed to a second and third night out, as well as involvement in other long-term solutions for the homeless, such as housing and retraining programs.

Through MJRH, Ve'ahavta has established a special relationship with the native community and a Jewish presence on the streets. Most importantly, Ve'ahavta has eased the lives of some very cold and hungry people living outside who prefer to stay away from Metro's often unnerving shelters. Freedman would have done well to speak to some Ve'ahavta volunteers who returned home at 3 a.m. from a long and emotionally stressful night out. She might have discovered that their evening out involved far more than just watching the homeless, but rather a useful adherence to the Jewish value of tikun olam – repairing the world.

Avrum Rosenberg
Executive vice-president, Ve'ahavta
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Perspectives

Iraqi Jewish assets were confiscated twice

By SASSON MAYER
Special to The CJN

As news about final status talks between Palestinians and Israelis fills the air, and possibilities of compensation have arisen, the controversy over the Jewish assets left behind in Iraq should be recalled.

When the State of Israel was declared on May 15, 1948, Iraq was among the Arab countries that sent their armies to crush the newborn state.

The Iraqi government declared martial law and, as a result, the Jewish community was subjected to all kinds of harassment and harsh treatment. Jews were fired from their jobs, hundreds were arrested and persecuted, many were condemned to jail sentences, some were ordered to pay hefty fines, and one prominent Jew was hanged.

The situation deteriorated day by day. Fear brought the community to a state of shock and despair and almost paralyzed it. Some young Jews fled the country for Iran.

The official Zionist organization that had started its activities in Iraq in 1920 and renewed them in 1941, increased its efforts after the end of World War II, when the dimensions of the Holocaust became known. It viewed the Jewish community as a potential source of immigration to Israel.

Emissaries from Israel discovered that before 1947, Iraqi Jews were generally not oriented toward aliyah. However, the UN decision in 1947 to partition Palestine led to a rise of Arab nationalism among Iraqis who associated all Jews with Zionism. As a result, the Zionist movement became more active.

In early 1949, in Amman, the prime ministers of Iraq and Jordan held a meeting in the presence of the British ambassador. The Iraqi prime minister suggested that "the Jews of Iraq be loaded on military trucks guarded by armored cars and taken to the Iraqi-Jordanian borders."

In July of that year the prime minister of Iraq suggested an exchange of populations by transferring the Jews of Iraq to Israel and allowing the Arabs of Israel to live in Iraq.

Fifty years ago last month, the Israeli minister of police, Bechor Shitreet, also proposed "a transfer" between Iraqi Jews and Arab refugees.

Prime minister David Ben-Gurion and foreign minister Moshe Sharett were adamant in refusing to discuss the idea. They were both well aware of the hefty price Iraq would demand in reaching any agreement.

In March 1950, unexpectedly, the Iraqi government passed a law allowing Jews to renounce their Iraqi citizenship and leave the country. The law was to remain in effect for one year and carried no stipulation concerning personal property.

A month after that law was passed, Ben-Gurion and Sharett proposed a plan of their own as a first attempt to recover Jewish assets from Iraq.

Israel was willing to examine the possibility of exchanging Arab property in Israel which had not been abandoned, for the property of Jews in Iraq. Their proposal related only to Iraq, not to any other Arab country, and only with respect to property that had not been abandoned by the Israeli Arabs.

According to Prof. Yehuda Shenhav of Tel Aviv University, in his book *The Truth About Jewish Assets in Iraq*, the advisor to Ben-Gurion's office for land and border affairs wrote to the prime minister, the foreign minister and the treasury minister that "...as a first measure, I would instruct our representatives in Paris to establish contact with members of the Iraqi Jewish community in order to convince them to stop selling their assets at reduced prices, and to signal that there is a chance they will be able to obtain a higher price."

In January 1951, only seven weeks before the Iraqi law was to expire, 35,000 Jews had forfeited their Iraqi citizenship but only 23,345 had actually departed the country; another 62,000 had registered to leave. The delays in enabling their exit, ironically, were caused not by Iraq but by the quota system in use at that time by the Jewish Agency.

Only after the Iraqi prime minister threatened to transfer the denationalized Jews in military trucks across the border to Jordan and Kuwait, did the pace of the airlift increase dramatically. The Iraqis even dropped their earlier demand that the departing Jews be flown to Israel through Cyprus.

During the last seven weeks of the law, 30,000 Jews registered to leave.

Israel was thus forced to respond to the Iraqi actions. Some Iraqi Jews in Israel called on the government to impound Arab assets in Israel and distribute them to the arriving Iraqi Jews.

According to Shenhav, Sharett proposed the following solution: "We declare that the entire subject of Iraqi Jewish assets will be taken into consideration in the final settlement, in determining compensation for the Palestinians.

"Since we have not yet abandoned the principle of paying compensation [to the Arabs], we will now say that the value of the Iraqi assets will be deducted from them."

Imaginative as the solution was, Sharett's idea did not satisfy those people who were clamoring for the government to help the Iraqi Jews. They continued to press for tangible measures to ease the incoming Iraqis' plight.

"By expropriating the assets of tens of thousands of Jews who immigrated to Israel," Sharett said in a speech before the Knesset on March 19, "the Iraqi government has incurred a debt to the State of Israel. Such a debt already exists between Israel and the Arab world, and that is the debt of compensation to those Arabs who left Israeli territory and abandoned their property... The action now taken by the Iraqi kingdom...compels us to link the two debts... The value of the Iraqi Jewish assets that were expropriated will be taken into consideration when calculating the compensation we commit to pay Arabs who abandoned their property in Israel."

During the debate that followed Sharett's speech, Knesset members took turns denouncing Baghdad's action. Meir Argov of Mapai said that "Israel had been willing to do its share for the refugees, but now, after this robbery of Iraqi Jews, Israel is released from its obligation."

The Knesset ultimately approved the government's position on the issue of Jewish Iraqi property. Israeli policy was to link compensation for abandoned Arab property with compensation for the confiscated Iraqi Jewish property.

The effect of the Israeli policy linking the two "debts" was to treat Iraqi Jewish property as a national rather than a personal possession. In essence, therefore, that property was expropriated twice: once by Iraq and then again, by Israel.

Because Israel admitted a "debt" owing to the Arabs, the government's decision actually satisfied the Iraqi Jews' demands for a concrete response to Baghdad, and kindled hopes for speedy restitution.

Some Jewish organizations in Israel called on Israel to implement its decision immediately. Iraqi Jews clearly believed they would receive compensation from Arab assets held by the trusteeship holding the property of the Arabs who had fled.

Shenhav points out that while lower-level government officials gave assurances that "the fate of Iraqi Jewish assets is a constant concern for the government of Israel," upper echelon officials were acting differently.

For example, a memorandum from the foreign ministry to the Prime Minister's Office stated: "...the frozen Iraqi Jewish assets may be registered, but their sole purpose will be to deduct the value of the frozen Iraqi Jewish assets [from the value of potential compensation to Arabs]." Israel estimated the value then to be worth $450 million.

The policy provided a golden opportunity to free Israel from Arab claims for compensation.

The foreign ministry objected to the creation of a special office to oversee the registration of claims against Iraq for assets left behind. Sharett insisted that "the value of the Jewish assets impounded by Iraq would be tallied when the question of compensation [to the Arabs who fled] comes up for discussion. That has yet to happen, and there is no telling when it will."

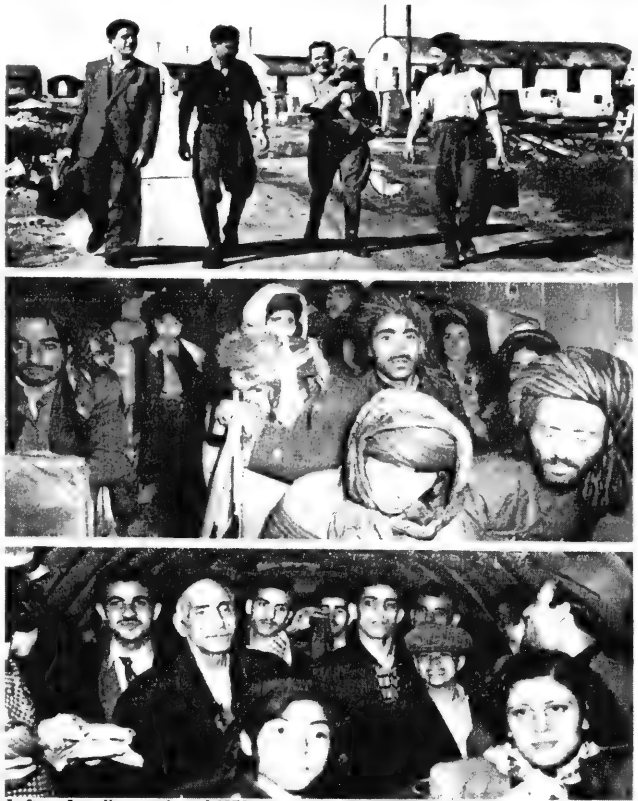
In the summer of 1951, I attended a meeting where Sharett, in very carefully chosen words, said: "Israel will see to it that every cent of the Iraqi Jewish assets will be accounted for." But he did not elaborate.

In 1955, a public committee was set up in Israel to register the claims of Iraqi Jewish immigrants. The committee completed its work in December 1956, and submitted its final report to the Foreign Ministry. There it has remained ever since.

From Israel's point of view the linkage policy was a success. Israel succeeded in establishing a connection between the demands of two distinct communities: the Iraqi Jewish community and the Arabs who fled Israel after its creation. Thus far, it has freed itself from answering both claims.

After the expropriation by the government of Iraq of personal Jewish assets, the government of Israel nationalized those very same assets. Proof of that nationalization can be found in the Israel State Archives, in the files labeled "Defence of Israeli Assets."

Sasson Mayer lives in Toronto.



Left, an Israeli stamp issued 1970 commemorating the 20th anniversary of "Operation Ezra and Nehemiah," the mass exodus of Iraqi Jews to Israel. Above top, Polish immigrants. Middle, Kurdish immigrants. Bottom, Iraqi immigrants.

The New Synagogue of Baghdad, consecrated in 1797. [Encyclopedia Judaica photos]

A well-kept secret

Whenever the government, on any level, does something that concerns many people, we are sure to hear about it. The media takes it up and a public discussion ensues. Most of the time, that will be the end of the matter. Governments move slowly, bureaucrats try to protect their turf, and elected officials need time to evaluate how voters will judge their performance or non-performance.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

But what happens when an individual feels wronged by any branch of government? Letters may be exchanged, personal visits may be made, and most likely, what bureaucrats and politicians have decided will stand.

So, what happens when your complaint against some government action or non-action is passed over? Will you be suing or let it ride? Suing is expensive and you may be advised that the chances of reversing the government's decisions are small. You feel unprotected and wronged.

But that need not be the end of it, though unfortunately the majority of people in Ontario and six other provinces are unaware that each person has still another recourse.

Everyone can appeal to the provincial ombudsman. In Ontario this is Roberta Jamieson, who has held her post with great distinction for several years. To my mind she is one of the most important public servants we have, yet she and her office are widely unknown – in effect she is a well-kept secret.

The word ombudsman comes to us from Scandinavia, where the office of public protector of individual rights first gained a foothold. Ontario established the office some 25 years ago and has housed it in an impressive building at the southeast corner of Avenue Road and Bloor Street in Toronto. The ombudsman will take up any personal complaint against one's own provincial decision and one will be advised what comes of the enquiry.

Though Ontario has had an ombudsman for almost a quarter century, the province was a latecomer in this venture. Even then it would not have happened at all, had it not been for Vernon Singer, a longtime Jewish MPP, who introduced a private member's bill to establish the ombudsman's position and persisted in doing so for 10 consecutive sessions of the legislature. Six other provincial governments had already created such a mandate, and finally Ontario joined them. Singer has benefited all of us. Predecessors to Jamieson in the office of the ombudsman were Arthur Maloney, Justice Donald De Morand and Dr. Daniel Hill.

The very existence of an ombudsman is helpful in tempering the potential for arbitrary government decisions. Officials and politicians know that the ombudsman may be watching. No one likes to be asked uncomfortable questions. When the ombudsman takes up an enquiry, officials are bound to listen and in most cases matters are clarified and misunderstandings are untangled.

Therein lies the ombudsman's power – not in the kind of persecutorial activity a la Kenneth Starr in the United States. The office is a splendid guarantee of democratic access to equal treatment for all citizens, who are fortunate enough to live in a province that has an ombudsman.

What price life in Israel

Consider the plight of consumers in Israel. It's not enough that they must pay outrageously high income taxes every year. Or that they must pay steep municipal taxes. Or that they must pay a 17 percent value added tax on virtually everything they buy. Or that service is often adversarial and workmanship shoddy. All that is nothing next to the fact that's they're taken to the cleaners every day.

Robert Sarner in Jerusalem

Granted, in every country, people are always moaning about prices. But in Israel, where businesses so often milk their customers through hugely inflated prices, the grievance is real. To spend money here is to submit frequently to legalized robbery. If this strikes you as overly harsh, you obviously have never been to Israel.

The world has long accused the Jewish state of many things – both real and imagined – but never of being a bargain for its inhabitants. Talk is cheap here but nothing else is, except maybe pita bread.

With unjustifiably high prices the norm in most spheres of daily life, it's hard not to feel that Israel is one big rip-off. No one dismisses the need to make a profit, but shameless price gouging is something else altogether. In its recent annual report on the Israeli economy, the Jerusalem-based Institute For Advanced Strategic and Political Studies concluded, "All sectors in Israel operate on the principle: Take whatever you can get."

And it's amazing what they can get. Or maybe it's not, given that most Israelis show no resistance to overpriced products or services. It's as if people accept this as an inevitable part of Israeli life, like oppressively hot summers, homicidal drivers and government coalition crises.

All day long, it's a constant assault on the pocketbook. Everywhere you turn, you're hit with exorbitant prices – and I'm not talking about imported luxuries. Take that box of cereal on the breakfast table. Forget about foreign brands like Kellogs, Post and Quaker for which you pay an average of $8 a box (all prices in Canadian dollars). More modest tastes set you back $6.50 for a 500-gram box of a locally made equivalent.

Speaking of food, going to a decent restaurant as a family costs a king's ransom. As a result, when you eat out, fast food – as in most places around the world – is usually the most economic (if not the healthiest) option. How's this for economics? At pizza joints in Jerusalem, a simple take-away slice with no toppings will set you back close to $3!

How about a hamburger? At McDonald's, a Big Mac costs $5.15 without fries. At its local counterpart, Burger Ranch, a similar hamburger goes for $5.50.

Snack time and the urge for ice cream strikes. No, not Haagen-Dazs or Ben & Jerry's or that gourmet stuff from Italy with the fancy wrapping and unpronounceable name. We're talking strictly domestic brands – at $3.10 for two scoops in a regular cone. Or perhaps instead you prefer a little treat at Dunkin Donuts, where a donut costs $1.50.

The difference in most prices between Israel and North America is nothing short of staggering. The comparison shows Israeli business in an even worse light, given that the income of the average western consumer is considerably higher than that of his/her Israeli counterpart.

Take Head & Shoulders shampoo: $6.50 a bottle. Or deodorant stick: $9.30. Or a pack of 10 Gillette Sensor razor blades: $20. Or a four-pack of Duracell AA batteries: $12. Or a CD of a local singer or rock band: $23. The list is endless. Feel like going to a movie? That'll be $9 please, without the popcorn. What about a cup of coffee at the local cafe? Figure on $3 before the tip.

OK, let's forget about such frivolous distractions of modern life and concentrate instead on more substantial things – like a place to live. In Jerusalem or Tel Aviv, count on $600 to $700 per month to rent an ordinary unfurnished one-bedroom apartment, or around $200,000 if it's for sale – and that's at a time when the real estate market is in a slump!

Yet, despite the high cost of living, Israelis spend like there's no tomorrow. And that seems to be the rationale of businessmen charging high prices, determined to make a fast buck for fear tomorrow may be interrupted by the next national calamity.

For most Israelis, it all adds up to one hefty bill and a constant overdraft at the bank. Unfortunately, that seems to be the price for living in the world's only Jewish country.

Exposing the big lie

In the six years since the signing of the Oslo agreement, the Palestinian propaganda war against Israel has continued, and even accelerated. The most blatant expression of this process is the emphasis on the claimed "right of return" for Palestinian refugees.

Gerald Steinberg in Jerusalem

In Arab mythology, the refugee problem was created in 1948, when the colonialist Jews "expelled" the Palestinians from their villages and cities. Later, in 1967, they were joined by another wave who, although perhaps not "expelled" in a physical sense, were psychologically traumatized into leaving, or so they claim. These refugees and their offspring (two or three generations, and numbering as many as 3.5 million) are now living in Lebanon, Jordan, and Syria. Buttressed by the repetition of the myths, they continue to wait for the day when they will be able to exercise their "right of return."

This demand, which was made already during the cease-fire talks with Israel following the war in 1948, was consistently rejected by Israeli leaders and the public at large. At the time, Ben-Gurion recognized that the insistence that Israel accept millions of Arabs was another attempt at destroying the Jewish State. During the first few years of Israel's existence, over one million Jews were expelled from Arab lands, and the result was a population exchange. Israel welcomed and absorbed the Jewish refugees, while the Arab states kept the Palestinians in camps, isolated and alienated, in order to keep the hatred of Israel festering. Nothing has changed since then, both in terms of Arab demands, and the Israeli response.

However, what has changed in the past 50 years is the degree to which the Arabs have succeeded in gaining acceptance for their myths. The basic facts, beginning with the Arab rejection of the UN partition resolution in 1947 (in contrast to the Zionists, who accepted it) followed by the campaign of terror, and then the combined invasion of Israel in May 1948, have all been ignored. These were the real causes of the Palestinian exodus, aided by the exhortations of their own leaders, who urged them to leave "for a few days," so that the Arab armies could "push the Jews into the sea" without interference.

There are many reasons for the success of the Arab mythology. In part, this is a reflection of Israel's success, and the degree to which the Palestinians are seen as the weaker party. Academics and journalists (the "public opinion elite") have a natural sympathy for underdogs, even when they bring disaster on themselves and tragedy to their neighbors.

The technique of "the big lie" has also helped to spread the myths. As the Nazis showed, the consistent repetition of any claim, no matter how ludicrous, eventually gains acceptance. (Among the Arab intellectuals who are not Holocaust deniers, many make the odious comparison between the refugees and Jewish victims of the Nazis.) With millions of Palestinians and Arabs repeating their "big lie," and backed by petrodollars to buy newspapers, mass media outlets, public relations firms, and university departments, the process is understandable. Edward Said has been one of the major authors of the myth of Palestinian victimization. Said was born in Jerusalem, and became a well-known and much admired professor of English and Comparative Literature at Columbia University, in New York. As a displaced Palestinian who was "forcibly evicted" with his family, from his "beautiful house" in the Jerusalem's Talbiah neighborhood, Said became an articulate spokesman for Palestinians.

For decades, he peddled his story, embellishing it as he went along, gaining fame, acclaim, and sympathy in the process.

A few years ago, Justus Weiner, an Israeli researcher specializing in legal aspects of the Palestinian-Israeli negotiations, accidentally uncovered some apparent inconsistencies in Said's story. Weiner began to verify the details published in Said's autobiographical articles, books, and interviews. After the systematic investigation of archives, as well as hundreds of interviews, Weiner demonstrated that much of Said's story is a fabrication. Although claiming to be a Palestinian, his family lived in Cairo (his mother was Lebanese) and visited cousins from time to time in Jerusalem. The records of the school he claimed to attend did include his name, but he also appeared on the rolls of the elite schools of Cairo during this period. Despite the claims of refugee status, his family returned to Cairo months before the fighting in Jerusalem started. In exacting details, Weiner exposed Said as a fraud. This story of the most articulate exponent of Palestinian victimization is symbolic of the entire campaign to force Israel to accept responsibility for "crimes" it did not commit. If the peace process is to have any meaning, these efforts to rewrite history and to delegitimize Israel must end.

A bumper crop from the film festival

This year's Toronto International Film Festival yielded a bumper crop of movies with Jewish themes, situations and characters. Some of them will be out in commercial release later this year and in 2000.

Shalhav Kirshner on Location

Sunshine, directed by Istvan Szabo and starring Ralph Fiennes, is a riveting three-hour epic about a Hungarian Jewish family tempted by the allure of assimilation and conversion and broken by the dead weight of ethnic nationalism and anti-Semitism.

Ranging across a span of three generations, from the Austro-Hungarian monarchy to the present day, *Sunshine* is sumptuous and solidly-crafted, charting the uneven trajectory of the Sonnenscheins, down-at-the-heel tavern keepers who amass a fortune, thanks to a secret recipe for a herbal alcoholic drink known as the Taste of Sunshine.

Filmed on location in Hungary, *Sunshine* unfolds through the medium of three characters, all ably portrayed by Fiennes, who shot to instant stardom with his scalding portrayal of a sadistic Nazi officer in Steven Spielberg's *Schindler's List*.

Ignatz Sonnenschein, the son of a magnate who warns him that Jews must never try "to climb too high," is an ambitious civil servant whose quest for advancement prompts him to Magyarize his name to Sors. While Ignatz strives for conformity, his brother, Gustave, a doctor, turns to revolutionary politics.

Sporting a rakish mustache, Ignatz's son, Adam, is an Olympic-calibre fencer and vocal Hungarian patriot who converts to Christianity after being advised that assimilation "is the only possible way." But, as Adam belatedly discovers, anti-Semitism runs deep in 1930s. And when the Germans march into Hungary in 1944, his world falls apart in an orgy of unsurpassed hatred and violence.

In the aftermath of World War II, Ivan, Adam's heir, wreaks vengeance on Hungarian fascists as a police official in the Communist regime. Discovering that the workers' state is corrupt, disdainful of justice and freedom and prone to anti-Jewish campaigns disguised as anti-Zionist conspiracies, Ivan rebels. Arrested as a counter-revolutionary after the failed 1956 uprising, Ivan changes his name back to Sonnenschein and quietly reclaims his Jewish identity.

Sunshine, whose historical transitions are skillfully bridged by Fiennes' narration and by documentary footage, is anything but a dry saga of a wealthy clan. Passions boil over, adulterous love affairs explode and messy secrets are exposed.

Expertly directed by Szabo, *Sunshine* is kaleidoscopic in tone, tilting between optimism and pessimism amid tumultuous political upheavals which transform the face of an empire and a country. It is also fearless, daring to make the point that ordinary Hungarians willingly did the dirty work of the Germans by rounding up, deporting and murdering Jews.

Co-written by Szabo and Israel Horowitz, the screenplay is distinguished by intelligence and sincerity. Yet occasionally, *Sunshine* is a tad too didactic, such as when a supposedly decent Hungarian army officer describes anti-Semitism as being in "bad taste."

With one or two exceptions, the cast is exceptional. Fiennes carries the picture on his strong shoulders, but Jennifer Ehle (Ingatz's wife), Rosemary Harris (Ivan's grandmother), William Hurt (Ivan's superior), Miriam Margolyes (the family matriarch) and David de Keyser (Ignatz's father) are outstanding as well. Molly Parker (Adam's wife) is the weak link in the chain.

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The Girl of Your Dreams, a delicious farce by Spanish director Fernando Trueba, takes place in 1938. As the civil war in Spain rages, a group of filmmakers sympathetic to General Francisco Franco fly off to make a movie in Berlin, glad to be leaving the chaos of Madrid behind them.

Inevitably, they clash with their German collaborators. Temperament is part of the problem. The Germans are arrogant, cold and racist, while the Spaniards are easy-going and humane. Their disagreements, revolving mainly around production values, are exacerbated by the crude behavior of a gay, anti-Semitic German actor, by the Nazi treatment of Jews, and by the sheer effrontery of Josef Goebbels. The repugnant skirt-chasing German propaganda minister threatens to pull the plug on the film unless his insatiable sexual demands are met.

Derisively referred to as Go-Balls, he is attracted to Macarena Granada, a beautiful, dark-eyed actresses who rejects his laughable and cloying romantic advances. Repelled by his appearance and his anti-Semitism, she saves her considerable charms for Leo, a Russian-Jewish extra recruited from a concentration camp.

Hilarious in places, and always droll, *The Girl of Your Dreams* careers from one comedic situation to another, sweeping up viewers in its mirthful wake. There are, to be sure, serious moments. A pogrom flares and a German waiter bellows, "No Jews allowed in the dining room!" But incredibly enough, *The Girl of Your Dreams* is never tasteless, and a talented ensemble of actors gives it a stamp of authenticity.

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Errol Morris' fascinating documentary, *Mr. Death: The Rise and Fall of Fred A. Leuchter, Jr.*, is a cautionary tale of a gullible mouse of a man who destroyed himself by self-deception, vanity and a need for recognition.

In 1988, Ernst Zundel, the German-born, Toronto-based neo-Nazi on trial for publishing false information about the Holocaust, commissioned Leuchter, a self-styled technician of death, to conduct a forensic investigation into the use of poison gas at Auschwitz. He turned to Leuchter, an engineer from Massachusetts, because he was an authority on execution systems: gas chambers, electric chairs and so on. If Leuchter could prove that gassings never occurred in Auschwitz, Zundel might be vindicated as a Holocaust denier.

Ralph Fiennes

Travelling to Poland with his new bride, Leuchter illegally took brick and mortar samples from an "alleged" gas chamber to determine whether they contained traces of cyanide. Leuchter had them examined by a lab, and tests apparently found no cyanide in the samples. Zundel was beside himself with joy, but the judge ruled that Leuchter's evidence was merely information.

In a further development, the chemist whose lab had conducted the test found it invalid scientifically. And Robert Jan Van Pelt, the author of an exhaustive history of Auschwitz, pointed out that Leuchter had neglected to delve into the camp's archives, which conclusively proved that gas chambers had indeed been used in Auschwitz. Despite these findings, Leuchter foolishly continued to consort with Holocaust revisionists, like David Irving, who admired him.

Leuchter's innocent foray into the Holocaust denial was disastrous, ruining his career and his short-lived marriage. As Morris suggests, Leuchter – an earnest arch naif who denies he is an anti-Semite – can only blame himself for his travails.

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An elegy for her Dutch grandparents, who were gassed in Auschwitz, Elida Schogt's *Zyklon Portrait* links history with memory in a deceptively powerful meditation on Zyklon B, a chemical compound the Nazis transformed from a pesticide to a genocidal weapon.

Part of the festival's Perspective Canada series, *Zyklon Portrait* skillfully combines archival footage, home movies, underwater photography and hand-painted imagery. It is a film which penetrates your pores.

More reviews next week.

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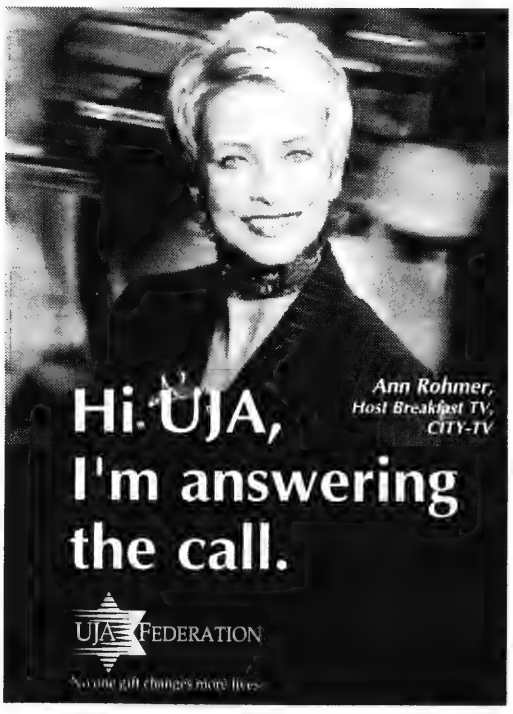

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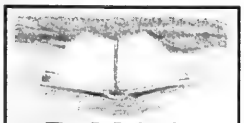

Rabbinic Reflections

By RABBI BARRY GELMAN

What would be the consequences if you forgot about God? It seems that many people in the world today are living their lives without feeling that God speaks to them. They claim they believe, yet they don't let this interfere with their business or social interactions.

Lost in the fanfare of the creation story is an episode that teaches us an important contemporary lesson. In Genesis 4:26, we read that in the generation of Enosh, "men began to proclaim the name of God."

Apparently, in that generation, many had forgotten about the existence of God, and in order to combat the phenomenon, certain people began proclaiming His name. It seems that they did the correct thing in attempting to infuse the world with the name of the Divine.

But the commentator, Malbim, focuses on the particular shortcoming of that generation. The key to understanding the verse is the specific term used for God. The Malbim says that the word they use for God's name recognizes Him solely as the origin and first cause of the world.

That generation saw God exclusively as the Creator, the powerful God who made order out of chaos and light out of darkness, who made the land, the sea and the stars. Yet this term for God does not incorporate the fact that God takes an active, everyday, role in the world he created. For the people of that generation, God played no active role in their life. They said that they believed in God, but He was not a God that entered their everyday lives and souls.

What is tragic about this approach is that belief in such a God as theirs can lead to loneliness.

Judaism challenges us to understand God as grand and transcendent, while at the same time understanding that His role in our lives is an active one.

The importance of challenging ourselves to have a personal relationship with God beyond a recognition of His omnipotence is echoed in in the first blessing of the Amidah. There, we refer to God as the God of our forefathers, God of Abraham, God of Isaac and God of Jacob.

Commentators on the siddur ask why the term God must be attached to each forefather. Why not simply say the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? One can ask another question as to why the forefathers need to be mentioned by name at all if the blessing already includes the phrase "God of our forefathers."

The answer can help us understand what it means to feel that God is part of your life. Each of the forefathers had his own relationship with God. Abraham was the first person to arrive at an intellect-based faith, and apparently had a full life; Isaac was willing to give up his life for God; and Jacob was able to maintain faith in God despite terrible hardship and misfortune. Each forefather had his personal relationship and faith "agreement" with God that was very much dictated by his life story.

Following the mention of the generation of Enosh, details of the generations from Adam and Eve to Noah and the generation of the flood are spelled out. Each of these generations experienced tragedy.

Maybe it was the failure to recognize that one's relationship with God must be not only one of awe, but also one of individual connection, that led to corruption and depravity.

As we begin the cycle of reading the Torah once again, may we all be blessed with the ability to meet the challenge of developing our personal relationship with the Almighty. Only then will we feel the awe of the power of God as our ruler, while at the same time experiencing the love of God as our parent, friend and beloved.

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Y2K and the Jews

The Jewish Highway

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

By now, you've heard the warnings. A glitch in computers could cause havoc around the world on the evening of Dec. 31, 1999.

Today, the Y2K bug from a Jewish perspective.

As in the general media, you can find a perspective ranging from deep concern to a feeling that the entire subject has been overblown. Jonathan Libber says it is impossible to know what disruption may occur, but he does have some cautionary advice, such as having on hand ample firewood, bottled water and a battery-powered transistor radio **[http://www.y2kosher.com/y2kprep2.htm]**. He also suggests that should disruptions occur and you are not able to get to work, this would be an ideal time to catch up on Torah learning, organize classes and plan how you can help your neighbors.

Rabbi Arthur Waskow draws a parallel between a famous story in the Torah and the Y2K bug **[http://www.jewishaz.com/1998b/981030/2000.shtml]**. The story of the Tower of Babel "describes what happens when humanity becomes so arrogant as to use a 'universal language' to 'storm heaven.' Today, our universal language is the 0-1-0-0-1-1-0-1-0-0-0-0-1 of the computer, and we have used it to make the whole human race dependent on a single technology. Suddenly we have realized how flawed that technology is." He suggests that this would be the ideal time to rebuild our ties to our community and rethink our "societal addictions" to the computer.

Waskow is extremely concerned by the threat posed by the Y2K and his site has articles such as Checklist to Prepare for Y2K, From Yom Kippur to Y2K: A Jewish Response, and When Shabbat Meets Millennium **[http://www.shalomctr.org/html/community.html]**.

On the other hand, when asked about the Y2K bug and the Jews, Ohr Somayach's Ask the Rabbi site takes a very different perspective **[http://www.ohr.org.il/ask/ask227.htm#Q1]**. "The Jewish people have survived for 3,500 years and we have experienced much worse than the Y2K bug. I am a Jew living in Jerusalem (a miracle in and of itself), son of a Holocaust survivor (another miracle) actively teaching Judaism to thousands of Jews around the world (another miracle). The Torah guarantees that there will always be Jews around observing, studying and teaching Judaism – the only thing that you have to worry about is will you be one of them?"

If you decide that you want to hunker in a bunker on the night of Dec. 31, you can do so in style. A company called Y2Kosher.com will sell you ready-to-eat glatt kosher meals (with a shelf life of five years) **[http://www.y2kosher.com]**.

During those years, you can feast on Chicken and Noodles or Old World Stew. Or you can splurge on the "fully Y2K compliant Shabbat meal in a basket" that includes grape juice, candles, gefilte fish and "Bible bread, the original fast food of the Exodus." Finally, there's matzah, guaranteed to work in the year 2000.

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JEWISH EDUCATION
The Next Generation

Hunger for spiritual growth

By ELLIOTT MALAMET

In his wonderful story, *The Hunger Artist*, Franz Kafka tells of a man who fasts for a living. He is able to go weeks at a stretch without food, and does so without any great effort. At the conclusion of the story, as the hunger artist is dying, he is asked to reveal his secret. How is it that he could defy the need to eat for such long periods of time? He answers very simply, "I could never find the food I liked."

Everyone I know is hungry. It is a rumbling that they feel not in their stomachs but in their hearts and souls. Despite the endless carnival of pleasures available to a contemporary person, a vague but very strong sense of dissatisfaction endures. We "cannot find the food we like." A feeling that is hard to articulate remains after the work day is over, the vacation is a memory, the movie has faded to black.

If the feeling were a question, it might be: What do I really want out of my life? Why is it hard to get filled up inside? Why do I distract myself a lot with games? movies? food? If I stop running, cease my fast pace, what will I find? Does my life have purpose? Where do I belong? We are desperate to find the food, the nourishment which will bring us joy, meaning, and inner stillness.

This hunger for spiritual growth is true on a universal level, but perhaps has been felt most acutely in modern life by many Jews. In my work as a Jewish educator, both of high school students and adults, and as a leader of a weekly prayer service, I have been met constantly with the complaint that Judaism is filled with odd rules and is anti-spiritual. The common perception among a great number of Jewish young people is that:

- God is absent from the world, or certainly from *their* world.
- Judaism is carried out by a small remnant of faithful who live by an outdated and overly detailed set of laws.
- Judaism does not address people and their deepest gut level issues — doubt and faith, self-worth and purposefulness, sexual integrity and romantic unreadiness, raising children in the dizzying modern world, emotional buoyancy, the desire for connection with others and with what is highest.
- Spirituality is a term of the New Age and has little to do with organized religion.
- To be practical is to think about making a living rather than learning how to live.

Our embarrassment at the word God, our squeamishness when it comes to prayer, our inability to focus in on what is real and not a distraction – these are but some of the issues that severely test our ability to listen to Judaism's message in this generation. And whatever we fail to hear inevitably leads to "deafness" in our children. The greatest challenge we face is to recognize that the quest for enlightenment is not a clichéd creation of the media, but a gift to ourselves.

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Yitzhak Rabin was filled with admiration. He wrote, "The Jews of Syria who were rescued and the State of Israel owe you so much, and will never be able to reward you as you deserve ... the State of Israel salutes you."

Israel's statehood in 1948, placed the lives of 5,000 Syrian Jews – the remnants of a once much larger community – in jeopardy. They were not allowed to emigrate, became pawns in bargaining negotiations, and suffered multiple setbacks.

Their financial, social and religious institutions were tightly controlled. The Muhabarat, the feared Syrian security police, was everywhere, and they designated a special section to deal with Jewish affairs.

Treated as scapegoats, Jews were humiliated, their property confiscated and destroyed. Those caught trying to escape were imprisoned and tortured. To travel abroad a Jew had to pay an exorbitant bond and leave behind family members as hostages.

There were brief, unexpected periods when the government, perhaps as the result of outside pressure, allowed Jews to travel abroad without restriction. This was tantamount to "escape" for Jews ready to leave. In 1992, approximately 2,800 Jews took advantage of this unusual opportunity. Then just as suddenly, the gates clanged shut again.

Why did Sudbury-born Judy, an unaggressive music teacher, become intensely involved in the cause of Syrian Jewry?

Was it the inspiration and exhortations of Rabbi Meir Kahane, the dynamic and charismatic leader of the Jewish Defense League? Was it Israel's dramatic victory in the 1967 Six Day War?

Answering the question in 1986, she explained that Jews everywhere are bound by a common historical thread. To deny the plight of Syrian Jews would be to deny her own past and her people's past.

After much effort Feld Carr established phone linkage with Rabbi Ibraham Hamri of Damascus and was permitted to send him books and religious articles. She also established contact with businessmen who travelled from Syria to Western countries.

When her husband died of a sudden heart attack Feld Carr established a fund in his memory, the money to be used on behalf of Syrian Jews.

With the help of her second husband Donald Carr, and a coterie of loyal friends and workers, Feld Carr engaged in clandestine, often dangerous, cloak-and-dagger activities – coded messages, bribery, fake cemetery monuments and secret meetings.

She castigated Canadian Jewish Congress and other organizations as timid and unimaginative, passive believers in behind the scenes diplomacies that didn't work.

At the time of her father's death she was involved in a delicate operation to save a Syrian family. She frantically put together the necessary money and handed the envelope to a courier just as her family was about to enter the funeral limousine.

On the last day of the shiva the phone rang. As soon as she answered, the voice on the other end said, "The commodity is out." A mother and five of her children were free.

Eventually, she realized the Jews could be purchased. She had to figure out, according to Troper, whom the Syrians "might be willing to sell, for what price, and who had the final authority to close a deal. As often as not there was haggling. How much for a child? For a sickly old man? For a single young woman? For a whole family?"

In time, the Muhabarat undoubtedly knew of her activities. Why didn't they stop her? One can only conjecture that officials were reluctant to stop the flow of cash which many must have regarded "not as graft but as accepted perk of office."

One of Feld Carr's final accomplishments was to arrange for the smuggling out of Syria of a precious Keter – an exquisitely preserved 14th-century manuscript of the Hebrew Scriptures. It now rests in the National Library in Jerusalem.

Harold Troper is a well-known author of many books and a professor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto.

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New Age speaker to talk at U of T's Hart House

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — David Icke was allowed to enter Canada, and he gave two talks over the weekend in Ottawa, despite efforts by Canadian Jewish Congress, the Vaad Ha' Ir of Ottawa, the Green party of Ontario and B'nai Brith Canada.

Icke is the controversial British New Age speaker whose writings carry disturbing and bizarre echoes of the anti-Semitic tome, *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.

He was also scheduled to speak this week at Hart House Theatre in Toronto and Windsor Casino. His talk at the latter venue was cancelled following contact by concerned Jewish groups.

In Ottawa, as well, Icke's talk was cancelled by at least four different host venues after they learned who he was, said Stacia Benovitch of the Vaad Ha'Ir. He eventually spoke at a CEGEP in Hull, Que. An estimated 35 to 50 people attended the Sunday talk.

Concerned Jewish organizations – and Green party representatives, who are endeavoring to dissociate themselves from Icke, a former Green party member in Britain – had contacted event organizers, host sites, police hate crime units and Immigration authorities regarding their concerns.

Thus far, the only place in Ontario that appears to be willing to allow Icke to speak is Hart House, said Bernie Farber, executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region.

"We are disappointed," said Farber. "We have asked the University of Toronto at least to provide a basis to monitor the speech to ensure that none of his anti-Semitic material is sold, and to ensure that he doesn't say anything that might be in contravention of anti-hate laws."

A representative of Sumari Seminars, which organized the Ottawa-area presentation as well as the two scheduled for this week in Toronto and Windsor, denied that Icke is anti-Semitic in a letter to Farber.

"Nowhere in his books nor in person that we know of has he stated that Jewish people are to be 'hated,' to be 'feared,' to be 'annihilated,' "wrote the representative, identified only as Susan.

Icke's books have been pulled from Indigo, following contact by Congress, said Farber.

"I hope the next time the Canadian authorities use their discretion not to let him in," said Rubin Friedman, Ottawa-based director of government relations for B'nai Brith Canada.

Icke's lectures cancelled in Ottawa

Friedman, along with Richard Warman of the Green party, had urged Immigration officials to bar Icke, not only because of the content of his books, but also on the basis of not having a work permit.

Contrary to Icke's promotional material, he was not a founder of the Green party in Britain, but was removed from the party because of his views, according to Richard Warman, Ottawa-based Green party member.

According to Friedman (immigration officials could not be reached at press time), Icke had to return to the Ottawa airport for some type of immigration hearing on Sunday.

Warman was also disappointed that Immigration let Icke in in the first place. "I kind of felt we handed him over on a silver platter."

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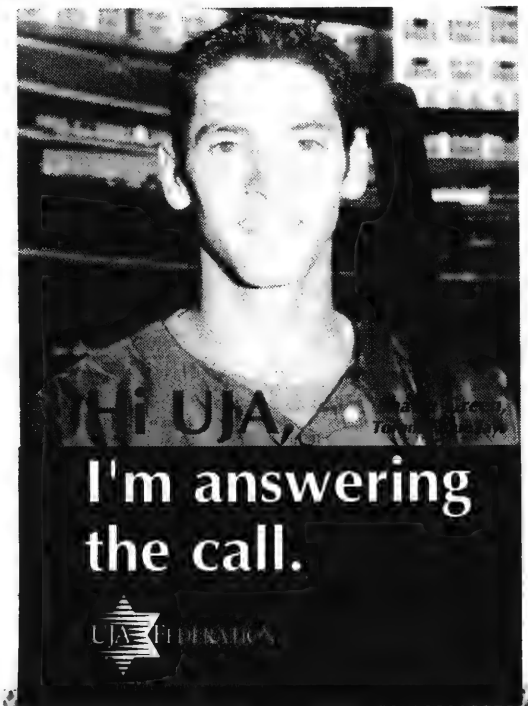

Colon cancer walk set for October 24

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Last year the second annual Body 'N Soul walk/run for colon cancer research raised $43,000 and this year the goal is $75,000.

"If detected early enough, colon cancer can be cured," said Amy Lerman, co-chair.

The event takes place Oct. 24 at East Don Parkland, on Leslie Avenue just south of Steeles. The public is invited.

Registration fee for the 5-kilometre walk or the 10-kilometre run is $25 on site, beginning at 9:30 a.m. (pre-registration is $20), with refreshments available.

According to Dr. Zane Cohen and Dr. Steven Gallinger of Mt. Sinai Hospital, colo-rectal cancer is the third leading killer in Canada in both men and women.

This year there will be over 16,000 new cases of colo-rectal cancer in Canada and incidence of the disease is increasing steadily, said Lerman.

The money raised goes to Mt. Sinai Hospital's Gastrointestinal Cancer Research Fund.

"Although 50 percent of patients with colo-rectal cancer can be cured of their disease, we are a long way from understanding the specific causes of this common adult cancer," said Gallinger.

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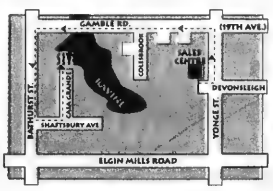

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Greater Toronto Area

Dower to be installed as Temple Sinai's new cantor

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Donna Faye Dower, the new cantor at Temple Sinai, isn't sure what the fuss is about.

She may be the first invested cantor in Toronto, she says, but in the United States, she is one of thousands who have been invested as graduates from a cantorial seminary, where they have received specialized training and instruction in Jewish education.

In fact, says Dower, 37, in her 1993 graduating class at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, there were three men and 17 women.

Dower, originally from Sharon, Mass., started at Temple Sinai on July 1, after six years as a cantor at Temple Emanu-el in Livingston, N.J.

"I am fortunate to come to a city that has so much to offer. Toronto is a wonderful place in which to be Jewish. There is so much going on and so much opportunity to study and learn here."

The temple welcomed her warmly, she says, and she was impressed with the congregants' level of knowledge and commitment.

Dower, whose father is a musician, says she grew up surrounded by Jewish music. "When I was younger, however, it was unheard of for a woman to be a cantor. So although I did study music at the University of Hartford's Hart School of Music, I hadn't planned on being a cantor."

After spending time as a business consultant in California, Australia and Montreal, she decided she wanted to make music her career. "I went home and sang in the choir at my temple – coincidently called Temple Sinai – and spoke to Cantor Robbie Solomon about becoming a cantor. He was very supportive and led me to Cantor Israel Goldstein at Hebrew Union College."

Goldstein will be doing Dower's installation at the temple on Nov. 20.

At the temple, she sings at the Shabbat, festival and holiday services and at funerals and weddings. She also teaches some adult education classes, performs some pastoral duties, works with bnai/bnot mitzvah students and conducts the children's and adults' choir. As well, since the temple has many lay Torah readers, a big part of her job is arranging for people to read the Torah.

Being a cantor, she says, is the perfect career. "Imagine being paid to sing, pray and work with people. It is everything I want to do rolled into one."

She says that as a wife and mother of a 2½-year-old daughter, Molly, she finds it a challenge to juggle all her responsibilities, but "it is no greater challenge than any other working mother.

"What makes it easy is that my husband is tremendously supportive, and Molly feels at home and is always welcomed at the temple."

Ben Steinberg, music director emeritus at Temple Sinai, composer-in-residence and producer of the temple's Musical Legacy series, says that having an invested woman cantor is a fairly new phenomenon here, but it is a very familiar site in Reform and Conservative congregations in the United States.

Donna Faye Dower

"Canadian Jewry tends to be more traditional than American, but this is 1999, and there is no question [that it is about time.]", Steinberg says.

"I've conducted in many places around the world, I've come across many women cantors, and I take great pleasure in working with them. They have taken their place nicely in the religious fabric of our people. They handle their role with great comfort and skill."

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Cantor Frankel set to retire from Beth Torah

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For a man who once held three jobs at a time, Cantor Samuel Frankel is remarkably sanguine about his recent retirement from Beth Torah Synagogue, where he served as cantor for almost a dozen years.

On Oct. 13, Frankel will be honored at a gala dinner at the synagogue.

The 76-year-old cantor is likely better known to many in the Jewish community as a former teacher at Associated Hebrew Schools and principal of its affiliated five-day-a-week Hebrew school, now defunct, which was located at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

Prior to working at Beth Torah, he was the longtime co-cantor at Beth Sholom Synagogue, a position he held concurrently with his work in Jewish education.

A native of Lvov, where he served as lead choir boy in his synagogue, Frankel, a lyric tenor, studied voice in Germany after World War II and completed two years of study in Semitic languages at the University of Munich.

He and his father were the only members of their family to survive the war. When Samuel was in his mid-teens, his father, Israel, who had heard disturbing testimony

Cantor Samuel Frankel

from Jewish refugees, decided it would be in his son's best interest, as the oldest child, to run away to Russia to escape impending Nazi atrocities.

"At the last moment," recalled Frankel in a recent interview, "my mother decided I wasn't mature enough to go on my own. She wanted my father to accompany me."

The elder Frankel, a merchant who also had rabbinic smichah, ended up in Samarkand, while his son toiled in the Russian rear army in Tashkent.

Frankel senior eventually secured forged papers for his son, who ran away from the army, disguised himself by growing a beard, and joined his father in Tashkent.

He smiles at the distant memory, sitting comfortably in his tidy home decorated with pictures of his three grown children and their families. "Now that I think about it in retrospect, it was terrible. Had they caught me, I would definitely be in prison for life."

The two men, having found no surviving family in Lvov, headed for Germany under the auspices of Berichah, with the intention of immigrating to Palestine. They changed their plans two years later, when they learned they would have to be separated.

"My father wouldn't hear of it," said the cantor.

They immigrated to Toronto in 1948, because they knew there was a community from Pomorzany, hometown of the cantor's grandparents. His grandfather, for whom he was named, had raised money to help fellow townspeople emigrate, and the Frankels still had ties to the community.

In Toronto, the cantor's father served as rabbi at Agudat Achim (the Toronto "Pomorzany Shul") on Markham Street.

Samuel Frankel began his 30-year career as an educator at the Brunswick Ave. location of Associated Hebrew schools. At the same time, he completed his degree in Near Eastern Studies at the University of Toronto, graduating in 1954. Along the way he married Ruth, a Canadian-born woman, who died suddenly last year.

Now he has chosen to retire, and is looking forward to having the freedom to spend more time with his family, travel and study at university again.

His tenure at Beth Torah, where he is now cantor emeritus, has been "very pleasant, very nice," he said "They're nice people. [But] it's time to retire."

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Faith sustained survivor during difficult years

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to the CJN

TORONTO – Sally Eisner has received numerous citations for her outstanding volunteer work, particularly her dedication to speaking to young people about her experiences during the war.

"I am often asked by students if I still believe in God after what I lived through in the Holocaust," says the sprightly grandmother of five.

"I needed faith in God to help me keep going throughout the war and later to raise my son Paul and daughter Judy [Perlov]. We passed on the faith and traditions to our family."

Sitting in her Bathurst Manor home, Eisner is surrounded by a few remnants of her childhood, awards and photographs. She weeps with sadness as she tells of her teenage years, and with joy as she tells of her life in Canada and raising a family.

Born and raised in Zaleszczyki, Poland, near the Romanian border, Sally and her younger brother, Abe, lived a happy and comfortable childhood.

She points to a faded letter framed on her wall. It is the last letter her father Moshe Efraim Barath, an accountant and international champion chess player, sent to his family in New York in 1938.

Written in Yiddish, the letter expresses her father's fears. He writes of the stressful times: "The sky is black for the Jewish people – we all feel that there is trouble in the air."

In 1938, at the age of 16 she met Leon Eisner. The war disrupted their lives when Leon was taken into the Polish army, later the Russian army. While fighting with the Red Army, he was wounded and captured and spent the rest of the war years in a prisoner of war camp.

In a Grade 13 essay written by Alison Joy Eisner, based on a discussion with her grandmother, there are details of Sally's days in the ghetto; the slave labor camps; and of being hidden with her brother by a Polish woman who later asked them to leave after the Nazis came searching for them; of running and hiding, and of Sally's tenacious struggle to survive with her young brother and Leon's young brother, Stan.

Eisner says she never gave up hope and faith in God. "When we were hidden by the Catholic woman, she told me it was Yom Kippur.

"I refused to eat even though food was like diamonds. The woman said to me that 'God is punishing you so severely, and you still believe in God?' She was amazed."

Eisner speaks of the events in July 1943 when they were in a slave labor camp and she and Leon lost their parents and families.

"We heard terrible sounds of shelling and shooting coming from all over. We did not know what was going on."

She was told that the Nazis had surrounded the camp grounds and ordered everyone to dig a mass grave, their own. They were ordered to strip and stand in line. Then they were shot.

That evening, her brother Abe, then 13, was coming back from the fields where he worked. He saw his parents with the others in the large ditch that had become their grave. "They were floating in blood."

Liberated in 1944, Sally and Leon were reunited and married the following year in Czernowitz, Romania.

They had both lost their entire families except for Sally's brother, Abe Barath, and Leon's brother, Stan.

Stan and Abe were brought to Canada in 1948 as orphans by the Canadian government. Sally and Leon came to New York in 1949 to aunts and uncles.

When the Eisners realized that their brothers were going to remain in Canada, they decided to move to Toronto with their 2½-year-old son, Paul (now a successful dentist).

Sally Barath, 16, and Leon Eisner, 20, in Zaleszczyk, Poland in 1939 and (inset) at their 50th wedding anniversary.

'My pain is inside and will never go away'

Her husband's library is filled with Hebrew and Yiddish books. On the coffee table there is a book titled *The Ghosts That Haunt Us*, which tells of Sally's story of survival in the Tlusten Vermacht camp.

"Nobody can believe the story – I can't believe it myself," she says with a sigh.

"My husband and I observe the yahrzeit of our beloved families on the same day."

Today, Sally Eisner can take pride in her family and her outstanding accomplishments as a volunteer. She has been honored by Co-ordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly (now Circle of Care).

She has received a citation from the Survivors Speakers' Bureau of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, and the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

She says that she gets great satisfaction from speaking to school children. Many send her notes of appreciation. A young girl at a Catholic school wrote, "The most touching part of the exhibit was Sally's story.

"She told us about her struggle with death, her loving brother, and about her parents who died in a labor camp.

"Perhaps the reason why her story was so very touching was because she is a real person, with real feelings and emotions…who can tell us about the evil that existed, and save us from thinking that it never occurred."

Two teachers at Fr. Michael Goetz S.S. in Mississauga wrote, "We realize that speaking to us brings back painful memories, but the reality of it had an impact on our students that they will never forget.

"This enables us, as teachers, …to create a more tolerant attitude toward people and eliminate the prejudice and racism that creates hatred and prevents unity in our community and world!"

Will there ever be complete healing for Sally Eisner?

"I can never be completely healed. My pain is inside and will never go away," she replies. "But maybe by letting the world know what happened to us, it will lighten my pain and turn it into knowledge for others and prevent the horror from happening again."

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Eating a 'spiritual quest,' author says

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Judi Hollis

TORONTO — Women tend to turn to excesses such as overeating or drinking to fill their inner longings, says a pioneer in the treatment of eating disorders.

Women have to accept the fact that eating is a spiritual quest and that "we have to heal the spirit by going through the body," says therapist Judi Hollis, the author of *Hot and Heavy, Finding your Soul Through Food and Sex* (Health Communications Inc.).

Hollis is the keynote speaker at UJA Federation's Women's Campaign and Jewish Women's Federation's Evening for Women: Sexuality, Food and Body Image, to be held at the Leah Posluns Theatre 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 25.

Hollis, who opened the first hospital eating disorder unit in the United States, and was responsible for developing addiction treatment programs at hospitals in Los Angeles and New York, told *The CJN* in a recent telephone interview from New York that having sex is also a spiritual experience.

"To eat or love well, you must pay full attention to the details and be truly alive in the moment.

"To fully enjoy your meal, you must be aware of every nuance. The same is true of sex. There is a direct link between food consciousness and sex consciousness."

In Yiddish, says Hollis – she lost 80 pounds about 25 years ago and has kept it off – *essen* and *fressen* are both verbs meaning to eat. "Fressen is used when speaking of animals eating, and essen refers to human consumption.

"Changing how you eat can change your sex life and vice versa. Approaching either of these animal behaviors with focus automatically influences the other."

According to Hollis, "fat is a family affair," and so she has focused on the mother-daughter relationship. "It is important for a girl to individuate and separate from her mother.

"Girls always wanted to be mothers, but they had no sense of their mothers as sexual beings. We turned ourselves [into how we saw our mothers during the day]."

Most dieting programs, she says, spend a lot of time teaching you what to eat. "Our goal, instead, is learning how to eat. You will learn to bring a spiritual aspect to your eating, and then, to your lovemaking."

Intention, she says, is everything. "You will ultimately only eat or make love with intention, [and] that will be a natural result of paying attention.

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Despite the women's movement, Hollis says, women were not groomed to be sexual.

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New Tel Aviv mayor tries to fix growing pains

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Ron Huldai

TORONTO — On April 11, 1909, a group of middle-class Jewish settlers from Jaffa gathered amid deserted sand-dunes to celebrate the purchase of five hectares of land.

It was a historic moment, captured in a famous black-and-white photograph emblematic of Zionist endeavors in Palestine.

The sanguine Jews who assembled in that forlorn place intended to build a garden suburb there. Optimistically, they called it Spring Hill, or Tel Aviv.

It was the world's first Hebrew city.

Ninety years on, Tel Aviv, Israel's commercial and cultural hub, is exhibiting serious growing pains.

"There has been a deterioration in our standard of living," said Ron Huldai, Tel Aviv's 10th mayor. He was here last week to raise funds for the Tel Aviv Foundation, a philanthropic organization.

Elected last year on a platform of improving Tel Aviv's quality of life, Huldai has unveiled an ambitious program to cure it of its ailments.

A 55-year-old former combat pilot with four "kills" to his credit, he wants to fix Tel Aviv's sagging infrastructure and preserve its historic neighborhoods.

Tel Aviv, he explained in an interview, is an incredibly lively, pluralistic, live-and-let-live city with a fantastic night life and a great future.

However, it has become less liveable in recent years, he warned. Burdened by congestion, crumbling roads weighed down by far too much traffic and a crying lack of parking facilities, Tel Aviv is bursting at the seams.

A former brigadier-general in the air force who was proclaimed mayor on Dec. 1, 1998, Huldai has huge plans for Tel Aviv.

Having gotten off to a fast start, he has begun to balance the budget after years of deficits, streamlined the work force to make it more efficient, and planted an unprecedented number of trees, 5,000, in a bid to deflect criticism of Tel Aviv as a concrete jungle.

And, in an effort to preserve the character of old Tel Aviv, he plans to ban the construction of skyscrapers and the routing of big buses in certain residential districts.

"We're planning a more organized way of living in Tel Aviv," said Huldai, a friendly, plain-spoken, down-to-earth man who doesn't act like the typical press-the-flesh politician.

Born in Kibbutz Hulda, the son of Polish Jews from Lodz, he is now in the midst of putting the finishing touches to a master plan intended to revitalize Tel Aviv.

"I'm working on issues that will affect the city in 10, 15 years," he observed.

And, he added, he is striving to achieve a balance between public and private interests.

Tel Aviv, with a population of about 400,000, is Israel's second largest city after Jerusalem. But approximately one million commuters stream in every day, greatly taxing its resources.

Like his past immediate predecessors, Roni Milo (1993-98) and Shlomo Lahat (1974-93), Huldai has decided that the key to Tel Aviv's salvation is improved transportation.

Working in league with the national government, Huldai hopes to construct commuter train lines from outlying areas to Tel Aviv, as well as a subway in the city itself.

In his view, commuter trains and a subway line will ease overcrowding and, by definition, promote economic growth.

Yet there is a price to pay for progress. Citing an example, he said that the cost of building just one kilometre of subway track is $150 million (US), no small sum in a security-challenged country like Israel.

For starters, Huldai seeks to build a subway of six to eight kilometres. And if further funds are available, he'll expand the system by about nine kilometres.

Huldai, whose parents made aliyah in 1929 and were both teachers, is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Air War College. He also holds arts and business administration degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and Auburn University in Alabama.

He flew combat missions during the Six Day War, the War of Attrition, the Yom Kippur War (when he downed one Syrian and three Egyptian MiGs) and the Lebanon War.

Subsequently, he commanded air force bases near Arad and Beersheva.

Retiring from active duty, he entered the private sector as a partner in an international trade company. From 1992 until his election as mayor, he was principal of the Herzliya Gymnasium, the first Hebrew high school in Tel Aviv.

Asked how long he hopes to be mayor, Huldai replied that two five-year terms would be sufficient to complete his agenda.

While in Toronto and Montreal, his previous stopover, Huldai campaigned on behalf of the Tel Aviv Foundation. Its objective is to enhance the city's educational and cultural institutions.

He has no interest in running for national office, even though he managed the Labor party's successful campaign in last May's election.

Huldai, married with three grown children, is convinced that Prime Minister Ehud Barak is serious about making peace with the Palestinians and Syria. But he does not underestimate the difficulties. "There are no miracles. It will take time. We have to live together, and find a win-win formula. In the meantime, Barak is building trust."

Peace, he suggested, cannot be achieved at either Israel's or the Arabs' expense.

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Feldmans to be honored for community service

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Yitz Feldman will no longer have to live vicariously through his children.

In December, Feldman and his wife Bella, both longtime Zionists, are fulfilling their dream and joining their three children and 15 grandchildren in Israel.

In honor of their aliyah, and in recognition of their years of community service, they will be honored at a tribute dinner on Nov. 11 at Beth Avraham Yosef of Toronto.

The dinner will be sponsored jointly by the Board of Jewish Education, Clanton Park Synagogue, Eitz Chaim Schools, Kashruth Council of Toronto, the Mizrachi Organization of Canada and UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

According to Offer Isseroff, regional director of Jewish Agency and Israel Aliyah Centre of Canada, the Feldmans are among about 200 Canadian Jews who make aliyah each year.

Some, like the Feldmans, are nearing retirement age and joining their grown children in Israel. Others are unmarried young adults who are looking to start a new life in Israel.

There is a also a group of 35-50 year olds, but "that group usually has children in school here and are immersed in a career, so fewer people of that age make aliyah."

Although events such as terrorist attacks may affect the number of visitors to Israel, says Isseroff, it does not affect aliyah. "Once people make up their mind to go, they usually go."

Feldman is national vice-president of Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi and chair of the Kashruth Council of Toronto. He has had leadership roles on such boards as Eitz Chaim Schools, Beth Jacob High School for Girls, Canada-Israel Committee and UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

Feldman, who had polio as a young boy, is now wheelchair-bound. He was instrumental in assuring that an extension to Eitz Chaim Schools on Patricia Avenue was wheelchair accessible.

"My first involvement in the community was with Bnai Akivah, a Zionist youth organization. Then, when my children entered school, I joined a committee at Eitz Chaim. One involvement just snowballed into another – one mitzvah begets another mitzvah."

Now that all three children live in Israel, he says, it's time "all of us are on the same side of the ocean. When we were in Israel for Pesach about two years ago, my grandchildren said that their payment for finding the afikoman should be that we make aliyah."

The Israel Aliyah Centre, says Isseroff, should be the first stop for anyone planning aliyah. "We take them through the whole process; we provide the necessary papers, supply them with an airline ticket and arrange for volunteers from the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel to meet them at the airport."

As well, he says, the centre has names of people who can help olim find apartments, an absorption centre or jobs. We can also arrange meetings here with Israeli experts in fields such as career placement.

"We also question potential olim for their own benefit. Every Jew is entitled to go to Israel, but if I am doing the procedure, I am responsible for that person. I want them to be prepared for what they are undertaking."

Medical information is important, he said, because people may be having treatment here that needs to be continued in Israel. "They have to know about the medical care available to them in Israel.

"We also have to make sure the person is really Jewish. Olim have to prove they are Jewish in Israel, but it is easier to check here, before they leave the country. We want to make their aliyah as easy for them as possible."

Depending on their readiness, Isseroff estimates that olim can be ready to leave anywhere from two to eight weeks from when they approach the office.

Living in Israel, says Feldman, is the culmination of something to which he and his wife have striven for most of their lives. "It is the homeland for Jews, and that is where Jews should live. Because our children are there, we have a double reason for going."

In Toronto, he says, "I had my finger in a lot of pies, and I'm leaving behind a community that I've tried to make better."

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Aging parents focus of series

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Don't feel alone, there is help out there, is the way a Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care staffer summed up the message of a 13-part TV series on TVOntario.

"This series will be most helpful to families who are just beginning to experience the problems of caring for an aging family member," said Sorele Urman, associate director of social work at Baycrest.

The series, *Taking Care*, started Sept. 30 and will continue each Thursday at 2 p.m., with repeats on Saturday at 4 pm. and Sunday at 5.30 p.m.

It is described by TVOntario as a crash course in looking after an aging parent.

Produced in partnership by TVOntario and Baycrest, the first show introduces viewers to three families who are experiencing the problems the series addresses. One of the families in the opening segment is Jewish.

Each half-hour will include a studio discussion with community and health-care professionals who provide insight and practical information.

Although *Take Care* is not a call-in show, a hotline number will be given at the end of the program. This number will bring inquiries to a desk at Baycrest.

Hosted by radio personality Mary Ellen Beninger, each program will address a different challenge along the caregiving road, such as identifying the early signs that a relative may need help, strategies for organizing homecare, coping with dementia and shopping for a long-term facility.

Coast to Coast

Scene in Ottawa

By G.K. SIMCOE

We recently examined the rough and tumble world of Liberal riding nominations. But the last couple of months have also provided Canadians with a glimpse into another dimension of the scabrous life of the partisan politician. We refer to the recent defections of Bill Matthews and Angela Vautour.

The decisions of these two Maritime MPs to bolt their respective caucuses were not unique occurrences in federal politics. David Kilgour crossed the floor to join the Liberals in opposition and was subsequently rewarded with a junior cabinet portfolio for his troubles.

The creation of the Bloc Quebecois saw eight MPs abandon their caucuses and form a new political entity that subsequently served as the Official Opposition.

Followers of Israeli politics have long grown accustomed to seeing some of the most prominent Knesset members switch alliances, withdraw from a government coalition and even establish new parties.

So what is so curious about these two characters?

Well the curiosity relates to the juxtaposition of their choices. Matthews left the Joe Clark Tories to join the governing Liberals. He felt that he could do more for his constituents as a Liberal – especially now, since his friend George Baker had finally made it into cabinet.

Clark fumed (privately) and bemoaned how any individual with integrity could betray his supporters in so self-serving a manner. After all, he won election to the House as a Tory with the backing of 46 percent of the voters in his riding – which was only one percent less than the margin of victory enjoyed by the prime minister himself.

NDP leader, Alexa McDonough was less discreet about her disgust with Angela Vautour's decision to join the Tories. It must have been a very tough pill for Alexa to swallow, made none the easier as she observed a smug Joe Clark standing next to his newest caucus colleague at Vautour's media conference.

Politicians undergo conversions for all sorts of reasons. Some are motivated by principle while others do it to advance their personal ambitions. The real question is why would someone with as much self-professed integrity as Joe Clark accept a defector into his party? Perhaps it isn't so curious a thing after all...just very disappointing.

Rasminsky children donate piano

By DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

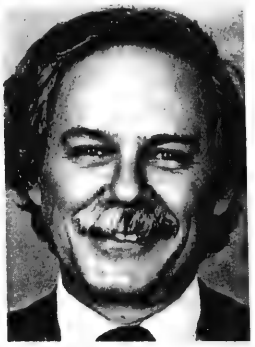
OTTAWA — The children of the former governor of the Bank of Canada, the late Louis Rasminsky, recently donated a piano from the family home to Canada Israel Cultural Foundation (CICF).

The presentation of the piano, made in memory of Rasminsky and his wife Lyla, took place during the CICF's opening meeting at Kinneret, the residence of the ambassador of Israel to Canada, where the piano will remain.

Dr. Norman Barwin, president of CICF, was pleased to accept the gift from Dr. Michael Rasminsky, representing himself and his sister Lola. She was unable to attend.

"The mission of CICF is to bring Israeli culture to Canada and vice versa," said Barwin. "Where would be a better place to have this piano than Kinneret, our little piece of Israel in Canada?"

Evelyn Greenberg



Dr. Michael Rasminsky

Rasminsky, a neurologist who lives in Montreal, and Evelyn Greenberg, a well known Ottawa musician and longtime member of CICF, performed a concert for four hands on the piano.

The Dolly Suite by Gabriel Faure, a suite in six short pieces, delighted the audience. "In the late 19th century, people learned orchestral music by hearing it for four hands," said Rasminsky. "I learned all the orchestral music that way."

He said his family home was located near Kinneret and so he and his sister spent a great deal of time at Kinneret when they were children. "I am very pleased that this piano has come here," he said. "This house has very happy memories for me."

The gift was particularly sentimental for him, he said. "Both my sister and I learned to play the piano on this piano."

"It is very appropriate tonight that this piano, which has been donated by the Rasminsky family, will be standing here in memory of a person for whom we had the greatest respect," said Greenberg.

"Even when he was not well, Louis Rasminsky always supported CICF and we are grateful to Michael and his family for donating the piano."

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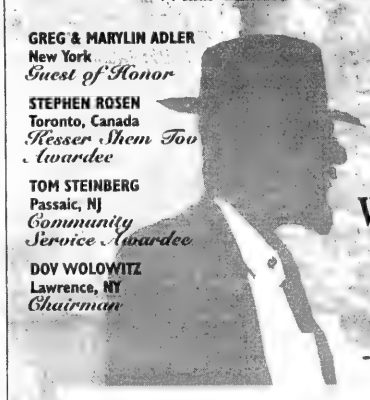

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Orthodox Caucus hopes to 'sensitize' on ethics

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A prominent rabbi went to spend Shabbat at the home of a disciple. The family went to a great deal of effort to make everything as proper and as elegant as they could.

Flustered by all the preparations and the excitement, the hostess forgot to cover the challah before Kiddush. The embarrassed host berated her soundly.

"Explain it to me," said the rabbi to his host. "Why are you careful not to insult the dignity and honor of the challah, but it doesn't bother you to insult the dignity and honor of your wife?"

While there may sometimes appear to be a distinction between strict observance of Halachah and what might be termed mentschlichkeit, in fact, the sages have always stressed that compassion, ethical behavior and respect are essential aspects of religious observance.

The forgiveness that Jews pray for on Yom Kippur can only be given, according to tradition, for sins committed against God. Atonement for sins against other people only comes if one asks for – and receives – forgiveness from the injured party.

In 1992, a group of religious leaders and lay men and women in the New York area founded The Orthodox Caucus, an organization designed, as its literature explains, "to sensitize Orthodox Jews to the demands and expectations of Torah and Halachah in matters of ethics and character excellence."

Rabbi Basil Herring, spiritual leader of the Atlantic Beach Jewish Centre, and executive chair of the caucus, told *The CJN* "there was a general sense that there was a need for a group of men and women to address issues that might arise, in an organized and efficient manner."

While there are organizations that deal with one aspect or another of the issues involved, "we felt there was a need to bring them [the organizations] together in a way that would transcend their individual agendas."

One of the Caucus' first concerns was the plight of the agunah, the woman whose husband refuses to give her a *get*, a religious divorce.

After a great deal of discussion, Rabbi Mordechai Willig wrote a prenuptial agreement in which a bride and groom agree that if the marriage dissolves, they will abide by the rulings of a mutually acceptable rabbinic court.

Address concerns of women

Rabbi Herring said more than half of the modern Orthodox weddings in the United States use the formulation, which, he said, has received broad-based halachic endorsement.

The caucus is trying to "address responsibly issues and concerns of women," whose needs "must be addressed pro-actively," he said.

Matters being looked into include naming of baby girls; using women's names in prayers where it is halachically proper; and the design of mechitzahs, the physical barriers separating men and women at prayer.

"Women should feel that they can hear, see and participate," he said, adding that the caucus hopes to publish a booklet of acceptable designs.

A rabbinic training program is also available, Rabbi Herring said, to give "talented young rabbis the skills to be dynamic leaders."

Another project is ROVE, Responsible Orthodox Views and Editorials, an e-mail program that gives reasoned and accurate responses to events of the day.

While the major support for the Orthodox Caucus is from the centrist or modern Orthodox, Rabbi Herring said they "make every effort to include any Orthodox leader or individual who sees merit in what we do. We prefer to be inclusive."

The caucus is financially independent, funded by the 150 members of its plenum. Special projects are funded by outside sources, such as individuals, foundations and federations.

One of the organization's major efforts is the Torah Ethics Project, which focuses on "the centrality of ethical and character excellence in our relations with each other and with the world around us, [to] sensitize all Orthodox Jews to the demands and expectations of Torah and Halachah in the realm of ethical and civic virtue."

Topics include Ahavat Yisrael, love of fellow Jews; Shalom Bayit, peace within the home; and Dina D'malchuta Dina, the law of the land must be obeyed.

The Torah Ethics Project functions in a number of communities, including Manhattan, Bergen County, N.J., and greater Boston. Expansion is planned to other communities, including Toronto.

Co-ordinators of the Orthodox Caucus in Toronto are Rabbi Jay and Ilana Kelman. Rabbi Kelman is associate rabbi of Beth Jacob Congregation. Other Torontonians involved include Saul and Mira Koschitzky, Prof. Martin and Ruth Lokshin, Rabbis Chaim Sacknowitz, Moshe Shulman, Pinchas Tessler and Reuven Tradburks, Dr. Aaron Jesin, Jerry Tollinsky, Aaron Weinstock, Reuven Stern and Kurt Rothschild.

The Toronto Torah Ethics Project is the biggest project the Orthodox Caucus has undertaken, Rabbi Kelman said. "It is the first one where we are trying to get the whole community involved."

The project chosen for Toronto is Kevod HaBeriyot, sensitivity to the needs and feelings of others. For three weeks, starting on Shabbat, Oct. 9, there will be projects, programs, guest speakers, sermons, study evenings and discussions in schools, shuls, private homes, organizations and youth groups.

The inaugural speaker will be Rabbi Jacob Schacter, spiritual leader of Manhattan's Jewish Centre and an expert on Halachah and ethics. The event will be held Oct. 10 at Beth Jacob V'Anshei Drildz in Downsview.

Discussion guides, reading lists and other material geared to different age groups are being distributed throughout the community. Topics include a schoolmate who wants to join a game but causes his team to lose, a friend with bad taste in clothes, a non-observant family that moves in next door to an observant one, and a man who refuses to give his wife a *get*.

One of the sources cited in the Kevod HaBeriyot material is a quote from Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, which probably sums up the Orthodox Caucus:

"I may attack a certain point of view which I consider false, but I will never attack a person who preaches it…Such a relation is in accord with the concept of kevod haberiyot, for 'beloved is man for he is created in the image of God.'"

For information on the Kevod HaBeriyot Torah Ethics Project or the Orthodox Caucus generally, contact Rabbi Jay or Ilana Kelman, 416-633-5406, or the Orthodox Caucus Web site, www.orthodoxcaucus.org.

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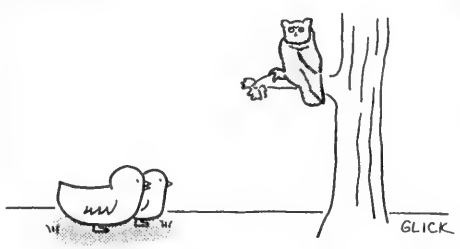

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Lord's Prayer banned at Penetanguishene council

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — One of the very few Jewish residents of the northern Ontario town of Penetanguishene is pleased that his fight to have the Lord's Prayer banned at council meetings appears to be over.

And Henry Freitag is taking the accompanying anti-Semitic fallout in stride.

"I got calls saying I'm a Nazi. I got calls saying I'm a Jew. I even had some death threats," Freitag, 70, told *The CJN* in a phone interview a few days after the Ontario Court of Appeal ruled that reciting the Lord's Prayer at the start of Penetanguishene's council meetings violates religious freedom and is unconstitutional.

In a unanimous 3-0 decision, the court overturned a lower ruling which had said the Lord's Prayer was innocuous and should not be censored.

The higher court disagreed, saying the purpose of reciting the Lord's Prayer was to "impose a Christian moral tone on the deliberations of council," and that everyone is entitled to attend a council meeting without feeling pressure to conform "to the religious practices of the majority."

The court issued an injunction preventing the town from engaging in the ritual, which dates back 100 years.

Last month's decision is a big win for Freitag, who launched his challenge to the prayer because, as a non-Christian, he felt "coerced" to stand and recite it at council meetings, which he attends frequently.

Freitag also argued that the practice discouraged him from running for public office.

"This does not mean he is so fearful that he does not participate," the court stated in its 26-page decision. "He does so, but as a citizen who is singled out as being not part of the majority recognized officially in the proceedings."

Freitag also based his argument on a 1988 Ontario Court of Appeal ruling, which struck down the regulation that forced public classrooms to start the day with the Lord's Prayer.

The court relied on a 1985 ruling by the Supreme Court of Canada that the Lord's Day Act, which prohibited Sunday shopping, was unconstitutional because it effectively forced the observance of the Christian Sabbath.

Freitag, a retired construction worker, said he's still getting some "nasty" mail and calls.

But, he insists, "I didn't win. Canada won."

Freitag's late mother was Jewish, and the two spent several weeks at a Nazi detention centre in Berlin during World War II.

His mother died in a bombing raid, and Freitag spent the rest of the war living as a Christian. He came to Canada in 1956.

The ruling means the custom of beginning town and city council meetings with the Lord's Prayer has more or less ended in Ontario.

The court suggested the town of Penetanguishene follow the lead of the House of Commons, where, since 1994, proceedings have opened with a moment of silence and a non-denominational prayer.

In a statement, Penetanguishene's mayor, John Klug, said he was disappointed with the court ruling.

"Overall, the feeling of the residents in town is one of disappointment," the statement said. "Residents are having a hard time understanding how one person can dictate what they can say or not say."

The town's council is scheduled to meet Oct. 6 to discuss the ruling and decide whether to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Residents donated $8,546 to help the town pay its legal bills. Klug said the town cannot afford further appeals without public assistance.

The mayor added he was heartened by encouragement shown by residents and by mayors of other communities across Canada which recite the Lord's Prayer.

Freitag said there are four of five other Jewish residents of Penetanguishene, which has a population of 8,000. He conceded it's difficult to practise Judaism there, as the nearest Jewish community is in Barrie, about 50 kilometres away.

Exhibit to focus on shul photos

VANCOUVER — An exhibit of photographs of 12 Greater Vancouver and Victoria synagogues and sanctuaries will be shown in the Sidney and Gertrude Zack Gallery at the Jewish Community Centre, Oct. 21 to Nov. 25.

The exhibit is being co-sponsored by the Louis Brier Home and Hospital and the Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver.

Award-winning local photographer, Don McGregor, was commissioned to undertake this project, believed to be the first of its kind in Canada.

An opening event, by invitation only, scheduled for Oct. 20, is sponsored by the Louis Brier Auxiliary and is being co-chaired by Ruth Jackson and Rose Parker.

"This art photography exhibit is an important part of the history of the Jewish community in British Columbia and in Canada. We hope everyone will visit this exhibit and view these beautiful works of art," said Lee Simpson, president of the board of trustees of Louis Brier.

All photographs will be for sale. For further information, contact Louis Brier Home and Hospital 604-261-9376.

CORRECTION

In the article, "New president set to promote Jewish libraries," *CJN*, Sept. 23, Marjorie Rasky's position was incorrect. She is chair of the library and museum committee at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. *The CJN* regrets the error.

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Sunday, November 7th

11:00 a.m. **PUPPET SHOW** for ages performed by **Renelle Kuntz - The Unhappy King** **$1**
11:00 a.m. **Henry Zagdanski** speaking on his book ***It Must Never Happen Again***. *Sponsored by B'nai Radom and the Zagdanski family* **Free**
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1:30 p.m. **Harold Troper**, author of ***The Ransomed of God*** will speak on **THE REMARKABLE STORY OF ONE WOMAN'S ROLE IN THE RESCUE OF SYRIAN JEWS. Judy Feld Carr** will join in the question period after the lecture. *Sponsored by Adath Israel Congregation and The Beverley and Samuel H. Cohen Family Foundation* **$3**
3:30 p.m. **PARCHMENT AND POETS** Readings by contributors to ***Parchment 1999-2000***, featuring Robin McGrath, Nathalie Stephens, Ron Charach, Jay Brodbar, Shel Krakofsky, Adam Sol, Merle Nudelman, Alex Nicols. **ADDITIONAL BONUS READINGS** by poets Seymour Mayne **$3**
8:00 p.m. **LIFE AND YIDDISHKEIT...NEW JEWISH VOICES FROM OUR COMMUNITY** featuring **Lillian Nattel,** author of ***The River Midnight***, and **Nora Gold**, author of ***Marrow and Other Stories*** *Sponsored by Canadian Friends of The Hebrew University, Toronto Chapter* **$7**

Monday, November 8th

11:00 a.m./1:00 p.m. **P.D. DAY PROGRAM** for ages 5-10 with readings by **Rhea Tregebov**, author of ***What-If Sara*** *Open to the public* **Free**
SPECIAL ADDED FEATURE: Routes and Roots, a new exhibit at My Jewish Discovery Place Children's Museum (Bathurst Jewish Centre), that explores immigration stories. Open 10:00 a.m. – 5 p.m. **$2**
1:30 p.m. **Susan Stern** author of ***Awakening your Life Skills*** speaks on **HOW TO LEAD A LESS STRESSFUL, HAPPIER, MORE PRODUCTIVE AND BALANCED LIFE** *Sponsored by Canadian Seaway Branch, Women's League for Conservative Judaism* **$3**
8:00 p.m. **Malka Marom**, of *Malka and Joso* fame, speaks on her new book ***Sulha***. Sponsored by Toronto Hadassah-WIZO. **$5**

Malka Marom

Tuesday, November 9th

Al Waxman

10:30 a.m. **VOICES ABOUT OUR PAST AND OUR FUTURE Lucille de Saint-André**, author of ***Bye-Bye, Baden*** will speak on **PRELUDE TO HOLOCAUST: THE JEWS OF BADEN** and Morris Granatstein, author of *Welcome to the Year 2000 and Other Poems* and *My City Lodz*. *Sponsored by ECW Press* **Free**
1:30 p.m. **THE SONGS THAT NEVER DIED – A Literary/Musical Program** featuring **Simcha Simchovitch**, author of ***The Remnant***, who will speak on the poetry of **Mordecai Gebirtig**, accompanied by singer **Lenka Lichtenberg** *Sponsored by Beth Tzedec Congregation, Max and Beatrice Wolfe Library and Association of Jewish Libraries, Ontario Chapter* **$3**
8:00 p.m. **Al Waxman** speaking on his autobiography ***That's What I Am*** *Sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada* **$5**

Lenka Lichtenberg

Wednesday, November 10th

10:30 a.m. **SCHOOL PROGRAM** with **Kathy Kacer,** who will speak on ***The Secret of Gabi's Dresser*** **Gr. 3 - 8** *Open to the public* **$1**
1:30 p.m. **Rochelle Krich** speaking on ***Blood Money*** *Sponsored by National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Chapter, Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living and Emunah Women of Toronto. Meet the author over tea following the lecture.* **$3**
8:00 p.m. **THE CHARLOTTE AWERBUCK MEMORIAL LECTURE** featuring first-time authors **David Layton, Elyse Friedman** and **Evan Solomon** *Sponsored by Members of Council 60 (NCJW)* **$5**

Thursday, November 11th

Anna Fuerstenberg

10:30 a.m. **SCHOOL PROGRAM – The Cigarette Sellers of Three Crosses Square** by Joseph Ziemian. Play performed by Dr. Abraham Shore Academy – Shearim Hebrew Day School **Child and Student $1/Adult $3**
1:30 p.m. **SCHOOL PROGRAM** with **Kathy Kacer** – See Nov. 10th at 10:30 a.m. **$1**
8:00 p.m. **Workshop and Reading of a new play in progress SHMATTE TANGO** Written by **Anna Fuerstenberg**. **$5**

Friday, November 12th

10:30 a.m. **SCHOOL PROGRAM - The Cigarette Sellers of Three Crosses Square** *See Nov. 11th at 10:30 a.m.*
Child and Student$1/Adult $3

Saturday, November 13th

8:00 p.m. **JEWISH SHTICK IN AMERICAN FLICKS – JEWISH PRESENCE IN EARLY FILM COMEDY** features Rare and Vintage Short Films with **Murray Glass**. *Sponsored by Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University* **$7**

Sunday, November 14th

11:00 a.m. **Puppet Show** for ages 4-8 performed by **Renelle Kuntz** - ***The Unhappy King*** **$1**
11:00 a.m. **A. Alan Borovoy** speaking on his latest book ***The New Anti-Liberals*** *Sponsored by Oraynu. Join us for coffee and bagels at 10:30 a.m.* **Free**
1:30 p.m. **Dr. Itzik Gottesman**, author of ***Defining the Yiddish Nation: The Jewish Folklorist of Interwar Poland***, will speak in Yiddish on **DER FOLKLORIST TSVISHN DER YIDISHER UNTERVELT**. *Sponsored by the J.B. and Dora Salsberg Family Fund, Committee for Yiddish, UJA Federation, Kultur Geselshaft and Friends of Yiddish* **$3**
3:30 p.m. **JEWISH POETRY PERFORMANCE** featuring **Liba Scheier**, author of ***Kaddish for My Father,*** and **Karen Shenfeld,** author of ***The Law of Return.*** **$3**
4:30 p.m. **Samuel Segev** speaking on his book **Crossing the Jordan: Israel's Road to Peace** *Sponsored by Canadian Friends of Peace Now* **$3**
5:00 p.m. **Ernest Raab**, author of ***Violin of Stone: Journey of a Soul***, speaking on **HIS LIFE AND HIS ART: SURVIVAL, RECOVERY OF FAITH AND ARTISTIC EXPRESSION**. *Sponsored by Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University* **$3**
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Friday, Oct. 8

SHABBAT SERVICE

Shlomo Carlebach Style Shabbat Service, led by **Rabbi Shmuel Bowman,** at the Village Shul, 1072 Eglinton Ave. W. 6:30 p.m. Minchah, 6:45 p.m. Kabalat Shabbat Service and Ma'ariv. **Marni** 905-764-1818, ext. 225.

Saturday, Oct. 9

SPIRITUALITY

Prof. Lawrence Hoffman, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, speaks on Reasonable Spirituality: Deep-Down Wisdom from the Jewish Tradition, from the pulpit at Beth Tzedec Congregation. Services 8:45 a.m.

BEARERS OF THE TORCH

Bearers of the Torch – The Legacy of the Jewish People, **Rabbi Tovia Singer**, director of Outreach Judaism, 8:30 p.m., Aish HaTorah, 949 Clark Ave. W. 905-764-1818.

Sunday, Oct. 10

TORAH ETHICS PROJECT

Rabbi Jacob J. Schacter of the Jewish Centre in New York speaks on Kevod Haberiyot/Sensitivity to Others, 8 p.m., Beth Jacob V'Anshe Drildz Synagogue, 147 Overbrook Pl. Event launches the Torah Ethics Project sponsored by the Orthodox Caucus and many local institutions. **Ilana Kelman** 633-5406.

HABONIM BREAKFAST

Congregation Habonim presents **Corey Keeble**, curator at Royal Ontario Museum, talking about his recent trip, Russia by River, from Moscow to St. Petersburg, with slide presentation, 10 a.m., Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave.

JEWISH STORYTELLING

Jewish Storytelling on the Danforth, hosted by **Alec Gelcer**. Riverdale Jewish Community Centre, 179 A Danforth Ave., 7:30 p.m. 699-8914.

Monday, Oct. 11

CRAFT & GIFT SALE

Na'amat Craft & Gift Sale has something for everyone plus hourly draws, clowns, balloons, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Bayview Village Mall. 636-5425 days, 493-1089 evenings.

Tuesday, Oct. 12

STRESS MANAGEMENT

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood features **Rosalie Moscoe** discussing Peace in You – Stress Management of Body and Mind, 8 p.m. 633-5500.

EDUCATION FUNDING

Jewish Parents for Equality in Education Funding general community meeting, Do Ontario's Education Funding Policies Violate International Human Rights? by **Prof. Anne Bayefsky,** York University, 8 p.m., Shomrai Shabbos Synagogue, 585 Glengrove Ave. W. 905-764-3158.

SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON

Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood opening luncheon meeting, 12:30 p.m., the Comedy Guys **Sam Rosen** and **Norm Winkler**. Reserve. **Ruth Fruitman** 905-731-6660.

HEALTHY AGING

Baycrest Centre series continues with Doctor, Can You Tell Me What's Wrong With My Mother?, a look at Baycrest's Geriatric Assessment and Treatment Unit for frail, elderly patients, with **Dr. Shelley Veinish** and other professionals, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 13

TRIBUTE DINNER

Join Toronto's finest cantors in an evening of song at Beth Torah Synagogue honoring **Cantor Samuel Frankel,** who is retiring after many years of service to the Jewish community. 6:30 p.m. 782-4495.

A PATH TO HEALING

Toronto Jewish Healing Project evening of study with **Rabbi Moshe Shulman** speaking on a Path to Healing – Psalms 13 and 20 Oh Lord how long have you forsaken me: Questions of Faith, 7:30 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation.

GALA CONCERT

Canadian Friends of Ezrath Nashim-Herzog Hospital annual concert, 8 p.m., Ford Centre for the Performing Arts. Guest of honor **Dr. Ricky Schachter**. Performers **Erica Goodman,** harpist; **Susan Hoeppner,** flutist; **Halida Dinova**, pianist. Tickets 256-4222.

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WE FACE UP TO TOUGH ISSUES

What's New

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TORONTO FREE LOAN

Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa annual meeting, 6:30 p.m., Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Election of officers and board, awards, entertainment featuring **Brian Katz.** RSVP 635-1217.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles meeting, Threads and Their Decorative Uses, **Chris Okawara**, 8 p.m., Lodzer Holocaust Centre, 14 Heaton St. 402-7189.

VE'AHAVTA MEETING

Ve'ahavta general meeting, 7:30 p.m., 365 Bloor St. E., Suite 1705. RSVP to **Andrew Rosensweig** or **Dianne Douglas** 487-5472.

LIVELY AFTER FIFTY

Lively After Fifty group meets for coffee, conversation and planning for the next few months,1:30 p.m. Jewish Women International, 630-9313 or **Lucy Alt** 667-8474.

Thursday, Oct. 14

SLIDE LECTURE

Matthew Teitelbaum, director, Art Gallery of Ontario, slide lecture, Reaching Audiences: Charlotte Salomon, Painting and Exhibitions that Matter, 7:30 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple. **Anne** 789-3291, ext. 235.

CAPITALISM & THE JEWS

Prof. Derek Penslar, University of Toronto, speaks on Capitalism and the Jews, 7:30 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation.

JEWISH LIBRARIES

Association of Jewish Libraries – Ontario executive meeting, 8 p.m., Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library, 4600 Bathurst St. **Zina** 781-3514, ext. 25.

And What Else Is New

AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Brotherhood and State of Israel Bonds breakfast, Sunday, Oct. 17, with special guest speaker **David Berger**, Canadian ambassador to Israel 1995-99, following services at 8:30 a.m. Advanced ticket sales only. 633-3838.

THE WOMEN OF GENESIS

At Beth Tzedec Sisterhood opening dinner, **Rachael Turkienicz** speaks on The Women of Genesis: Dynamic Individuals or Carbon Copies, Tuesday, Oct. 19, 6:30 p.m. RSVP by Friday, Oct. 8. 781-3511.

LECTURE SERIES

Downtown Jewish Community Council and Kolel lecture series at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre. Register, Kolel 905-709-1900.

Thinking Jewish: The Basics of Jewish Belief, Tuesdays, 7:30-9 p.m. through Dec. 7. **Baruch Browns Sienna,** Kolel Department of Interactive Technology.

Death, Mourning and the Afterlife in Jewish Tradition, Wednesdays 7:30-9 p.m. through Dec. 8. **Rabbi Neal Loevinger**, Outreach at Kolel.

Jewish Feminist Thought and Thinkers Wednesdays, 9:45-11:15 a.m. through Dec. 8. **Prof. Bob Gibbs**, University of Toronto.

OHR SOMAYACH EVENTS

Ohr Somayach programs with **Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz** at the Temmy Latner Jewish Learning Exchange, 446 Spadina Rd., Suite 203. Call 483-0883.

Kabbalah: A Human User's Manual of Life beginning Tuesday, Oct. 12, 8:30 p.m.

The *New York Times*: Current Events Through a Jewish Prism, discussion every Sunday at 10 a.m.,

POPULAR ISRAELI BAND

Popular Israeli band at the Sephardic Kehila Centre, 7026 Bathurst St., co-hosted by SEC Toronto chapter, motza'ei Shabbat, Oct. 16, 9 p.m. Israeli food concession, cash bar. For tickets, 905-669-7654, **Salomon** ext. 223 or **Yael** ext. 225.

JEWS FOR JUDAISM

The Jewish Response to Christian Missionaries at the Counter-Missionary Survival Seminar begins Tuesday, Oct. 12, 8 p.m., for 10 consecutive weeks, at Jews for Judaism Centre, 800 Steeles Ave. W. Instructor **Rabbi Michael Skobac**. Register 905-761-0040.

CHUG TANACH

Chug Tanach resumes its fortnightly sessions Tuesday, Oct. 12, 8 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, studying the Book of Jeremiah. Text is covered in Hebrew, discussion in English. Presenter is **Prof. Eva Dessen**.

ONE NATION, ONE TORAH

Rachael Turkienicz explores the subject One Nation, One Torah, One History – But Never One Opinion at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue Thursdays at 8 p.m., Oct. 14, 21, 28, Nov. 11.

DOWNTOWN COUNCIL

Downtown Jewish Community Council at Bloor Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave., 924-6211.

Two-Day Hebrew Marathon, Sundays, Oct. 17 and 24, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Instructor **Nirit Gruber**

The Mystical Meaning of the Hebrew Alphabet, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. through Oct. 27. **Rabbi Michael Skobac**, Jews for Judaism.

Beginners Hebrew, Tuesdays 8-9:30 p.m., Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

THE JOY OF SINGING

Choral sing-along led by **Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum** on synthesizer, Mondays, 7:15-8 p.m., Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 1, 15, 22, 29. at Adath Israel Congregation. 635-5340.

CRAFTERS & ARTISANS

Bloor Jewish Community Centre Winter Holiday Arts & Crafts Show is Sunday, Nov. 28, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If interested in renting a spot, **Alison Lee,** 924-6211, ext. 113.

KIDS' YIDDISH CLASSES

Free children's Yiddish classes. Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8, Sundays 9:30 a.m. to noon, starting Oct. 17. Yiddish Hotline 635-2883, ext. 150.

UC BOOK SALE

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Courses held at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Register with **Rhonda** 905-731-9441.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service groups and programs. **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800, ext. 215.

Parenting the ADHD Child, series begins Oct. 13.

Interactive Social Skills Program (6-14 years), Oct. 13, 18, 21; Adult Children Losing a Parent begins Oct. 21; Separation and Divorce Group, Oct. 13; Creating a Successful Parenting Plan workshop for separating parents, Oct. 12.

SINGLES SCENE

Singles Scene/Jewish Connections Inc. Turn Back the Clock Dance for ages 35-50, Saturday, Oct. 9, 9 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

Pizza/Beer get-together for 25-35 group, Tuesday, Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m., Beth Emeth. RSVP by Oct. 10. 905-731-9441 or 905-669-5499.

Monthly meeting 35-55 group, Wednesday, Oct. 13, 8 p.m., Beth Emeth.

FOR SENIORS

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Dixie Mall trip Oct. 13; Casino Rama Oct. 20; Windsor Casino, Oct. 26, two days, one night; Sunday dances Oct. 17 and 31. 395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Oct. 7, lecture in English by **Shura Vorona** on UFO; Sunday, Oct. 10, Simchat Torah dance with Teddy Band, call **Malka Colla** for tickets and information 630-5771; Oct. 14, a video; Oct. 21, envoy of Betar, **Baruch Liverant** (in Hebrew); Oct. 28, members meeting. **Jerry Bengall,** president, 905-707-7334.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club trip to Israel Nov. 21-Dec. 8. **Lena** 785-5773. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Young at Heart Seniors holiday at Glatt kosher Saxony Hotel, one month, six weeks or more, efficiency, tips, tax, entertainment, double occupancy $2,620. With food different price. **Helen** 635-6343.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 225-2112,

A Common Sense Approach to Flu Prevention, pharmacist **Susan Bowles,** Thursday, Oct.7, 1:15-2:15.

Therapeutic Touch treatments with **Florence Baum**, Therapeutic Touch practitioner, Tuesday, Oct. 12, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Parkinson's Support Group Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2:15-3:15 p.m. How to Get a Good Night's Sleep, nurse **Cynthia O'Beirne**.

Fall dance with **Andrey Furs**, vocalist, and **Igor Robinovich**, keyboard, Wednesday, Oct. 13, noon to 3 p.m.

Arthritis Management Clinic with **Bev Tobe**, Thursday, Oct. 14, 1-4 p.m. Make appointment.

Integrated Crisis Response Program, **Joanne Walsh**, mental health clinician, Thursday, Oct. 14, 1:15-2:15 p.m.

Parkinson fitness classes, **Karen Shuster** Tuesdays 2-3 p.m. Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2, 16, 23, 30, Dec. 4.

Israeli Club Etrog meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. for movies, lectures, dances, sing-alongs, bingo. **Anna** ext. 110.

BATHURST JC

Bathurst Jewish Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. 636-1880.

Singles Thursdays starting Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m. Come out for the first evening of orientation and questions and answers. **Marni** ext. 298.

Baby and Me Pregnancy and Postpartum Fitness starts the week of Oct. 18. Register. 604-2249.

BLOOR JCC

Bloor Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 924-6211.

Recent Developments in Massage Therapy by **Lorraine Wilson,** massage and craniosacral therapist, Wednesday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m.

Seniors Club: Thursday, Oct. 7, 2 p.m. Relationships and Sexuality As We Age, **Gail Weber**, health educator; Thursday, Oct. 14, 2 p.m., film *Motel the Operator* (1939, U.S.), Yiddish with subtitles. **Judy**.

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Beth David invites all singles to an **Oneg Shabbat,** Fri., Oct. 8 at 8pm. Discussion: "Making The Most Out Of Life's Ordinary Moments." 55 Yeomans Rd. **416-633-5500.**

Darren, Mark & Ari Present... Thanksgiving Day Spectacular on Sun., Oct. 10th at 9:30pm at **Shark City**, 117 Eglinton Ave. E. Tickets: $10 - adv., $12 - door. Tickets available 1 week in advance. **Yair Szlak at 416-876-7595.** DM&A Hotline: 416-713-0024.

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New BGU greenhouse aims to change food crop cultivation

By DAVID LAZARUS
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Thanks to a Canadian inventor, Ben-Gurion University (BGU) in Israel will be the first site in the world to have a new concept in greenhouse design that promises to revolutionize the way the world cultivates plants, food crops, and even animal life.

Under this new Closed Ecological Life Support System, or CELSS, a special greenhouse will built in Israel, bearing the names of the honorees of an Oct. 19 BGU dinner in Toronto.

The hope is ultimately to erect such structures all over the world, from the coldest to warmest climates.

The revolutionary idea behind the system, the brainchild of Richard Nelson of Montreal-based Thermactive Environments Inc. and its licencee, Agrispace, is, according to the company, to create an environment "that monitors and intelligently controls daylight, heating, cooling and humidity" in extreme weather conditions in the most cost-efficient way possible.

This new form of greenhouse, whose prototype in Israel will be called the ECOLiving Centre, uses virtually every element in the bio-agricultural and ecological environment – including state-of-the-art materials, waste water and plant photosynthesis – to create a closed system that allows cultivation at a fraction of the usual cost.

The greenhouse is enclosed in a transparent, membrane-covered structure that captures, uses and conserves solar energy without the usual bane of such environments, namely exorbitant heating and cooling costs.

The new system promises to cut these costs by 80 percent.

The key lies in a design that allows heating and cooling materials to be used again and again within the closed system without the structure having to be ventilated at the usual level and without valuable heat or cold being lost to the outdoors. Ventilation will be reduced by 1,000 percent or more.

The building is fully automated, with a thin film of water in the roof panel capturing excess solar gain and holding it as a thermal mass.

Through a complex design in this solar-controlled environment, the thermal mass will be used to heat, cool and control humidity levels, according to need.

One intriguing aspect of the new system is the use of a special generator that produces recyclable "modular bubbles" that eliminate the need for expensive boilers, ventilation and shading systems.

The bubbles, made of liquid foam, circulate within duct-like spaces in the solar panels of the roof and wall system, insulating at a factor R20-30, as well as cooling. Housing made of glass, by comparison, has an R-factor of only one or two.

According to Nelson and one of the system's primary investors, Stephen Vineberg (another major investor is Fred Klein of Montreal), the CELSS system also has other benefits.

The system, they said, can purify and re-use waste water, conserve and recover water transpired by plants, water that would ordinarily be lost using an open ventilation system.

It is this ability of the system to tap into the photosynthesis, the life-force, of plants that may be the most revolutionary aspect of the closed environment system, allowing it to process solar energy, purify water and clean the atmosphere.

"It is very much a 'living system,'" Nelson said.

Vineberg said BGU will be funding the experimental building's structure, research and possible applications.

The closed-system greenhouses are built on a skeleton of lightweight aluminum that is easily transportable to the far reaches of the earth. The technology is applicable to everything from farm animal barns to retail stores to waste water treatment plants to food and flower production greenhouses.

There is a long way to go, however, before the new technology takes over the world.

The initial structure in Israel will be only 5,000 square feet. In the United States and Canada alone, over a billion square feet are used for conventional greenhouses. And greenhouses in general account for only one percent of world food production.

However, Nelson and Vineberg point out the importance of what such "controlled environment structures" could mean for the world and for the ecology of the world of the future."

Sukkah built in Okanagan

OKANAGAN, B.C. — On September 26, children in the Okanagan Jewish community decorated a sukkah with hand-made ornaments and seasonal fruits and vegetables.

The sukkah is a reminder of the temporary dwellings used by the Israelites during 40 years travelling the desert from Egypt to Israel.

The morning began with a service led by Sam Larry, followed by the children decorating the sukkah under the leadership of Sam and Katie Levin.

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Burdi gets sentence for promoting hate

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

WINDSOR, Ont. — George Burdi, founder of the hate rock band RaHoWa (an acronym for Racial Holy War) and its record label Resistance Records Inc., pleaded guilty and was convicted last week on charges of the willful promotion of hatred.

A one-year conditional sentence, which may be served in the community, prohibits him from involvement with racist causes, the promotion of hatred or animosity toward any racial, ethnic or religious group or the advocation of white supremacy.

"This decision sends a clear message that Canadian society does not take hatred lightly," said Ellen Cole, community relations chair of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region.

She noted that CJC would have preferred harsher conditions but is "satisfied by the guilty plea...Mr. Burdi should understand that Canadian Jewish Congress, amongst others, will vigilantly monitor his actions and associations to ensure that he respects the conditions imposed upon him."

In 1995, Burdi was convicted of assault causing bodily harm for kicking a woman in the face following a RaHoWa concert. He was sentenced to one year in prison.

Burdi, 29, has "a very long track record of white supremacy and hate activity," said Karen Mock, national director of B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights.

She would like to see evidence to back up his claim that he is changing his ways, she said.

Heritage Week proclamation rescinded in Fredericton

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A proclamation by Fredericton mayor Walter Brown was rescinded last week following protests by the Atlantic Jewish Council, among others.

The proclamation, naming the week of Oct. 11 to 18 European Heritage Week, was submitted by Heritage Watch, a Toronto-based white supremacist group, noted the AJC (the Atlantic provinces affiliate of the Canadian Jewish Congress).

Tom Kuttner, chair of community relations for AJC, wrote in a letter to Brown that furtherance of European Heritage Week, "although innocuous on its face, is code for advocating white supremacy in Canada."

Other cities which have come close to sponsoring European Heritage Weeks include Victoria, St. Catherine's, Toronto, Halifax and Charlottetown, said Kuttner.

He congratulated the mayor on taking immediate steps to rescind the proclamation.

Brown was quoted in the *Daily Gleaner*, a Fredericton newspaper, as saying the city receives several hundred proclamations per year and staff ensures they do not have offensive wording.

City council takes the proclamations at face value unless city hall discovers it is being used for other purposes, he added.

Ross' brother dropped from school committee

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — New Brunswick's anglophone board of education recently voted to replace board member William Ross, the brother of former Moncton school teacher Malcolm Ross, because of the former's belief that the Holocaust is greatly exaggerated.

Shortly after William Ross was appointed to the board's curriculum advisory committee, which deals with the school curriculum for all grades in the province, board chair Larry Batt read a newspaper report detailing Ross' testimony at his brother's defamation trial against cartoonist Josh Beutel last year.

"From what I read, the Jewish people themselves are changing the figures and the numbers and reducing them, and they still say six million," William Ross said at the time.

It was clear to Batt that the credibility of the provincial board and that of the committee were going to be in question unless Ross was not a member, Batt told *The CJN* in a phone interview from Fredericton.

Ross, a retired school principal, was elected by the parents to represent them locally in a Moncton area district. Although he still represents parents, he lost his board position after a 6-4 vote by 10 of the 12 board members.

Because Ross' quotes originated from court documents, Batt said there "was no real issue about misinterpretation."

Malcolm Ross was awarded $7,500 in the defamation case, following a 1993 incident in which Saint John cartoonist Josh Beutel characterized Ross as a Nazi at a New Brunswick Teachers' Association workshop. Judge Paul Creaghan accepted Beutel's contention that Ross was a racist and held anti-Semitic beliefs, but ruled that Ross' views were not founded on Nazism.

The board's decision, and the fact that it acted of its own accord, is encouraging, said Manuel Prutschi, national director of community relations, Canadian Jewish Congress.

The notion of presenting the Holocaust as greatly exaggerated is "simply a ruse," Prutschi added. "It really is a cover for denying the Holocaust. Denial of the Holocaust doesn't happen in a vacuum."

On Campus

UWO students modify sukkah for fire safety

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

LONDON, Ont. — Although Chanukah is the Jewish holiday traditionally associated with a miracle, Arye Berk can't help thinking something miraculous happened at the University of Western Ontario (UWO) this Sukkot.

The Jewish Students' Union (JSU) director began planning for the holiday last winter, when he contacted the university's administrative offices about plans to build what he hoped would be Canada's largest sukkah.

In past years, the JSU has put up a modest 8-foot x 8-foot sukkah in front of the University Community Centre, an area known as Concrete Beach.

This year Berk requested and received permission to build a 48-foot x 43-foot sukkah on a grassy area behind UWO's University College.

The 2,064-square-foot structure, built in partnership with Chabad, was not the largest in Canada (Toronto's Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue has a 2,280-square-foot sukkah), but it may have been the largest in relation to the JSU's 350 members. Western's total Jewish student population is estimated at 2,500 or more.

The sukkah location, across from the campus police station, offered a measure of security, but on the Friday morning of erev Sukkot, Berk was notified by university officials that the wood-frame sukkah presented a fire hazard.

That night, a sit-down Shabbat dinner for 175 students was to take place in the sukkah.

"We could have been shut down if we did not comply with all the requirements, but [the university] really worked with us. They gave us great suggestions. They were really concerned," said Berk. A city fire marshal was also involved in planning the modifications.

Within a matter of hours – and with the help of student volunteers:

- two new exits were constructed, in addition to the original larger one;
- fire exits were marked with highly visible signs provided by the university;
- electrical lighting was changed;
- tables were arranged a prescribed distance apart, to ensure fire paths were clear;
- slats and schach on the portion of the roof nearest the building were removed;
- an extra partition was created to ensure that all guests were under the schach;
- buffet tables were moved outdoors so that Sterno candles – used to keep the kugel, chicken and tzimmes hot – would not be inside the sukkah;
- three fire extinguishers were provided by the university, "fire pickets" were appointed, armed with extinguishers and trained in case of emergency.

In the end, Berk estimates the sukkah measured approximately 37 feet x 34 feet (1,258 square feet).

"I think it was probably the safest, biggest sukkah you'll ever eat in," said Berk. "We take for granted that we build our sukkahs come fall, but to a fire marshal this is one big deathtrap."

A non-Jewish contractor worked on the sukkah over the first weekend of Sukkot to fine-tune the changes, and the sukkah was open all last week. On Thursday it was the site of a food drive.

The Shabbat dinner went off without incident. One student told Berk the evening left her with a warm feeling.

"If anything, that's what we're trying to do," he told *The CJN*.

Even the weather co-operated, when early-day rain and clouds vanished. "To be honest," said Berk, "it was a miracle it all worked out."

CLARIFICATION

The subject of the story "Ashkenaz for the whole family" (*CJN*, Sept. 23), Naomi Kates, said her view on voices for puppets is as follows: "In some puppet shows, particularly recently, we see a freedom that allows the puppeteer to be present on stage with the puppet, both manipulating it and interacting with it."

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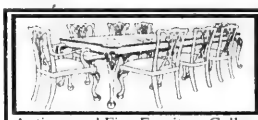

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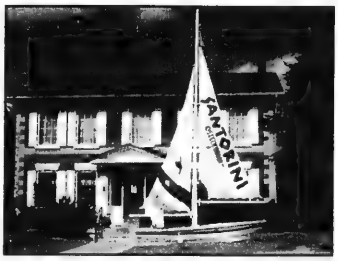

Santorini is a Mediterranean restaurant with a Greek flavor, featuring grilled steaks, souvlaki, mezes, pasta, seafood and fresh fish. Enjoy a fresh salmon, swordfish or sea bass fillet, or a whole red snapper or sea bass. Every dinner includes taramosalata, pickles and salad appetizers, and a homemade loaf you slice to your taste; birthday or anniversary parties of more than four receive a free cake. In this fine house built in 1855, the private rooms with their inviting decor and electric fireplaces can seat 15 or 45 dinner guests; why not celebrate your special occasion here?

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Hours: Mon.–Thurs. Noon to Midnight; Fri. & Sat. Noon to 2 a.m.; Sun. 4 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Main floor wheelchair access.
Reservations advised for weekends or large groups.

401 Danforth Ave.
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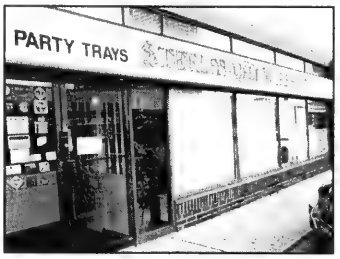

Do you love the tastes, textures and aromas of old-fashioned deli home cooking? Come to Steeles Deli. Their liver & onions have long been famous; likewise the gefilte fish, potato latkes and beef knishes; and Steeles Deli keeps the Montreal smoked meat tradition alive in Toronto.

There are healthful salads, and heartwarming soups in jars to take out. Most of the patrons are regulars, coming back to enjoy good food and a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Bring the family; there's a special kids' menu. You can enjoy a beer or house wine with your meal. There's take-out and catering too.

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180 Steeles Avenue West
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1962 Avenue Road
Phone 416-787-3211

Hours: Lunch Mon.-Fri. 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Dinner 5:00-10:00 p.m., 7 days a week

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Steam City opens for breakfast at 7 a.m., and offers a variety of traditional breakfast fare in addition to its regular menu.

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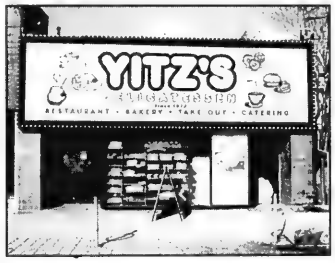

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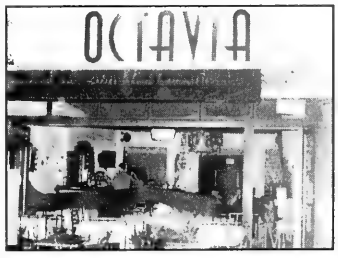
100 Steeles Avenue West
Phone 905-731-3288

Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., 7 days a week. Dim Sum 10-4 daily. Eat-in or take out. Fully licensed. Wheelchair Access. Reservations recommended.

Octavia Restaurant



Octavia continues to delight Danforth goers with culinary innovations matched by its equally unique decor. Tom Konis, of *Memories* fame, will thrill your palate with his Rosemary Chicken Souvlaki, Baby Back Ribs Oregano, Veal Marsala, and other specialties.

Try the Greek Spring Rolls – succulent slivers of chicken intermingled with three colours of peppers, garnished with tzatziki and fresh herbs, then snugly wrapped in a delicately toasted pita. Superb!

Even the traditional Greek fare is deliciously different. Filet of sole is broiled, Athenian style, on a bed of fresh spinach with feta cheese and wine sauce. Fresh red snapper or swordfish are also highly recommended.

Octavia's comfort and unparalleled intimacy makes it a true lounge, and you'll be hard-pressed to find its equal, either on the Danforth or city-wide.

414 Danforth Avenue
Phone 416-461-3562

Hours: Mon. 4–10 p.m.; Tues.–Thurs. 3 –10 p.m.; Fri.–Sun 12:30–10 p.m. Lounge 10:30 p.m.–closing. Fully licensed.

Centre Street Deli

The Centre Street Deli has recently moved to a brand new location a half a block west of their previous store. Known for wonderful hand-cut smoked meat sandwiches and fresh-cut French fries, it has many other items to satisfy your appetite and palate – and your children, with a kids' menu to match the family atmosphere. All items are available for take-out. The Centre Street Deli also has an extensive catering menu of meat or dairy dishes on trays or by the pound, hors d'oeuvres, and party sandwiches. Call Sam or Cheryl for your catering needs.

1136 Centre Street
Phone 905-731-8037

Hours: 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. 7 days a week

Bumpkin's

Bumpkin's, under the same owner since 1971, is situated in a Victorian house with an inviting atmosphere and warm fireplace. The huge menu includes duck a l'orange, quails and breast of chicken; for seafood, try the best-selling Shrimps Bumpkin's, fresh Atlantic salmon, stuffed rainbow trout, or fresh catch of the day. The choice of tender, juicy meat items includes roast beef, sirloin, filet mignon and sirloin butt steak; there are also fine vegetarian dishes, like pasta primavera. Daily specials include tiger shrimp, pasta aux fruits de mer, and surf 'n turf. Appetizers are from $2.95, entrees from $8.95; lunches include soup or salad. Best escargots & mussels in town! Newly renovated with wall to wall famous paintings.

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Clark hopes to build a traditional party

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It was a bold gesture, for it would have gone squarely against Canada's policy on Jerusalem, which to this day defines the city as partly occupied. The move would have put Canada in the very rare company of nations which maintain their missions in Jerusalem, thus implying the city is Israel's undisputed capital.

The outcry from Arab states was immediate and loud, so Prime Minister Clark dispatched the former Tory leader, Robert Stanfield, to the Mideast on a fact-finding mission. The verdict: The plan should be scrapped.

And so it was, leaving Clark with egg on his 39-year-old face, and the Jewish community chagrined.

Today, an older and wiser Clark has no trouble conceding that he regrets the episode.

"I think it was a young leader's promise," he told *The CJN* in a wide-ranging interview just before a three-day party convention kicked off here. "It was something I would not have done with more reflection. I did it at the time because I genuinely thought it would contribute to movements of reconciliation that were already under way. And it became clear that it was unhelpful."

In the end, the pledge "was neither in the better interests of Canada nor [of] the region."

Clark would encounter a fuller complement of Middle East matters later in his political career, namely, as external affairs minister from 1984 to 1991, an interval that included the Palestinian uprising – the intifada – and the start of the Madrid peace process following the Gulf War.

Jewish Canadians may recall the period also saw some of the most contentious and public disagreements between Clark and his boss, Brian Mulroney, when it came to Middle East policy.

Clark lashed out at Israel's handling of the intifada, accusing the Jewish state of "shocking," and "illegal" human rights violations.

But Mulroney said Israel was using "restraint" in handling the uprising.

Later, more mixed signals: It was under Clark's stewardship that Canada upgraded its relations with the PLO, at the same time as Mulroney said the organization was "substantially, if not completely, discredited."

Was the Middle East as sore a point between him and Mulroney as it appeared?

"Yes, I think so," Clark replies. "But I think he and I share a pride in having been able to reach over some of those differences and find common ground. On some, like South Africa, it was simple. On others, like the Middle East, we didn't."

Today, Clark has a larger swath of common ground to explore: The one on the right of Canada's political spectrum. Some Tory insiders say his refusal to unite the right and consider the Reform party's United Alternative practically guarantees that the Liberals will remain in power.

But Clark defends his belief that Tories and Reformers have less in common than many think.

"I'm not arguing a uniting of the right," he says. "That's too narrow. I think we have to unite more than the right. That's part of the reason I have never supported the United Alternative. I think it makes sense to stop splitting votes, but I think that has to be done on the basis of a genuinely national party.

"And frankly, when I look at the Reform clientele who might be ours…" He doesn't complete the thought, but says, "The people we're looking for are interested in fiscal responsibilities, fiscal issues, some law and order issues, certainly institutional issues. But on questions of social policy, of attitudes toward minorities and sexual preference, there is not much common ground between members of Reform and ourselves."

(*The CJN*'s interview with Clark was conducted prior to last weekend's Tory convention, at which delegates voted overwhelmingly to reject the United Alternative.)

Clark says one reason for his comeback, after a five-year absence from government, was his desire to build what he calls a traditional, national party.

Since the election of Jean Chrétien, "we have, in effect, been a one-party state. Until recently, the four [opposition] parties have not been able to compete effectively with the Liberals. Chrétien has not had to worry for a day in six years that someone could replace him.

"But the other, more serious development is that there are groups that are becoming more and more convinced they are outsiders. I very much classify nationalist Quebecers in that category, putting aside the hard-core *indépendantistes* who will hold that view forever. Aboriginals are in that group. An increasing number of British Columbians are. The poor are. Part of the deep anger in Atlantic Canada is the sense that policies which struck at the heart of their interests were imposed without much consultation.

"The fact is, we used to have national governments and national parties that were quite successful. And that's broken."

Clark's "major responsibility," as he puts it, is to attract newcomers to Canada and members of minorities to his party to play an active role in policy formation.

He returns to his belief that most francophone Quebecers are not beyond the Conservatives' reach, something he learned as minister responsible for constitutional affairs from 1991 to '93.

"If you put aside hard-core people who vote for the Parti Quebecois and the Bloc Quebecois, there is a large number of francophone Quebecers who want to be part of Canada," but who have not been made to feel welcome.

Bringing them into the federal fold, Clark acknowledges, "becomes more complicated now because there is no taste for more constitutional change. My own view at some point in time we're going to have a formal recognition [of Quebec] as of a distinct society or unique society, whatever phrase is acceptable. But that won't happen in the short term."

To illustrate, Clark uses his years at External, when he witnessed real ethnic strife around the world. "Having been in communities that are genuinely divided, the reality is that we have no unreconcilable difference. We have fallen into the practice of talking so much about the differences, and emphasizing them, that we have come to believe they are larger than they are."

At 63, Saul Kendal and his grandson, Jason, celebrated their Bar Mitzvahs side-by-side. In September 99, they travelled the streets of Toronto together on Ve'ahavta's *Mobile Jewish Response to the Homeless.*
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Status Quo for 13 Iranian Jews

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) remains optimistic there will be a positive resolution to the plight of 13 Iranian Jews being held on charges of spying for Israel.

As far as Congress is concerned, the only resolution to the case is the unconditional release of the 13 suspects, who have been detained in Tehran, without trial since March, charged with espionage for "the Zionist regime."

Despite heated propaganda from Iran threatening more arrests and even executions, the plight of the 13 Jews has actually improved, CJC president Moshe Ronen told *The CJN.*

The detainees have been allowed family visits and access to lawyers, Ronen said.

And there are "ongoing discussions" between top Iranian leaders and an internationally known retired diplomat who agreed to take on the case at CJC's behest, Ronen said.

The anonymous intermediary "has the respect" of Iran, the United States, the United Nations and Israel, Ronen said, adding that the Iranians "are on track to resolve this matter."

Ronen said "it appears the Iranians are seriously looking to resolve this to our satisfaction," and added that "any resolution short of the [suspects'] release will not be a resolution."

Reports last week said the trial of the 13 is believed to have been postponed indefinitely.

U.S. Jewish leader Malcolm Hoenlein said that according to American Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Iran is sending out mixed messages, with some parties saying the Jews will not be executed, while others state the death penalty will be carried out.

Ronen says the diplomat is briefing UN Secretary General Koffi Annan on the situation daily. He said he spoke to the man just last week.

The retired envoy is based in North America, but is in contact with top-level Iranian officials personally and by telephone.

At last month's opening session of the UN, Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy briefed Canada's Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy on the situation.

It may take months, but "we are optimistic this is moving in a positive direction," Ronen said.

Israel should not be too trusting of Iran

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Initially, the Iranians tried to establish a clear demarcation line between their approach to the United States and their approach to Israel. When that tactic failed, they adopted the notion, which they picked up from a number of Americans, that, unless they reach some sort of dialogue with Israel, they will find it extremely difficult to persuade the U.S. Congress to change its policies vis-a-vis Tehran.

In the eyes of Iranians interested in friendlier ties with America, Israel is the key factor in this warming-up process. Now the Iranians are beginning to abandon their old motto: "The road to Jerusalem goes through southern Lebanon," and to use a new one: "The road to Washington goes through Tel Aviv."

This new approach explains the openness that is beginning to surface in Iran. We should remember that we have here an extremely shrewd rival who wants to use Israel as a tactical springboard but without having to change Iran's basically hostile policy toward Israel.

The Iranians are presently at the stage where they are interested in getting something for nothing. Right now, they do not want to pay anything up front (for example, by freeing the Jews of Shiraz who have been imprisoned on trumped-up charges of espionage on behalf of both Israel and America).

Nonetheless, the Iranians apparently understand that the new breeze blowing from Israel does not represent a substantive change in policy but only a change in style.

Change in style

A similar change in style can be observed in Washington's approach to Iran. Now, when the United States criticizes Iran, it is careful to limit itself to references to a specific act or policy of Tehran and to avoiding blanket criticism of the country, its people and its regime.

Behind the scenes, extensive activity is being conducted, such as low-profile exchange visits. In this area, Washington has taken a dramatic step forward, last year issuing some 20,000 visas to visiting Iranians. For its part, Iran issued only 200 visas to visiting Americans during the same period.

Despite this change in Washington's style, U.S. intelligence experts accept the assessment of their Israeli counterparts concerning Iran's strategic projects and concerning the identity of the country that is helping Tehran in this respect.

For this reason, despite the change in style, Israel must continue to maintain its deterrent policy even if it is given a somewhat lower profile, in the face of a possible Iranian threat. Deterrence is not some abstract concept but must be based on a solid defence system and on various options for massive retaliation.

Moreover, if Israeli military intelligence is correct in its evaluation that Iran is trying to develop nuclear capability and is doing everything possible to achieve that goal (manufacture of plutonium and enriched uranium, attempts to obtain fissionable nuclear materials), Israel should not be the only nation interested in a deterrent policy for Iran. The deterrent network should also include the United States.

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Syrians seen jacking up terms for peace

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JERUSALEM — The Syrians are not content with their demand that Israel withdraw from the Golan Heights and from the areas west of the international boundary that they seized and held until June 4, 1967, the eve of the Six Day War.

They are insisting that the question of the "demilitarized zones" – some parts of which lie to the west of the June 4, 1967 lines – be reopened as well.

This is, patently, an opening position in the negotiations. It has no chance of getting further than that, but Damascus apparently believes that this will ultimately make it easier to bring about an Israeli pullback to the lines that existed until the Six Day War.

The ploy is that the Syrians will give the impression that they have backtracked on their broader demand in connection with the demilitarized zones.

The Syrian position should not be construed as an attempt to gain control of kibbutzim such as Ein Gev, Tel Katzir and Haon, which are located in the southern part of the former demilitarized zones. It is, rather, an effort to challenge Israel's sovereignty over the entire eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee.

During Israel's 1948 War of Independence, the Syrians seized a number of areas west of the international boundary line, including the settlements of Mishmar Hayarden, Sha'ar Hagolan and Massada.

Under the terms of the Israeli-Syrian armistice agreement, which was signed on July 20, 1949, the Syrians pulled back from these locales to the border, and part of the areas they had held were declared demilitarized zones.

All told, the area of these zones totaled 66.5 square kilometres. The southern zone was the largest, extending from the Al Hama enclave near the Yarmuk River and continuing along the southeastern shore of the Sea of Galilee until a point north of Kibbutz Ein Gev.

It is important to point out that farther to the north, along the northeastern shore of the Sea of Galilee, there was no demilitarized zone. The international boundary line extended until 10 metres from the lake, but the Syrians seized the 10-metre strip, which they now are demanding within the framework of an Israeli withdrawal to the June 4, 1967 lines.

The demilitarized zones immediately became the subject of a dispute between the sides, which Syria is now apparently trying to place on the negotiating agenda. Damascus claims that its withdrawal from the zones did not make them sovereign Israeli territory; their political status remained open until a diplomatic agreement could be reached.

From the Syrians' point of view, not only is Israel barred from stationing troops in those zones, it is also prohibited from carrying out development work in them.

Syria claims to represent the Arabs who owned the land and fled into Syrian territory.

The Americans know the truth

By **ZE'EV SCHIFF**
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

The Americans know whether Israel did, in fact, promise, as Assad claims, that in the context of a peace agreement, it would withdraw from all of the Golan Heights, including those territories captured by the Syrians, and which they held until June 4, 1967, the eve of the Six Day War.

Commentary

Furthermore, the Americans are, to a large extent, responsible for the confusion that has been created over this issue. The Syrians are basing themselves on what they claim to have heard from American Secretary of State Warren Christopher, speaking on behalf of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The negotiations were subsequently continued by Shimon Peres.

Even during Rabin's lifetime, there was a feeling among Israeli leaders that Washington had allowed itself to be overly generous in its presentation of "Israel's position" to the Syrians without bothering to receive prior authorization from Jerusalem.

It is true that Rabin said to Christopher that he would be ready to negotiate the possibility of an Israeli pullback to the June 4, 1967 lines if Israel's conditions concerning peace and security arrangements were met.

Christopher was explicitly told that he was to keep Rabin's position "in the safe" and that he was not authorized to present it as an Israeli proposal. He promised Rabin that he would place the proposal in his pocket, and thus the proposal was referred in some circles as the "pocket file." However, like any mediator trying to make headway, the Americans apparently went one step further, adopting in this respect Henry Kissinger's mediation strategy.

It appears that they informed Assad that if he carried out certain measures, Israel would not oppose negotiations over the possibility of a pullback to the June 4 lines. In fact, the Americans might even have added a few details that we know nothing about.

Here is the origin of this confusing situation that has enabled Assad to argue that Israel promised to withdraw to the June 4 lines and that, unless Israel reiterates this promise, the peace talks cannot be resumed. In other words, Assad, unlike other Arab leaders with whom Israel has negotiated, is saying to Israel essentially: "First give in, then we'll talk about the rest."

This kind of approach can obviously not be defined under the category of "negotiations." Instead, it is a demand for an unconditional surrender. In principle, and even from a moral standpoint, such a condition cannot be accepted. Even if we were to arrive at a peace agreement on the basis of this condition, the danger is that it would be a bad agreement to begin with.

Some Syrians claim that they have never recognized their country's international border with Israel, a border that was agreed upon in 1916 under the terms of the Sykes-Picot accord between France and Britain. But there are other Syrians, such as UN ambassador Zeyan A-Din, who in his response on November 18, 1953 to Abba Eban's speech, said that the Sykes-Picot agreement of 1916 must serve as the basis for any future agreement.

In contrast, Eban stated that Israel recognized the international border but that the accompanying agreement between the British and French governments was not binding on Israel.

Since that "dialogue," the Syrians have modified their position in accordance with what has been convenient for them at any given moment. At times, they have recognized the international border, and at times, they have refused to recognize it. In the 1950s and 1960s, they even removed the stones marking that border.

If this is the Syrians' approach, as expressed in an interview granted by their ambassador in Washington, and if there is actually no recognized international border between the two countries, Israel has the right to demand that the border run along the cliffs of the Golan Heights, far from the Sea of Galilee.

If, however, the Syrians claim ownership to the land they occupied until June 4, 1967, because it was in their possession for 18 years (incidentally, no one has seen any authentic Syrian map of this territory dating back to the pre-1967 era), they must be reminded that Israel has held the present border for 32 years (that is, from June 1967).

If territory that the Syrians seized by force of arms in 1949 – and which they held for 18 years – grants them ownership, possession by Israel of territory for 32 years is an even stronger claim for ownership.

The key is now in the hands of the Americans. Christopher has already indirectly expressed his view on the issue when he stated that the agreement on the principles of the security arrangements between Syria and Israel – principles worked out in a document labeled a "non-letter" – are not binding if one of the parties withdraws its consent to them.

The rationale he gave for this position was the fact that the document was not a signed memorandum but was, rather, a semi-official document that the Americans obtained in the talks between the two sides. All the more reason, therefore, for the position that Israel's verbal promise – if it was ever made – is not binding.

The rest of the American responses to Syrian demands have been weak-kneed, apparently in an attempt not to offend either side.

We have now reached a crossroads: The Americans must be more explicit on this sensitive issue or must suggest some creative way out that will enable the talks to be resumed. Otherwise, we will have to wait until Assad's heir comes to power.

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The Week in Israel

Sept 27

• Israeli media reported that Syria refused to let Hamas set up its political headquarters in Damascus. The decision came after Jordanian officials closed the Hamas office in Amman.

Sept. 28

• The media reported that the new Barak government had requested tenders to build 2,600 housing units in the territories during the first three months of the year. By comparison, the former government of Benjamin Netanyahu had sought 3,000 such bids for the entire previous year.

Sept. 29

• Oman's foreign minister, Youssef bin Alawi bin Abdullah, told Israeli foreign minister, David Levy, at the UN that Oman would host regional discussions on water problems when multilateral Middle East talks resumed.

• According to *Ha'aretz*, the change of government in Israel halted efforts by Russian organized crime to get close to Israeli officials. The paper cited senior Israeli police as saying that since the arrest and conviction in Israel of Gregory Lerner, considered a senior figure in Russian organized crime, Russian "mob" activities in Israel have dropped sharply.

Sept. 30

• A senior member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine arrived in Jericho. Abu Ali Mustafa, the deputy leader of the Damascus-based group that opposes the Oslo peace process, was given an entry permit by Israel.

Oct. 1

• The head of IDF personnel announced that Israelis who left Israel prior to the age of 16 and wished to return after age 30 would no longer be obligated to serve in the IDF. Similarly, Israelis who left the country after age 16 without serving in the IDF would be permitted to visit Israel up to 120 days per year without special authorization from Israeli missions abroad. The new regulations are scheduled to take effect as of January 2000.

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Treaty with Jordan holds

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Mideast Analysis

Five years ago, in the face of bitter opposition from Syria, Jordan defied conventional wisdom and became the second Arab country after Egypt to sign a peace treaty with Israel. It had always been assumed that Lebanon would follow in Egypt's footsteps. But this theory was invalidated by Lebanon's alliance with Syria.

Israel's historic agreement with Jordan has endured despite Jordanian domestic opposition, Jordan's sharp criticism of the previous Israeli government's peace policies, the 1997 Khaled Meshal affair, and the death of its chief advocate, King Hussein.

His successor, Abdullah II, who ascended to the throne last winter, has made it abundantly clear that Jordan's relationship with Israel is a strategic imperative. Recently declaring that he would pursue his late father's legacy, Abdullah said that he was committed to a "warm peace" with Israel. Driving home the point, he asserted that Jordan's relations with Israel would not suffer as a result of its efforts to improve relations with such neighboring Arab countries as Syria, Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

Although he has not visited Israel since his coronation, Abdullah has conferred with Prime Minister Ehud Barak and his predecessor, Benjamin Netanyahu, as well as Gen. Shaul Mofaz, the Israeli chief of staff.

The brainchild of Yitzhak Rabin and his foreign minister, Shimon Peres, the treaty came into being on Oct. 26, 1994, three months after Israel and Jordan reached a framework for peace known as the Washington Declaration. Full diplomatic ties were established on Dec. 10 with the opening of embassies in Tel Aviv and Amman. Ambassadors were exchanged in March 1995. Israel and Jordan then signed a series of political, economic and cultural agreements. Military and intelligence cooperation was formalized.

King Hussein's decision to make peace with Israel was hardly astonishing, notwithstanding his oft-repeated assertion that he would not do so until Israel withdrew to the pre-1967 ceasefire lines. Israel has a clear interest in Jordan's stability. It saved his throne in 1970 by massing troops on the Syrian border. King Hussein, since 1963, regularly held clandestine meetings with Israeli prime ministers.

By 1994, he was ready for a peace treaty. The PLO had come to terms with Israel in 1993. Jordan, having severed its administrative ties with the West Bank in 1988, was no longer encumbered by a special obligation to the Palestinians to shun Israel.

Secondly, King Hussein correctly calculated that a rapprochement with Israel would ease his isolation and render Jordan eligible for foreign aid. He had damaged Jordan's relations with the West, particularly the United States, by his lukewarm support of Iraq during the 1991 Gulf War.

Thirdly, Jordan asked for, and received, tangible concessions from Israel, both of which have an interest in containing the forces of radical Arab nationalism and Islamic fundamentalism. Under the provisions of the treaty, Jordan regained 350 square kilometres of territory in the Negev desert Israel had encroached upon for security reasons. Jordan also wrung a guaranteed supply of water from Israel. In addition, Israel recognized Jordan's "historic role" as protector of Muslim holy places in eastern Jerusalem.

Israel, for its part, made peace with a country with which it shares its longest border, and was given assurances that no hostile foreign armies would be stationed in Jordan.

The treaty has been fiercely castigated in Arab nationalist, Palestinian and Islamist circles as "the king's peace." Professional associations, largely controlled by these groups, have threatened members with expulsion if they do business with Israelis. Less ideological Jordanians have complained that the fruits of peace have not filtered down to the masses. Indeed, the treaty has not brought Jordan prosperity.

Be that as it may, the Jordanian government is sticking to it. Abdullah's recent crack down on Hamas, which his father tolerated, is clearly indicative of Jordan's desire to maintain the status quo.

LEVY AND AXWORTHY MEET

Canadian Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy (right) recently met with his Israeli counterpart, David Levy, at the annual reconvening of the United Nations in New York, where they reviewed the peace process and bilateral relations. David Sultan, Israel's ambassador to Canada, also participated in the meeting. Levy briefed Axworthy on recent advancements in the peace process, on the Palestinian track, as well as on the Syrian and Lebanese tracks. Levy stressed the need to move ahead with the multi-lateral track, the essence of which is to promote co-operation between Israel and its neighbors as a means to facilitate the peace process. On bilateral relations, Axworthy and Levy spoke about the up-coming visit by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien to Israel, and discussed ways to further develop the good relations between the two countries.

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Simchat Torah in Riga

By BLAKE LAMBERT
Special to The CJN

RIGA, Latvia — It's a Saturday night in Riga and activity in its Old Town is thrumming.

Yet on this night that comes but once a year, the biggest event is contained beneath the stained-glass windows of Riga's only synagogue.

As this night is none other than Simchat Torah, if you haven't come to dance, sing, or imbibe a lot of vodka, you might as well stay home.

It is a night where Jews embrace, dance and sing. Once in a while, the North Americans try to come up for a breath of air, to catch a moment of respite from the frenzied singing and dancing, only to be tossed back by two joyful Lubavitch rabbis.

For the Jews of Riga, anywhere from 6,000 to 12,000 depending on who you ask, this is the holiday that towers over all the others.

They come by the hundreds on this night. Some wearing hats: baseball, berets, or hats with single cowboy brims.They come toting cellular phones, babies, vodka and food as they plan to picnic on the synagogue's yellow-painted benches.

They come even if they don't come on any other holiday. Several hundred Jews come to synagogue on this night because the Soviets said they could. And the Soviet empire, for those who forget, liked religion about as much as they enjoyed the free market theories of Adam Smith.

It even outlawed the celebration of Christmas, permitting New Year's celebrations instead.

Before the Soviets and their nearly 50 years of religious suppression, came the Nazis, who occupied Latvia for three years and killed off 90 percent of the country's Jews.

They started in 1941, an elderly man says in Hebrew as he points to a couple of memorials with burning lights at the back of the synagogue.

They killed Jews in every city across Latvia, he says in a matter of fact manner.

In a pre-party address, Rabbi Barkan, the chief rabbi of Riga and Latvia, wishes everyone a good year. As he proceeds with his speech, he delivers the evening's main message: It should be this crowded on every holiday, and not just this night.

The gathered throng murmurs in the background, as they feel the excitement starting to build. Some men have already brought out their bottles of vodka and are handing out shots.

Eventually, the vodka flows freer than at a fraternity party. The singing and dancing is out of tune and raucous and wonderful.

Soon, the religious, spiritual or cultural revelry kicks into gear and the appropriate brand of ecstasy begins. And for one night, for a few hours and with a few songs, it felt like the last 50 years of history was forgotten.

Brunner hiding in Damascus

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

BERLIN — A French investigation has determined that despite repeated denials by the Syrian government, one of the world's most-wanted Nazi war criminals is hiding out in Damascus, a German magazine reported yesterday.

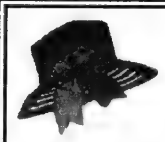
Former Nazi SS officer Alois Brunner, who is facing a war crimes trial in France, is living under the name Georg Fischer in a suite in the hotel Meridien, *Der Spiegel* said, citing the results of a lengthy probe by a French investigating judge.

The Austrian-born Brunner, now 87, has long been believed to be living in Syria. France and Germany have both asked for his extradition, but Syrian officials have consistently denied any knowledge of Brunner.

Serving as a top aide to Adolf Eichmann, the overseer of the Nazi death machine, Brunner allegedly helped organize the deportation and murder of at least 130,000 Jews from Germany, Austria, France and Greece.

A French judge recommended on Sept. 1 that Brunner be tried in absentia for allegedly deporting 250 Jewish children to Auschwitz, where they died. The trial is expected to begin next year.

Der Spiegel said Austrian police placed Brunner's daughter, who lives in Austria, under surveillance for several weeks early this year at the request of German authorities to see if she had any contact with her father, but none was observed.



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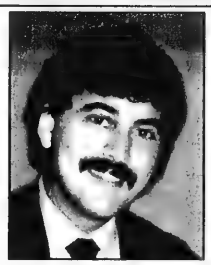

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Israel & the Jewish World

U.S. Jews attack Bush over Buchanan stance

By NITZAN HOROWITZ
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

WASHINGTON — Jewish newspapers, columnists, religious and lay leaders bitterly attacked Texas governor George W. Bush last week for trying to persuade rival presidential candidate Pat Buchanan not to leave the Republican party.

Buchanan, who is on the verge of leaving the Republican party to seek the presidential nomination of the Reform party, recently argued in a book that Britain and France should not have gone to war with Nazi Germany after its invasion of Poland in 1939. He even suggested that their declaration of war made them partially responsible for the subsequent destruction of European Jewry. Buchanan also contended that the United States had no interest in fighting Germany even after Hitler conquered France.

American Jews, many of whom have long regarded Buchanan as an anti-Semite because of his many past statements attacking Israel and Jewish causes, were outraged. Now they are furious that Bush is urging Buchanan to remain a Republican and has failed to vigorously denounce the governor's views.

"The Jewish community has been struck by Bush's reaction, by his desire to see Buchanan remain within the party and his failure to address the concerns and objections Jews have to Buchanan," said Mark Pelavin, director of the Religious Action Centre of Reform Judaism.

"We have also noted with extreme displeasure and concern the way Republican chairman Jim Nicholson has been virtually begging Buchanan not to leave the party," he said.

Bush, who is leading the Republican presidential field by a wide margin, has repeatedly said he did not want Buchanan to leave the party because he needed the votes of his supporters.

Campaigning in California last Wednesday, however, Bush said: "Obviously, his [Buchanan's] revisionist history about World War II is wrong."

The Bush campaign said Friday that it would have nothing to add to Bush's words. A third-party candidacy by Buchanan is likely to attract some right-wing voters who would otherwise support the Republican candidate.

Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt of Congregation B'nai Tzedek, a conservative Jewish synagogue in Maryland, said his congregants were paying close attention to how Bush had handled the Buchanan issue.

"This is a test of Bush's moral character and it looks as if Bush is failing the test. He's more concerned with not losing the right wing than with doing the right thing," he said.

Rabbi Ken Cohen, executive director of the United Synagogues of Conservative Judaism's Seaboard region, said Bush had made a grave error.

"He wants to be inclusive, but this makes him look exclusive. This will alienate Jewish Republican voters," he said.

Several Jewish weekly newspapers weighed in on the issue Friday. The *New York Jewish News* said, "The misguided pleas to Buchanan send a terrible message that intolerance and bigotry will be tolerated in the party if they produce enough votes on election day."

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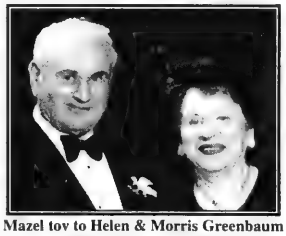

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For Heaven's Sake

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

People are always saying, "For heaven's sake," or "Good heavens!"

But does anyone really know what heaven is? Or where it is?

Isaiah, the hero of *For Heaven's Sake*, by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, with pictures by Kathryn Kunz Finney, (Jewish Lights, 1999), spends a lot of time thinking about that.

When he eats a whole bunch of blueberries, which he loves to do, people are always saying "For heaven's sake, Isaiah!"

When he asks people about heaven, he isn't very satisfied with what they tell him.

He especially doesn't like the mailperson's answer. Isaiah thinks that a heaven where "you don't have to carry anything, where you can sit around all day and rest," sounds terribly boring.

He is even more eager to know where heaven is when he learns that his grandfather went there to be with God.

His grandmother finally takes him to some of the places his grandfather used to go, places that were special to both of them.

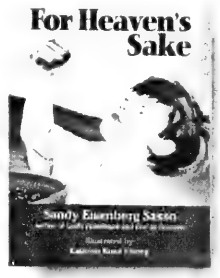
Can you guess where Isaiah finds that heaven is?

The story is based on a very old legend of a rabbi who wanted to know where heaven is. What he discovered surprised him just as much as Isaiah's discovery surprised him.

Sandy Eisenberg Sasso has written many wonderful books for children, such as *God in Between*, a story of a town that tries to find where God is; *God's Paintbrush*, which shows children exploring issues of religious faith; and *A Prayer for the Earth*, the story of Naamah, the wife of Noah.

All of this author's books have beautiful, bright pictures in them, and tell a wonderful story that you will enjoy reading again and again.

You will also find yourself talking to people about what they think about heaven.



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Health

Zoladex approved in fight against prostate cancer

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Harry Weinstein is very glad that he listens to his wife Molly.

Ten years ago, concerned about his frequent urination, Molly persuaded him to have his prostate gland tested. An ultrasound at Mount Sinai Hospital showed that he had prostate cancer.

He was referred to Dr. Padraig Warde, head of the genitourinary site group at Princess Margaret Hospital, and an associate professor at the University of Toronto in the department of radiation oncology.

Weinstein joined a trial, led in Canada by Warde, of a new drug zoladex (goserelin acetate). Along with radiation therapy five days a week for six weeks, he was given an injection of zoladex before the radiation therapy, and once a month after that for three years.

That was seven years ago. Since then, Weinstein told *The CJN*, "I have led a normal life. I am cancer-free."

Weinstein is not unique, Warde told a recent press conference at Princess Margaret Hospital. With zoladex, he said, "there has been a major increase in the survival rate – from 62 to 78 percent. The disease-free survival rate after five years has jumped from 40 to 78 percent."

While the study, which was conducted by the European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer, ended in 1995, patients have been followed since then. "The results have held rock steady for over five years," Warde said.

The walnut-sized prostate, a male sex gland, lies below the bladder in front of the rectum, and surrounds the urethra. It produces a thick fluid that forms part of the semen.

Zoladex is not for all men with prostate cancer. It is only for those whose cancer has spread just outside the prostate gland, but is still confined to the pelvic area.

Canada was the second largest trial site, Warde said, explaining that trials were also held in Belgium, France, Germany and Switzerland. Because the results were so successful, said Warde, zoladex plus radiation therapy is now the treatment of choice for locally advanced prostate cancer.

Apart from side effects from the radiation, there are very few from zoladex. Because it lowers the amount of the male hormone testosterone in the body, there may be lowered sexual libido and performance, or some fluid retention, Warde said.

The Weinsteins have just celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary.

New medical database developed

By DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — A new technique for gathering and analyzing medical data on heart patients has been developed by a team that includes representatives from government, the health care profession and a pharmaceutical company.

Dr. Richard Davies, a cardiologist and director of clinical research at the Ottawa Heart Institute, is part of the team that developed and is implementing the ACES system (Acute Coronary Extended Surveillance).

ACES is a computerized "notepad" that will be used by doctors and nurses to gather and record medical data in an accurate and efficient manner.

What began as a research initiative evolved into a tool that will help doctors and nurses provide better bedside care in a less hurried manner.

"While everyone accepts that research is valuable, done the traditional way, it is very expensive [to get data] and it is not possible to sustain because of the number of patients," says Davies.

"So we took advantage of an initiative by the federal government and proposed that we would try to get the data by giving computer tools to the doctors and nurses. We developed software applications that would...help them collect the data."

The notepads contain questions that would normally be asked about a patient's health.

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By using this system, medical practitioners will be able to spend more time with patients. Researchers will have access to Canada's first comprehensive clinical database on heart patients.

"This is a win-win situation," says Davies. "The better it works for health care, the better it works for research. It is a positive thing that feeds on itself."

The partners, who spent more than three years developing the system, included Health Canada's Centre for Disease Control, Statistics Canada, the Heart and Stroke Foundation and Bristol-Myers Squibb pharmaceutical company. Manta Corp. of Ottawa developed the software.

Nurses at Ottawa's Heart Institute have already begun to use the system and Davies has been travelling to coronary centres across Canada to introduce it. Reaction has been positive, he says, and he predicts that its use will expand quickly.

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Seinfeld's Uncle Leo star of comedy in Mississauga

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

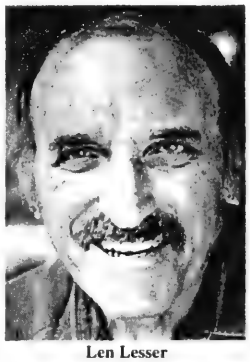
TORONTO— The real name of actor Len Lesser (Uncle Leo, a recurring character in TV's *Seinfeld*) is Letofsky, (his father was born in Poland) but at Ellis Island many years ago an immigration officer couldn't spell it, so it was Lesser from then on.

"People are constantly asking me about Uncle Leo and how he did things in the *Seinfeld* show," said Lesser.

He is appearing in the lead role of the father in the comedy *Is That You Norman?* at Stage West, Mississsauga, until Nov. 21.

Lesser,who is on stage the whole play, gets splendid support from a quartet of Canadian actors, Jonathan Purdon, Wade Lynch, Pat Dawson and Janet Zenik.

A New Yorker by birth and education,(he got a degree in economics from City College of New York), he remembers the days in the late '40s and early '50s when he lived in cold water garrets and worked at part-time jobs while he followed his dream of being an actor.



Len Lesser

His role in *Is That You Norman?* is a demanding one, made more difficult by the fact he has to wear a hearing aid to overcome a disability.

"On opening night, I had new hearing aids and as soon as I stepped on stage they began to whistle in my ears. I wanted to shout 'pull down the curtain' but I held back and we got through it all right. I'll have new moulds made to fix it."

In *Is That You Norman?*, Lesser plays a husband abandoned by his wife who has run off with his brother. Lesser arrives in New York from Dayton, Ohio, only to find that his son is gay. But his wife comes back to the roost, his son joins the U.S. Navy, and the son's friend is adopted by the reunited couple. Plot is not the strong point of *Is That You Norman?*

But the weird shenanigans, underscored by a gentle ribbing of gay people, provide lots of laughs.

In the role of Garson, the son's man friend, who wears velvet pants and loves his pussy cat, Lynch is outstanding without going over the top.

Is That You Norman? is strictly entertainment and should not be taken too seriously, he said. "I hope the audience doesn't identify me with the very negative views about homosexuality that my character in the play has. My feelings are not like that at all."

Lesser considers his role as the most challenging in a long list of movies, TV and stage roles.

His only other visit to Canada was in 1980 when he filmed *Death Hunt* with Charles Bronson at Banff.

So far, Lesser hasn't been outside his hotel at Stage West, but in the weeks ahead hopes to become acquainted with Toronto's attractions.

Jew's lynching in the United States examined in Scandal TV series

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Leo Frank has the dubious distinction of being the first and only Jew to have been lynched in the United States.

The manager of a pencil factory in Atlanta, Georgia, he was found guilty of murdering 13-year-old Mary Phagan, an employee, and was sentenced to be executed.

The year was 1913.

In 1915, when his sentence was commuted, an anti-Semitic mob of rednecks grabbed Frank from his cell and drove him to Phagan's former hometown.

The ring leaders demanded a confession of guilt from him, but he refused. They mutilated his genitals and strung him up on a tree.

On Oct. 8 at 10 p.m., History Television tells his story in a fascinating documentary entitled *Southern Nights*. Part of the new *Scandal! Now and Then* series, it is brought to the small screen by Associated Producers of Toronto.

As *Southern Nights* suggests, the Frank case was a national cause celebre with all the ingredients of classic crime: blood, gore, sex, duplicity, sensational newspaper headlines and racism.

Frank, the hapless defendant, was widely viewed as an outsider, a Northerner and a Jew. Phagan, emblematic of besmirched Southern womanhood, was elevated into a dime-store heroine.

A dour mechanical engineer born in Texas and raised in New York City, Frank was less than charismatic in his defence. To add to his troubles, Frank's lawyers believed, incorrectly, that they could wear down one of the prosecutor's chief witnesses, a black janitor in the factory named Jim Conley.

Leo Frank

Hugh Dorsey, Georgia's attorney-general, shamelessly used the case to advance his political career. Tom Watson, an ambitious publisher and aspiring politician, whipped the white population into an anti-Jewish frenzy.

The person whose integrity remained more or less intact during this dark period was John Slaton, the governor of the state. Much against the public will, he commuted Frank's sentence from hanging to life imprisonment.

Nearly 70 years after Frank's demise, Alonzo Mann, an office boy in the factory, signed an affidavit attesting to his innocence. In 1986, the Georgia Board of Pardons and Parole issued a posthumous pardon. Yet, to this day, it remains unclear who actually murdered Phagan.

Southern Nights, bolstered by dramatic file footage, achieves a measure of perspective by on-camera interviews with a number of individuals.

They are: a historian of anti-Semitism in the United States (Leonard Dinnerstein); a celebrity lawyer (Alan Dershowitz, who claims that "this case was fixed"); a Southern Jewish playwright (Alfred Uhry, author of *Driving Miss Daisy* and *Show Parade*, a play about the Frank affair); and the descendants of Tom Watson and Mary Phagan, both of whom contend that Frank was guilty as charged.

In short, *Southern Nights* takes us back to a time and a place which lives in infamy in the annals of American Jewish history.

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Local lyricist pens the words to Swingstep musical

BY KATHRYN KATES
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The poetic words of lyricist Steven Mayoff will be wafting through the air at Toronto's Ford Centre for the Performing Arts, in Silver Fox Productions' new musical *Swingstep*, running Oct. 12 until Nov. 28.

"Swingstep takes place in Cape Breton and is about love loss and regrets of an older man, who doesn't want to see his granddaughter, a dancer, make the same mistakes he did, and not follow her heart," Mayoff says.

"When a swing band comes to town, she falls for the leader, Sonny, the grandson of a woman who left Cape Breton and happened to be the love of the older man. It is very exciting to watch the choreography. The show has created a hybrid of something new, combining swing music and step dancing."

Mayoff wrote the lyrics based on a script by his longtime partner Ted Dykstra.

Originally from Montreal, Mayoff's career in theatre began when he met actor, writer, composer and director Dykstra, while Dykstra was attending the National Theatre School in Montreal.

Steven Mayoff follows the pack

"I met Ted in 1981, through a mutual friend. He asked me to write him some lyrics. I did, and we've been writing together for 17 years.

"I wrote lyrics for musician friends in high school. When I started writing with Ted, that's when I started thinking about writing more seriously."

In 1984, the Dykstra/Mayoff team moved to Toronto. "The way it works at The National Theatre School," Mayoff says "is once you've graduated, if you want to work in theatre, you have to move to Toronto because there was no English theatre in Montreal. All my friends were moving; I followed the pack."

Once in Toronto, Mayoff and Dykstra began writing tunes that were leading nowhere fast. Their love of the theatre made writing for the stage the perfect showcase for their music. Although Mayoff does not sing or play an instrument, he has an affinity for music that is demonstrated in his lyrics.

Inspired by the success of *The Phantom Of The Opera*, Mayoff was looking for a good book to make into a musical. "I went to visit a friend in Ottawa and was looking at his library, when I saw a copy of Oscar Wilde's *The Picture of Dorian Grey*. I showed it to Ted, he updated it." Their collaboration culminated in 1989 with a performance at the Cameron House in Toronto. We packed the place with friends, directors and producers."

The two let the project sleep for awhile, until Dykstra, who co-wrote the successful *Two Pianos, Four Hands* with Richard Greenblatt, showed the *Dorian Grey* project to producers in New York who were vying for the rights of *Two Pianos*...

New York producer Roger Hess put up money for a two week workshop and two performances at Toronto's Tarragon Theatre Extra Space. Hess, with director Lonny Price, plans to work with Mayoff and Dykstra on a New York workshop leading to the Broadway stage by late fall 2000.

Mayoff's other credits include writing lyrics for recording artist Melanie Doane, who happens to be married to Dykstra. He is currently working on two projects with classical composer Pierre Gallant, a libretto based on the novel *The Spy In The House Of Love*, by Anais Nin and a song cycle called *Youkali* inspired by the music of Kurt Weill.

In addition, Mayoff and Dykstra have teamed up with playwright Paula Wing on a show called *Club Lafayette* loosely based on Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure*, to be showcased next summer by the Soulpepper Company.

Actor Stephen Guy-McGrath has called upon Mayoff to help him expand his show, *Bully*. Through this association with Guy-McGrath, Mayoff was invited to work on *Swingstep*.

"The producers of *Swingstep* were looking for a new creative team from Canada, and Stephen, who plays Bri in the show, suggested me," Mayoff says. "Ironically, another cast member recommended Ted, so we decided we would do the show together.

Swingstep originally played in Hamilton, Ontario and Myrtle Beach, S.C., but it needed work. So, Ted is rewriting the story and I am rewriting the lyrics with the original composer Charles Cozens."

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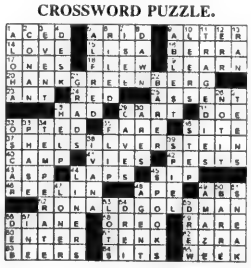

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The two paintings are *Rothschild Boulevard*, which **Ziona Tajar** painted in the early 1920s, and *The Old Sycamores*, painted by **Reuven Rubin** in 1929.

Regarded as the first woman artist born in the modern land of Israel, Tajar's painting represents the tree-lined avenue on which she was raised, and shows numerous early city landmarks. It is expected to fetch between $30,000 and $40,000 (US).

Rubin's painting, valued at $180,000 to $250,000 (US), features camels passing a stand of sycamore trees on a dirt path which was then the road that connected Jaffa with the north. Today those trees form an oasis on busy King George Street in central Tel Aviv.

Other artists represented include **Yohanan Simon**, **Marcel Janco**, **Moshe Castel**, **Mordechai Ardon**, **Israel Paldi** and **Avigdor Stematsky**.

Several paintings by **Marc Chagall** are also included in the sale, as are various 19th-century, Holy-Land scenes by **John Rogers Herbert** and **Thomas Ralph Spence**.

The auction at Sotheby's, located at 46 Rothschild Blvd. in Tel Aviv, takes place 8 p.m Oct. 18. Viewing begins Oct. 14.

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Literary Notes

• Writer-director **Al Waxman** has produced a biography, *That's What I Am*, for which publisher Malcolm Lester has arranged a launch party, Oct. 7, 6 to 7 p.m. at Indigo Books Music & Cafe, 55 Bloor St. W.

• The current (Oct.) issue of *Toronto Life* offers *For Doris*, a relaxed, informative piece by veteran journalist **Jack Batten** about the literary Giller Prize. A former Montrealer, Toronto developer **Jack Rabinovitch** instituted the $25,000 annual Giller Prize in memory of his wife, Doris Giller, who died in 1993.

With the blessings and support of **Mordecai Richler**, **Alice Munro**, **Alberto Manguel** and other literary heavyweights, the prize has become "the richest and most prestigious English-language fiction award in Canada."

Also in the current *Toronto Life*, **Leanne Delap** and **Jacob Richler** offer a list of where ex-Montrealers can find their habitual favorites in Toronto: the cover shows a smoked meat sandwich. Alas, the magazine devotes nearly a full page to Moishe's, the famed Montreal steak-house that expanded into downtown Toronto a few years ago – but which closed up shop here a couple of weeks ago, evidently as the magazine was going to press.

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Music & Drama

• An orchestra led by **Robert Raines** performs *Turanian Fantasia* (*The Hungarians*) and other works by **Miklos Emhecht**, as well as pieces by **Debussy**, **Johann Strauss**, **Haydn** and others at an Oct. 9 concert at Church of the Redeemer, 162 Bloor St. W.

Emhecht, a Torontonian, is a member of the Technion Society and Habonim Hall. Sponsored by the Republic of Hungary's embassy in Canada. $20.

• Jacob Two-Two Meets the Klezmer All-Stars is the opening concert in Harbourfront's Cushion Concerts Series, featuring the Toronto-based group **The Klezmer All-Stars**.

Bring your children to hear CBC radio host **Barbara Budd** tell Mordecai Richler's classic tale, *Jacob Two-Two*. Oct. 10. 1 p.m., Du Maurier Theatre Centre, Harbourfront. $8. 973-4000.

• The 115-voice **Amadeus Choir** opens its 25th anniversary season with Songs of an Ancient Heritage, a concert by esteemed Jewish composers. George Weston Recital Hall, Ford Centre, Oct. 13, 3 p.m. Pre-concert talk by composer **Srul Irving Glick** $28 and $32. 872-8000.

• **Bob Schneider and the Rainbow Kids** continues its run at Solar Stage Children's Theatre, 4950 Yonge. Str. Oct. 10, 11a.m. and 2p.m.

The children's performer has been writing, recording and performing with and for children for the past decade and he's won a Juno for best Children's Recording. $8.50. Call 368-8031.

• Originally scheduled to air last February but cancelled due to the CBC strike, *The Nature of Things* features Torontonian **Minn Sandler**, who at 102, reveals the secrets to a long and healthy life.

How to Live to 100, Oct. 11 at 9 p.m. on CBC TV.

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At the Galleries

• Traceless, an exhibition of paintings of **Gideon Tomaschoff**, is on view at the Edward Day Gallery, 33 Hazelton Ave., until Oct. 24.

The Israeli-born Tomaschoff, a Toronto resident, paints large canvases, in oil and mixed media, of various aspects and impressions of old walls, beaten and stained by time and the elements. 921-6540.

• Now & Then, featuring sculpture and paintings by **Karen Reiss**, opens Oct. 7 at the Nathan Shiff Gallery, 1252 Danforth Ave. Meet the artist at a reception Oct. 7, 7 to 9 p.m. and hear poetry read by **Murray Reiss**. Show runs through Nov. 4. 463-8957.

Yohann Simon's The Bus Queue is on sale at Sotheby's Auction House in Tel-Aviv to celebrate the city's 90th anniversary.

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A new voice for everyone to hear

By MORDECHAI BEN-DAT
Editor

It appears that the crowded pantheon of formidable Israeli female singer/songwriters may soon be joined by a young 26-year-old from Beersheva, known simply as Nourith.

Combining the lyric sensitivity of Naomi Shemer with the dazzling musical range of Ophra Haza and the crystal clear sound of Noa, Nourith's entry into the recording world is stylish and enjoyable.

The album is called *Kol Yishama*, and is produced by Polydor.

For those who understand Hebrew, the title holds a double meaning. At the most obviously literal level it means "a voice will be heard." At the next level, with but the most minor adjustment in the verb, yishama, the title can also mean "everyone will hear."

Indeed, for anyone with an interest in strong female voices in the tradition of the balladeer or chanteuse, Nourith's voice should be heard.

Kol Yishama has 13 songs. It is rich in orchestration and harmonies that accompany but do not overwhelm the showcasing of Nourith's voice.

It opens with the title song, *Kol Yishama*, an understated, softly-sung declaration of maturing love.

The true signature piece of the album, however, is the Naomi Shemer classic, *Yerushalayim Shel Zahav*, which appears twice, in two very distinct renditions.

After her tour of duty in the army, Nourith went to France where she acquired much of her formal musical training. The languorous, evocative French styling is evident throughout much of the album.

Indeed, a number of the songs are sung in French. One song is sung in English. The core of the album, of course, is recorded in Nourith's mother tongue, Hebrew.

The result is an engaging listening experience, suitable for a quiet, restful, laid-back evening.

Nourith

Like Israel itself, Nourith's stylings are a unique joining of sounds, cultures and traditions, a synthesis of west and east.

Those sounds could be at home in the sweeping sands of the desert, in student coffee-klatsches, and even in the formalized atmosphere of the concert hall.

Nourith is, in a real sense, a musical mirror, an audio reflection of that synthesis.

Kol Yishama is a marvellous musical debut. And Nourith is an exciting musical talent.

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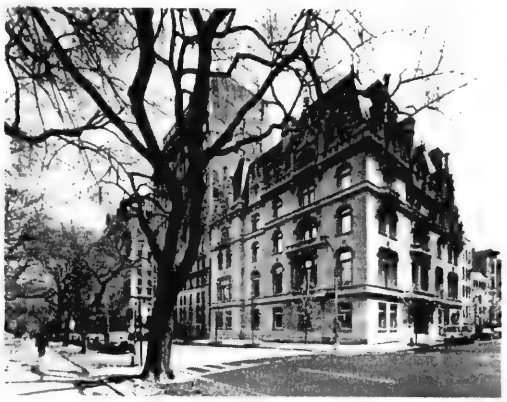
BY BILL GLADSTONE



The Jewish Museum [Peter Aaron/Esto photo]

NEW YORK'S JEWISH MUSEUM

Unlike Jewish museums in some other cities, New York's Jewish Museum does not interpret its mandate in a parochial or strictly local fashion.

Since New York is the focus for the largest Jewish urban population in the Diaspora, this august institution on upper Fifth Avenue interprets its role globally, using lively exhibits, Judaic artifacts and objets d'art to convey the stirring epic of the Jewish people from 4,000 years ago to the present.

The museum's collection has grown tremendously over the years, at a pace that even somewhat seasoned tourists (such as myself) can observe.

The museum was founded in 1904, under the auspices of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, with a core of 26 books and manuscripts related to ceremonial and fine Jewish art.

In 1947, it moved into its current premises, the Warburg mansion on 1109 Fifth Avenue at 92nd St., a stately four-storey building that outwardly resembles a Gothic chateau. When these impressive quarters were extended and enlarged in the 1960s, the facility became the largest Jewish museum outside of Israel. Another major expansion occurred in 1993, doubling the museum's gallery space.

Last month, the museum's fourth floor, where the permanent collection begins, closed for renovations. After that floor is finished later this year, construction is slated to begin on the third floor. Although part of the museum's permanent collection will be temporarily inaccessible, the museum will remain open for visitors throughout all phases of renovation.

"We're updating it, changing the way it looks, and changing some of the content," says museum spokesperson Alex Wittenberg. "We'll have more display space for Chanukah lamps, for example, and there'll be a model of the entrance of King Solomon's Temple."

Previous visitors to the museum will recall the charming guided tour on tape narrated by Dustin Hoffman, which provided a cohesive, thoughtful, well-paced description of the museum's holdings. One could move through the entire permanent collection in as little as 45 minutes with the feeling of having gained something dramatic and valuable.

Hoffman's narration, alas, will be a casualty of the changes. Currently in production, a new audio tour will involve an interactive CD-ROM that will provide visitors with more overall information and more choices about what they want to hear.

Several interesting exhibits are set to open at the Jewish Museum.

Coming Oct. 17 to Feb. 6, 2000, is a collection of 12 portraits of the family of London art dealer Asher Wertheimer, painted by American artist John Singer Sargent between 1898 and 1908. The exhibition marks the first time the paintings have been shown as a group since they hung in the Wertheimers' residence more than 70 years ago.

Berlin Metropolis: Jews and the New Culture, 1890-1918, features some 250 paintings, sculptures, drawings, prints, books and other artifacts of turn-of-the-century Berlin, highlighting the role of the Jews in the development of modern culture in the German capital in those years. Originated at the Jewish Museum, this major exhibition opens Nov. 14 and runs thru April 23, 2000.

Museum admission, $8 adults. 212-423-3200. Web site, thejewish museum.org.

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Capsule Reviews:

At 538 pages, *The Great Jewish Cities of Central and Eastern Europe*, by Eli Valley (Jason Aronson Inc.) is probably too big to pack into a carry-on bag. It's a great reference work, though, for before and after your trip to the cities of Prague, Warsaw, Krakow and Budapest.

Valley provides extensive histories of these main Jewish communities of Europe, delving into many diverse legends and asides, and offering guided tours of Jewish quarters and cemeteries, detailed maps, and thorough knowledge of the present kehillot.

The son of a New York rabbi, he gives full information on mikvahs, times of prayers in local synagogues, and where to find kosher food. The work also reflects a high knowledge of Jewish tradition and customs, as well as rabbinic lore.

Also of interest is *A Short History of Jerusalem*, by Abraham E. Millgram (Jason Aronson Inc.), whose 235 pages seem to relay a methodical, even-handed history of this "small city of 500,000 inhabitants, situated on a mountain in a remote part of the world," which is nonetheless the centre of three great world religions.

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Business Profile

Montreal developer has the last laugh in Israel

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

They're not laughing anymore.

Seventeen years ago, when word seeped out that Montreal developer and architect David Joshua Azrieli planned to build what would be Israel's first enclosed, air-conditioned shopping mall, the howls of derision could be heard from Metulla to Eilat.

"According to local pundits, the project was bound to fail," recalls Azrieli, who immigrated to Canada in 1954 via Israel and Poland. "One newspaper headline read, 'The rise and fall of the first mall in Israel.'"

As he suggests, the skeptics had reason, perhaps, to be pessimistic. "The obstacles at that time were enormous because of the rampant inflation – up to 600 percent – and the collapse of the banking system.

Disregarding the odds, Azrieli realized his dream in 1985, building the Canion Ayalon in Ramat Gan, a suburb of Tel Aviv.

Since then, he has erected additional malls in Beersheba (1990) and Jerusalem (1993), which remain under his ownership and management, and bought an interest in three other malls. All have been "exceptionally profitable."

If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, Azrieli can take satisfaction from the fact that some 20 malls have sprung up in Israel since the mid-1980s, thereby revolutionizing the Israeli retail trade.

The malls, he believes, have changed the relationship between the Israeli retailer and consumer by emphasizing customer service, politeness, beautifully designed stores and attractive merchandise displays.

"We've brought it up to Western standards," notes Azrieli, president of Canpro Investments Ltd., a company whose vast real estate holdings extend across North America.

Fate brought him to malls. As he puts it, "During one of my visits to Israel, the mayor of Ramat Gan, Israel Peled, showed me a site where the Canion Ayalon now stands and which was, literally, a heap of garbage surrounded by narrow roads. I saw an opportunity in that site. I enthusiastically embraced the project, built the mall and opened it to the public on time, in 18 months, as advertised. This feat in itself was a novelty in Israel."

Not one to rest on his laurels, he is currently completing what is billed as the largest mixed-use development in the Middle East. The $400 million plus Azrieli Centre is a striking complex that will eventually consist of a mall and three high-rise towers. It has been compared to Manhattan's Rockefeller Centre.

The mall and the triangular tower were opened last March and this past spring, respectively. The round building is expected to be finished next month. "The top floor will be used as an observatory," he explains. "On a clear day, you'll be able to see Tel Aviv and its outlying areas, the Judean mountains to the east, an open view of the Mediterranean Sea to the west, Herzliya and beyond to the north, and as far as Ashdod to the south."

David Joshua Azrieli

Construction of the fourth component, the square skyscraper, is scheduled to take several more years.

The centre, in his opinion, has already shaped Tel Aviv's skyline and become an architectural landmark. "I consider it to be my most significant and important project," says Azrieli, who launched his career rather modestly with the construction of four houses in the Montreal suburb of Ville D'anjou.

"It has been the most fulfilling of all my projects, one in which I have invested all my experience and skills, and one which attests to the confidence I have in the future of Tel Aviv and Israel. It is through the Azrieli Centre that I hope to contribute something of myself to Israel. In short, it is my testimony of the love for and commitment to Israel."

Azrieli, former national president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, adds: "My desire to work and participate in the building of Israel has never ceased. I have always sought out opportunities on how I could best contribute to the economy and welfare of Israel."

Born in Makow in 1922, a town near Warsaw, he and his three siblings were raised in comfortable circumstances. His father, Rafael Hirsh, was a manufacturer of ladies' coats and furs, and his mother, Sara Chaya, was a housewife. With the exception of his older brother, Efraim, who lives in Israel, Azrieli's family perished during the Holocaust. "I succeeded in escaping eastwards into Russia, and in a round-about way, I reached Israel in 1942."

The dramatic story of his escape, as written by his daughter Danna, a lawyer involved in his business, will be published in book form by Yad Vashem – the Holocaust museum in Jerusalem – later this autumn. An English edition will follow.

Azrieli's life in Israel was a combination of scholarship and war. He studied architecture at the Technion in Haifa, but when the War of Independence broke out in 1948, he joined the fledgling Israeli army, fighting with the Seventh Brigade in the costly battle for Latrun. When he was demobilized in 1949, he was an education officer in the air force.

Asked why he emigrated, he turned coy. "I don't really feel that I ever left Israel," says Azrieli, who typically spends three to four months of every year in the Jewish state. "My life took me to Canada, where I met my wife, Stephanie Lefcort, and where my children [Rafael, Sharon, Naomi and Danna] were born. However, I consider myself part of Israel."

Azrieli, whose net worth is estimated at $1.14 billion by *Canadian Business*, owns and manages more than 6.3 million square feet of commercial properties – shopping centres, office buildings and high-rise residences – in Canada, the United States and Israel.

His major property in Canada, in Gatineau across the river from Ottawa, is a 905,000 square-foot mall, Les Promenades de L'Outaouais, the biggest in the region.

At the end of 1997, Azrieli expanded his Israeli portfolio by acquiring three-quarters of the real estate arm of International Consultants Ltd., a subsidiary of Leumi & Company.

In a typical day, Azrieli spends two to three hours on the phone with his managers in Israel. "I am able to receive a complete report of the day's activities and events," he says. "I am able to participate in every aspect of the business, whether it is design, construction or management of the properties."

Modern technology helps him keep abreast. "The Internet has made it possible to send and receive drawings, documentation and so on, and to have an immediate input in every facet of the business."

He spends the rest of the day monitoring his interests in North America and tending to his philanthropy. A member of the Technion's and of Tel Aviv University's board of governors, Azrieli established the first graduate program in Holocaust studies at Concordia University in Montreal.

He also funded Yeshiva University's Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration and Tel Aviv University's School of Architecture and its chair in urban and environmental architecture.

At the Technion, his Alma Mater, Azrieli financed a chair in architecture and town planning. At Bar-Ilan University, he set up the Azrieli Institute for the Research in the Economy of Israel.

Apart from all this, Azrieli sits on the board of trustees of Jerusalem's Bezalel Academy of Arts & Design, and is a past member of the National Capital Commission in Ottawa.

Several years ago, Azrieli resumed his formal studies, taking a master's degree in architecture at Carleton University.

"Architecture has always been my true love," he muses. "I have been a student of architecture at some time or another, and consider myself to be up-to-date and very knowledgeable. I had always wanted to complete the formal aspect of my education in architecture. The opportunity presented itself when my workload slackened off in the second half of the 1990s. I decided to take two days a week for two years from my workload and totally submerge myself in my studies."

His commitment paid dividends. "This proved to be a most exhilarating and exciting time where I could detach myself from daily chores, attend classes, learn of the newest developments and techniques and add to my knowledge."

A collector of Judaica and Israeli art who enjoys excellent health, he has a few words of advice for those who wish to succeed in business.

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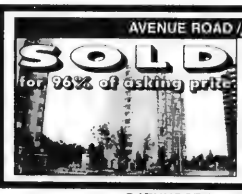

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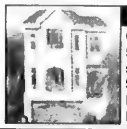

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WISE, Larry - on Sept. 12, 1999, late of 343 Clark Ave. W., #1904.
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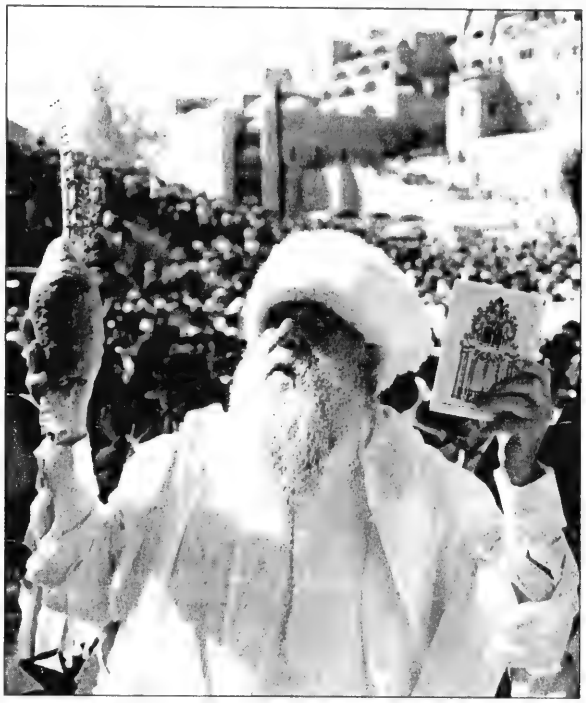

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Shaar Shalom captures baseball championship

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Shaar Shalom Synagogue of Thornhill won the Inter-Synagogue Baseball League championship this year with a thrilling 20-19 win over Beth Sholom Synagogue

Junction Express, the team fielded by Keneseth Israel Congregation, in its first appearance in the league, won the consolation playoffs, defeating Beit Rayim Synagogue of Richmond Hill, 31-14

League commissioner Steve Warner of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue presented the championship trophy to Shaar Shalom co-captains Barry Krugel and Mendy Adler

The three-pitch softball league has been operating for 10 years. It plays its games Sunday mornings in five different municipal parks in Thornhill, Richmond Hill and Vaughan.

The Inter-Synagogue League is made up of seven teams from Conservative synagogues and five from Reform, including two teams from Temple Sinai.

Keneseth Israel dates back to 1911 when the Junction in the west end of Toronto had lots of Jewish residents. Fielding a team for Junction Express wasn't an easy task for Josh Kamen, 37, a Keneseth Israel member.

"I nearly gave up a couple of times," said Kamen, a North York high school teacher, who phoned everyone on the membership list provided by shul president Edwin Goldstein.

"One woman told me her husband would be glad to play but he's 80 years old. And another said her husband is on oxygen and couldn't take part in a game."

But this year's experience was so good that Junction Express will definitely field a team in the league next year, hoping to attract new members, Kamen said.

Keneseth Israel is an Ontario Heritage building with beautiful murals, which is kept up through the generosity of descendants of the original families who founded it.

With Orthodox-Conservative tradition and ritual, it holds services on the Jewish holidays and its members come from far and wide to attend services. A bountiful kiddush follows in all cases.

As for the new baseball team, "it's a fabulous experience to take part in the games," said Sheldon Usprech, 47, whose grandfather, Benjamin, was one of the founders of Keneseth Israel. His uncle, Harry, is the shul's gabbai.

Usprech, also a North York high school teacher, said the Junction Express represents a "nice mix" of members, young and old.

He said he was glad to meet opposing players in their 50s from other synagogues who were still enjoying the games.

"I used to play hockey and baseball, but I haven't done anything in an athletic way for seven years," Usprech said.

He comes from York Region to attend the services, he said, because this appeals to his sense of Jewish tradition.

Usprech's son, Peter, had his bar mitzvah there three years ago.

The Junction Express suits up in button top shirts with grey and black letters spelling out the team's name, and grey baseball caps. The uniforms were subsidized by team member Ken Kronis.

Other members of the team are David Handelman, Martin Genah, Mike Goldberg, Larry Letofsky, Paul Rose, David Fruitman, Harold Goldberg, Hartley Garshowitz and Howie Kamen, the shul's baal tfillah for 18 years.

Members of Shaar Shalom team, which won the Inter-Synagogue Brotherhood Baseball League championship: Back row, from left, Stephen Baird (league commissioner), Barry Krugel, Zeev Laszlo, Darryl Hennick, Eddie Glick, David Katz, David Friedman, Mike Taitz, David Kleiner; middle row, Art Chippen, Marv Cohen; front row, Sheldon Buchalter, Mendy Adler, Frank Giblon, David Sankar, Howard Abraham, Les Laver.

Members of the Junction Express (Keneseth Israel's team), which won the consolation championship in their first try in the league: Back row, from left, Hartley Garshowitz, Sheldon Usprech, Marty Genah, Paul Rose, Cheryl Kronis (scorekeeper), Harold Goldberg, Kenny Kronis, Dave Handelman, Mike Goldberg; front row, David Fruitman, Howard Kamen, Josh Kamen (captain).

A SOCCER CELEBRATION

The Sephardic Educational Centre recently held its second Annual Soccer Tournament and Carnival in Toronto. Pictured on the left is a display of the competing team uniforms and the key athletic mementos of the day; on the right is the happy winning team.

The Inside Back

When prosecuting an alleged bribery injures fairness...

Once again, a senior politician is under police investigation in Israel. This time, former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu is suspected of having received free services from a local contractor who, over a three-year period, allegedly polished floors in the Netanyahus' private home, moved and stored their personal goods and received payment for a number of services.

The contractor was a personal friend and political supporter of the former prime minister. A bill for NIS 400,000 (about $140,000 Cdn) was submitted to the government, part of which was approved.

Naturally, this issue has become a political bonanza for people on all sides of the political spectrum. Clearly, opponents of Netanyahu on both the left and in his own party, are gleeful at the developments.

Loyalists claim that both the investigation and the ensuing police leaks from the interrogations are part of a campaign to discredit Netanyahu.

One issue which has been discussed is something of a legal curiosity, and it also arose the last time Netanyahu was investigated – the Bar-On Affair.

Readers may recall that Netanyahu was accused of trying to ram through the appointment of Ronnie Bar-On as attorney general (in Israel, a non-political post) in order to assist Shas leader Arieh Deri in his legal difficulties.

The alleged payoff was that Deri's Shas party supported the Hebron Agreement. While charges were never laid against Netanyahu, due to lack of evidence, it was recommended that Deri be charged with bribery.

This raised an interesting question – how could Deri be charged with bribery, if nobody was charged with taking a bribe? In other words, can there be a briber without a bribee?

If nobody took a bribe, was there a bribe? If not, how can the briber be charged?

In fact, Israeli law does recognize the possibility that a person can be charged with giving a bribe even though nobody took one. Thus, for example, recent case law supports the argument that a person can be charged with giving a bribe, even though nobody was charged with receiving one.

Opponents of this idea ask: how it is possible that there would be proof against the briber, without there being, automatically, sufficient proof against the recipient?

If we can prove that money, goods, services, etc. were given to someone in connection with his or her public office, in order to influence a specific action or just in order to find favor, clearly the recipient is guilty.

However, the Bar-On affair is a case in point. If the allegations are true, then Deri presumably offered to pass the Hebron Agreement in return for Netanyahu's intervention in his criminal case by appointing an attorney general who would be sympathetic to him.

Nonetheless, the prosecutor's office came to the conclusion that they could not prove Netanyahu knew the terms of the deal and acted because of them.

Regardless of one's position on this apparently arcane legal issue, one thing is abundantly clear. The more we witness cases in which people are sent to jail for bribery while the public officials go free, the more injury is done to people's sense of fairness, and to their belief that the justice system is truly blind to power and status.

Therefore, without presuming to address the current investigation, which is still under way and regarding which the facts are still not known, it would generally be advisable if the police and prosecutors were sensitive to this issue. Justice may be done by prosecuting the briber alone, but for many people, it is not seen to be done at all.

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salt & pepper
cooking spray
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
2 tblsp parsley, chopped
1 tblsp sugar
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
1 lb. mozzarella cheese, diced
1/2 cup parmesan cheese, grated

Cook pasta in boiling water. Rinse. Mix with small amount of olive oil to keep from sticking. Refrigerate until needed. Brush peppers and onion with olive oil, season with salt and pepper. Spray grill rack well with cooking spray. Grill peppers & onion until softened and well browned. Cut peppers into julienne. Cut onions in half. Combine with pasta in large bowl. In small bowl whisk balsamic vinegar, parsley & sugar. Season with salt & pepper. Whisking constantly, pour in oil. Pour over pasta & peppers. Add mozzarella & parmesan. Toss well to combine and serve immediately.

About Life

Dear Ella,

My name is Robbie and I have recently met a wonderful girl, Shauna. We have gone out together about half a dozen times and have really hit it off. Here is my dilemma.

Shauna lives on her own in an apartment. She has a disgusting, small, yappy dog, named Frostie. Let me tell you from the beginning, I am not a dog lover and never have been. Frostie has definitely come between Shauna and me, and I mean literally. When I try to put my arm around Shauna or, heaven forbid, try to kiss her, Frostie snarls, growls and goes for my throat.

Shauna laughs and thinks this is adorable. She says "Frostie is just trying to protect me, isn't he sweet?" I think she's lost it when it comes to this animal. I won't even describe to you how horrible it is when she lets that mutt lick her face and then expects me to kiss her. Yuck!! What's my next step?

Cold about Frostie

Dear Cold about Frostie

Robbie, you have to understand that Shauna has obviously formed a close bond with Frostie. She loves him dearly and thinks anything he does is adorable, much like an obnoxious child whose mother can't see the offensiveness of the child's behavior.

Animals play an important role in people's hearts and homes. They become your friend, your company, they make you laugh and give you unconditional love.

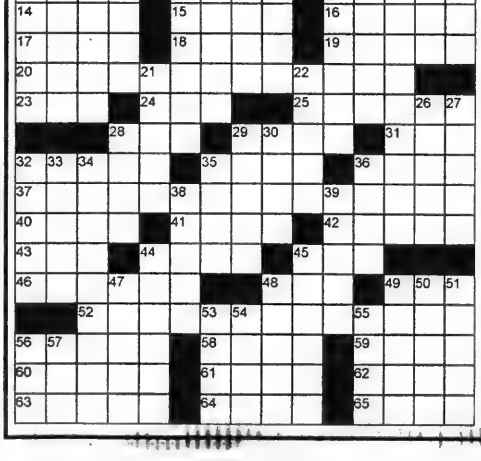
I'm explaining this so you will understand where Shauna is coming from.

Frostie, however should never be allowed to snarl or attack anyone. It is anything but cute. I suggest you talk to Shauna about how uncomfortable it is for you to come to her home when Frostie behaves this way, but at the same time offer some suggestions to help her through this problem.

She can close him in a room with a toy or a treat of some kind to occupy him. However, that is just a Band-Aid. What she really needs to do is train him not to snarl and go for people when they approach her. It is considered poor behavior and should not be tolerated.

There are many private trainers or schools for dogs that can help Shauna and Frostie with this problem. Maybe you can offer your help as well. Who knows, with enough time you might end up loving Frostie too!

Readers may submit their questions to Ella at The CJN. *But Ella is not a professional counsellor. She brings to the questions posed by readers her unique brand of earthy wisdom. Her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, consult a professional.*



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Crossword Puzzle

Colorful Jews

By Matt Gaffney and David Bianco
(QSyndicate@aol.com)

Across

1 Served well
5 Like Dimona
9 Columnist Jonathan
14 "Do you ___ me?" (*Fiddler on the Roof* song)
15 Bart's sister
16 Yogi of the diamond
17 Small bills
18 Took El Al
19 Benefit from Brandeis
20 Colorful baseball Hall-of-Famer
23 Picnic trouble
24 Comic Skelton
25 Agreement
28 "___ I but known..."
29 Grocery store need
31 A deer, a female deer
32 Made a decision
35 Taxi cost
36 Location
37 Colorful "Where the Sidewalk Ends" poet
40 Ramah, e.g.
41 Competes
42 Nudniks
43 Poisonous Nile creature
44 Measurements for Mark Spitz
45 Perform part of kiddush
46 Bring the fish ashore
48 Copy
49 Sit-up target
52 Colorful name in 1994 news
56 Woody's "Annie Hall" co-star
58 Hydrox rival
59 Steak order
60 ___ *Whining* (Fran Drescher book)
61 6.2-mile race
62 Follower of Daniel
63 Pub stuff
64 Serves, a la Cardozo or Breyer
65 *Washington Jewish* ___

Down

1 Hawaiian airline
2 Late-night talk show name
3 Big deal
4 Office furniture
5 *Mad*'s ___ E. Neuman
6 Agitated
7 Psychologist's phrase
8 Daybreak
9 Most capable
10 Lecherous looks
11 Some Arthur Miller works
12 Blow it
13 Wanted a Knesset seat
21 YU alums
22 Less covered
26 Tag cry
27 Most Talmud Torah students
28 Beatles album
29 Galilee sights
30 Greek war god
32 One of Hoffman's two
33 Plan part
34 ___ Zone (Israel's location)
35 Go nuts
36 Plan part
38 Trump ex
39 Purim play
44 One-___ (Henny Youngman specialty)
45 Scares the pants off of
47 He keeps to himself
48 Mossad employee
49 Wow
50 Wilkes-___, PA
51 Move with stealth
53 Oodles
54 One more than tsvei
55 Emulated Rube Goldberg
56 Newcomer into society, for short
57 Dvorak's *Symphony Minor*

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Israel ties to Austria may suffer, Levy says

By DALIA SHEHORI
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Israel will "reassess" its relations with Austria and may even break off diplomatic ties with Vienna if the "neo-Nazi" Freedom party is brought into the new government coalition in Austria, Foreign Minister David Levy stated last week.

Levy, who was speaking in the Knesset, said his statement on the reassessment of relations "is not a hint – it is a sharp, clear message."

Asked afterward by reporters if Israel will consider severing diplomatic relations with Austria, he replied: "That could also happen. It is a possibility."

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The far-right Freedom party, led by Jorg Haider, finished second in national elections earlier this month in Austria, garnering more than 27 percent of the votes.

Levy made a direct appeal to the Austrians: "Do not bring this neo-Nazi element into your government."

He said the results of the Austrian elections "demonstrate a worrisome and revolting phenomenon as to the opinions, world-view and insensitivity of the citizens of Austria."

The Austrian Foreign Ministry said it "has taken note of" Levy's statement and "will study it."

Prime Minister Ehud Barak said the strengthening of the extreme right party in Austria must be a "red light for us all."

Minister of regional co-operation Shimon Peres, citing the results of the elections, cancelled a planned visit to Vienna next week, during which he was to deliver a lecture in memory of former chancellor Bruno Kreisky.

"Austria is an anti-Semitic country and the election results prove it," said former Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek, himself Austrian-born, in an interview on a private Austrian radio station.

THANK YOU ISRAEL

These youngsters at Ben Gurion Airport last week are getting ready to return home. They were part of the group of 215 Moslem Kosovars who received sanctuary in Israel during the war in the Balkans. The Kosovars all returned home safely. *[Israel Sun photo]*

LITTLE CELL, LOTS OF ENERGY

A revolutionary, new battery made its debut recently in Israel. A 1.5 volt caseless 0.5 mm flexible and ultra-thin battery with a variety of applications in the microelectronics market was showcased earlier this month in Tel Aviv. Baruch Levanon, chief executive of the two-year-old company Power-Paper, said the battery can be manufactured in any shape and size and is environmentally friendly. *[RNS/Reuters photo]*

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CJC Meets Premiers

CHARLOTTETOWN — Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) president Moshe Ronen and executive vice-president Jack Silverstone met recently with Prince Edward Island Premier Pat Binns and later, in Halifax, with Premier John Hamm of Nova Scotia. The talks centred around hate on the Internet, the proposed Holocaust museum in Ottawa, commemorating Yom Hashoah and Holocaust education in schools.

Executive Director Named

WINNIPEG — Businessman Izzy Asper, chair and president of the Asper Foundation, has appointed Moe Levy as the foundation's executive director. Levy has been CEO and president of the Winnipeg Fur Exchange since 1993, and tallies a long history of involvement in business and management. The Asper Foundation was established in 1983 as a private, charitable foundation.

Segal Addresses CCCJ

TORONTO — Hugh Segal, former chief of staff to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Tory leadership contender and longtime Conservative strategist, was the guest speaker at the recent annual meeting of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. Segal warned against an atmosphere of defeatism, which he said can lead to the kind of racist and xenophobic rhetoric coming from U.S. presidential hopeful Pat Buchanan.

ISRAEL

Agent Goes On Trial

JERUSALEM — A former agent for the Shin Bet domestic security service has gone on trial for allegedly failing to prevent the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. Avishai Raviv, code-named "Champagne" by the Shin Bet, pleaded not guilty this month to the charges. Raviv was recruited by the Shin Bet in 1987 to gather information on far right-wing activities.

Ad Blitz Launched

JERUSALEM — The Conservative and Reform movements in Israel are reportedly planning new ad campaigns to draw followers to their synagogues. The campaigns are planned for Passover, following a media blitz by the two movements before Rosh Hashanah.

Slave Laborers File Suit

JERUSALEM — Israelis who worked as child slave laborers for the Nazi war effort filed a class-action lawsuit for "deprivation of childhood" in a U.S. court. The lawsuit came as discussions of a German compensation fund for ex-slave laborers are expected to resume in Washington. A lawyer for the plaintiffs said the lawsuit, in which the plaintiffs are asking for $75,000 per victim, was filed independently of those talks.

New Excavations

JERUSALEM — Israel launched new archeological excavations near the Temple Mount, which both Muslims and Jews claim as holy ground. The move by Prime Minister Ehud Barak is seen as symbolic, demonstrating his strength in peace negotiations with Palestinians.

WORLD

Cemetery Vandalized

BERLIN — A violent attack on Europe's largest Jewish cemetery has left 103 stones overturned, nearly a quarter of them irreparably damaged. Police are investigating the incident at eastern Berlin's Weissensee cemetery, which contains more than 100,000 stones. A local stonemason firm, hearing the news on the radio, offered to do repairs free of charge.

Gore Slams Buchanan

WASHINGTON — U.S. Vice President Al Gore has urged Republicans to repudiate Pat Buchanan's view that Adolf Hitler posed no threat to the United States, and that America would have been better off not entering World War II. In a statement, Gore called Buchanan's views an insult to Americans who gave their lives during the war.

Fund Nearly Paid Out

BERN — A Swiss humanitarian fund set up in 1997 to benefit needy Holocaust survivors announced that it had allocated more than 90 percent of its cash. The announcement came as the deadline for claims expired Oct. 1.

Babi Yar Service

MOSCOW — Jewish activists joined Ukrainian leaders for a memorial Sept. 29 honoring the memory of Jews slaughtered at a ravine near Kiev. Nazi forces killed more than 33,000 at Babi Yar in two days in September 1942.

Casino Buys Painting

LAS VEGAS — A Las Vegas casino recently purchased a Nazi-looted painting that had been returned to the heirs of a Jewish art collector. The Bellagio resort added Henri Matisse's *Odalisque* to its art collection in the casino.

In June, the Seattle Art Museum returned the work, valued at $2 million, to the heirs of Paul Rosenberg after it had hung in the museum for years.

Gloved One Goes to Shul

NEW YORK — It was only fitting that when Michael Jackson attended Shabbat services in New York, he would choose a synagogue known for its lively singing and dancing.

Jackson, the reclusive pop star best known for early 1980s hits such as *Billie Jean* and *Beat It*, showed up at Manhattan's Carlebach Shul Oct. 1, accompanied by a few security guards and Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, author of the bestseller, *Kosher Sex*.

Jackson was not available for comment, but reportedly told Rabbi Boteach the service at the Orthodox shul was one of the most spiritual experiences of his life.

Jackson is not planning to convert to Judaism, but was interested in attending a Jewish service, explained Rabbi Boteach, who met Jackson through mutual friend Uri Geller. Geller, the Israeli psychic famous for his ability to bend spoons, also attended the service.

Jackson "was swaying right along as if he were a Chassid," said the shul's rabbi, Samuel Intrator.

"When I was teaching Torah later, he was again swaying along and listening," the rabbi said. "He seemed very spiritual from what I saw."

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Quebec urged to create new religious schools

'Para-public' would be largely government funded

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Quebec should create "para-public" religious schools, which are neither fully public nor private, yet largely government-funded, Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), Quebec region, has proposed at the public hearings on the place of religion in schools.

CJC presents a model of a three-stream educational system, consisting of publicly-funded secular schools, with no religious content or orientation; private schools, either secular or religious; and the para-public religious schools, whether Catholic, Protestant, Jewish or other.

The latter would satisfy the belief of those parents, including "the vast majority" of Jewish parents, that "the school is a central place for the transmission of religious values," the CJC brief states.

These schools would teach the régime pédagogique, prescribed by the Education Ministry, as well as an integrated religious component, much in the way the Jewish day schools now do, CJC says. The difference is the government should fully fund "at least" the secular part of the curriculum.

"Our current network of Jewish day schools, which provides an illustration of this model, would be maintained and could serve as an interesting example for others. Subject to the expression of parents' wishes, some existing public schools might opt to affiliate with this system," CJC says.

Today, the Jewish day schools are classified as private, and the government pays only about half the cost of the secular curriculum, while Jewish studies is paid for entirely by parents.

CJC cites section 41 of the Quebec Charter of Human Rights as the basis for its argument in favor of state funding of religious schools. The charter, it says, "requires – and we believe that Quebecers' respect for religious diversity demands – that parents have the right to choose a school with a religious orientation for their children."

(Section 41 states that parents have a right to require that, in the public schools, their children receive a religious education in conformity with their convictions.)

The majority of public schools, however, should "not impose religious instruction or values," CJC says. "Any sort of religious programming at these schools should be offered outside school hours, at no cost to the state."

According to CJC, this means not only the curriculum should be secular, but "the school atmosphere, in all facets, must be pluralistic and must not reflect, in any way, a specific religious orientation."

The public hearings are being held by a parliamentary commission, following the tabling of a report by Université de Montréal professor Jean-Pierre Proulx, which calls for the secularization of all public schools and an end to the historic privileges of Catholics and Protestants in the system.

The report, Religion in Secular Schools: A New Perspective for Quebec, says one standard compulsory course on religions from a cultural perspective should be taught in all schools, at both the elementary and secondary levels.

Any specific religious content should be extra-curricular and at the expense of parents. That option should be made available to all religious groups, the report says.

Although school boards based on denomination – Catholic or Protestant – were abolished in July, 1998 and replaced by language-based ones, individual schools continue to have the right to designate themselves Catholic, Protestant or secular, according to parents' wishes.

All students, however, have the option of taking a Catholic, Protestant or secular-moral education, whatever the orientation of the school.

The report concludes that the present system is discriminatory because of the advantages accorded Catholics and Protestants, and violates both the Canadian and Quebec Charters of Rights.

To create linguistic boards, section 93 of the 1867 British North America Act was amended to repeal the application in Quebec of denominational rights in schooling. Legally, the current situation can only exist by Quebec's invoking the notwithstanding

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The defence of self

Former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu breezed into downtown Toronto last week, the main attraction of the Speakers Forum, an occasional lunch-time lecture series aimed primarily at Toronto's business community. Approximately 800 people paid $85 each to hear the former prime minister.

He spoke for nearly an hour, off the cuff as it were, without the benefit of a prepared text and then also answered a handful of questions.

It was a gathering of kindred souls. More than once during the course of his remarks, Netanyahu reminded the large assembly of his MIT credentials.

Ontario premier Mike Harris introduced the keynote speaker in enthusiastically admiring tones and that set the stage. From the very outset, it was apparent to everyone that Netanyahu was in his element. He looked relaxed, sounded authoritative and exuded confidence.

The content of Netanyahu's ensuing presentation was quite unremarkable, especially for those of us familiar with the issues and with the political context of Israeli life.

What was remarkable however, was the ease and the efficient, professorial calm by which he communicated to the audience.

Early on in the presentation, he walked out from behind the lectern because the audience "was too far away" and approached the very edge of the dais platform.

It was from there, as close as possible to his listeners, pacing back and forth, reinforcing his varied messages with emphatic body language like an animated teacher in front of a packed lecture hall of attentive students, that the former prime minister spoke to the assembly.

Moving to the front of the stage was a stroke of stylistic brilliance. It softened the edges of the formalized barriers of the venue without actually breaking them. The speaker retained his authority while adding a measure of folksiness. Moreover, it sent forward the unspoken but unmistakable signal that here was a man supremely secure in himself and with his message.

That message, ostensibly, was to be about the essence of modern leadership. In truth, however, Netanyahu spoke about the essence of his specific leadership as prime minister. It was a defence of self.

"True leadership," the former prime minister began, "is always about struggle. One must have a set of values and ideals, and then be willing to stand up to fight for them."

Two principles, Netanyahu said, were the cornerstones of his beliefs and the driving force of his policies during his term as prime minister:

• the key to peace was security;
• the key to prosperity was freedom.

Thus, he divided his remarks, a personalized retrospective of his prime ministerial record, into the realm of the peace process and economic policy.

On the peace process, he repeated to this Canadian audience what he had often told a domestic, Israeli audience: a peace treaty must be anchored in security, otherwise it amounts only to a piece of paper but not to a reciprocally enforceable contract.

Relying on the authority of the philosopher Immanuel Kant, Netanyahu was pleased to advise the audience that his government's policies "had laid the foundation for a peace that will last."

Though the audience listened politely and carefully to the former premier's review of his political record, they perked up considerably and listened very intently when the subject moved on to the economic record.

Netanyahu passionately described the necessary relationship between maximum individual freedoms and maximum societal prosperity.

His economic policies, Netanyahu suggested, had been designed with this relationship in mind. The policies were fivefold:

• the deficit was reduced from 5 percent to 2 percent of the GDP;
• inflation was reduced from 15 percent to 3 percent;
• a program of privatization of major government assets was begun;
• as was a program of deregulation of certain industrial sectors; and
• the Israeli currency was freed to find its competitive value relative to other currencies.

Netanyahu acknowledged that the "cost" of his economic program was a "temporary" increase in unemployment, and that it was the unemployment, which, as "the principal issue of the election" led to his electoral defeat.

And, as he was prepared to fight for his beliefs, his audience also believed that he was prepared to live with the results of the fight.

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HAPPY ARCHEOLOGISTS

This group of volunteers spent part of their summer digging up the sand at an archeological excavation at Yavneh Yam in Israel. Please see the related Guest Voices article on page 13. The author, Michael Noble, is at the far right.

JF&CS reports 5% hike in child abuse, neglect

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Incidents of physical abuse and neglect reported to the Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS) have increased by five percent in three years, according to Howard Hurwitz, director of children's services.

Hurwitz spoke last week at a City Hall press conference promoting media awareness of child abuse. October is child abuse prevention month.

In 1996, 425 allegations of child abuse, which include physical and sexual abuse and neglect, were reported to JF&CS. In 1998, there were 444 cases reported. Abuse was confirmed in only nine percent of the cases.

That does not mean there was no abuse in 91 percent of the cases, said Hurwitz, but is rather a reflection of JF&CS's inability to verify abuse in all circumstances.

Other children's aid societies have also noticed an increase in reports of physical abuse and neglect.

From April to August 1998, Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto reported an increase of about 11.6 percent in the number of reported cases of neglect and abuse.

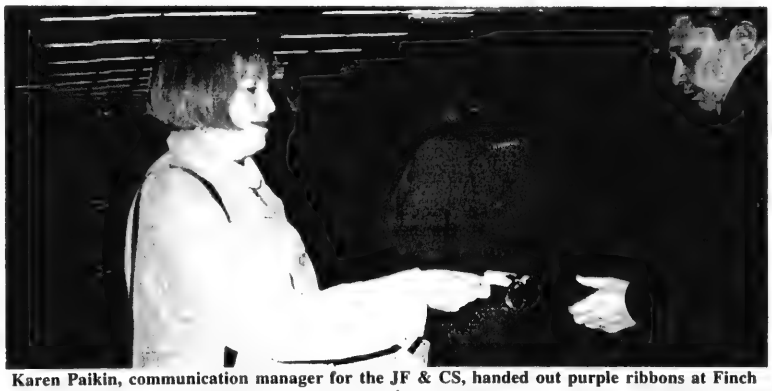
The Children's Aid Society of Toronto has experienced a 17 percent increase in demand for their services, said spokesperson Cathy Breton.

It is hoped that amendments passed in May to the Child and Family Services Act will lead to an increase in cases reported.

The amendments will make it easier for children's aid societies to get involved when they believe a child is at risk, said Hurwitz.

"In the old act, you had to have substantial grounds that the child was at risk or had been hurt, or you had to have proof the child had been abused," Hurwitz said.

With the legislative changes, social workers will be able to intervene even if they only suspect abuse has occurred or could occur, or there are concerns of neglect, he said.



Karen Paikin, communication manager for the JF & CS, handed out purple ribbons at Finch subway station in North York last week as part of a campaign to raise awareness of child abuse.

"With neglect, you don't always have concrete physical signs of harm, as you would with physical abuse, so the social worker can use his or her critical judgement to determine whether there are other risk factors besides just abuse," Hurwitz said.

Hit-and-run arrest

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Police made an arrest last week in the Sept. 24 hit-and-run death of Moshe Nussbaum, after a man turned himself in.

As well, a black 1998 Chevrolet Blazer was seized for forensic tests.

Nussbaum, 88, died after being hit by a car in the Bathurst-Wilson area, on his way to morning services at Agudath Israel Synagogue, which he had helped found.

Bernard Rivero, 40, of Bathurst Street, appeared in court last week and was granted bail. He will reappear in court Nov. 14, charged with one count of failure to remain at the scene of an accident.

Police said Nussbaum's family seemed relieved at the news of an arrest.

Police are still awaiting the results of forensic tests conducted on a black GMC Jimmy that was seized earlier after it had been brought to an autobody shop for front-end repairs.

Police said hairs and tissue were found on the first car's front frame.

Nussbaum was the 13th person in Toronto to die in a hit-and-run accident this year. A 14th victim died last week.

Officials say the number of hit-and-run deaths is unusually high this year. Normally, there are two or three annually.

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Anti-racist protesters greet Icke

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Demonstrators protest David Icke's talk last week at Hart House.
[Ron Csillag photo]

TORONTO — Protesters yelling "Shame" at the entrance to Hart House Theatre did not deter almost 400 audience members from attending a five-hour lecture by David Icke.

The controversial British New Age speaker, who lectured last Wednesday evening under the auspices of Sumari Seminars, maintains he is not anti-Semitic, despite the outcry against him from Jewish community members and others.

Prior to his talk, a crowd of about 50 demonstrators gathered outside the theatre on the University of Toronto's (U of T) downtown campus, chanting slogans like "Icke, Icke, Icke, take a hike, hike, hike!" and "Hate speech is not free speech."

At least one person in the audience, a member of a visible minority, was unfazed by the racism allegations. "I heard a lot of good things about him," she told *The CJN*. "I think there might be a little bit of truth. A lot of the people are interested in what he has to say. He should be allowed to say it, and we should be allowed to listen to it."

The audience ranged from young to middle-aged and several nodded in agreement as Icke spoke. There were also two officers from the Metropolitan Toronto Police hate crime unit, who are currently investigating Icke's books; officials from Immigration Canada; and about half a dozen Jewish Defence League members.

U of T student Sarah Zelcer, an equity studies major, took part in the protest because she believes it's important to have an anti-racist presence at the event. She would also like to see a public forum at which members of the Jewish community or others could "pick apart [Icke's] points one by one."

Student protesters included representatives of the university's Students' Administrative Council, its Jewish Students' Union and the Jewish fraternity Alpha Omega Pi.

Icke's writings are "anti-Semitic, make no mistake about it," Richard Warman, Green Party of Ontario representative, told the group.

Warman had travelled from Ottawa to join party leader Frank de Jong in disassociating the party from Icke, a former member of the U.K. Green party. According to a flyer handed out in front of the theatre, Icke "did extensive damage to the credibility of the U.K. Greens with his anti-Semitic writings and claims to be a son of god."

De Jong stood at the theatre entrance with a sign reading, "Racist speaker. Please do not go in the theatre."

Also on hand was Liberal attorney general critic Michael Bryant, who had called on Jim Flaherty, Ontario's attorney general, to investigate and potentially prosecute Icke for hate crimes.

Liberals call on AG to investigate speaker

Bernie Farber, executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, and Karen Mock, national director of B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights, both noted that with freedom of speech comes academic responsibility.

Farber called Icke's writings "the worst anti-Semitic garbage I have ever read."

Earlier in the day, U of T president Robert Prichard defended his decision to allow Icke to speak. Freedom of expression is a value the university is committed to, "even when the expression of the speech is deeply offensive, as is clear in this case," Prichard said in an interview on CBC Radio.

Icke came to Toronto following two weekend talks in Hull, Que. Protests from local Green Party members and Jewish community representatives resulted in the cancellation of his talk by at least four venues in the Ottawa area before the eventual location was finalized.

A talk at the Windsor Casino was also cancelled.

In his Toronto appearance – which lasted more than five hours, with one brief intermission – Icke discussed bizarre conspiracy theories about the world being ruled by a small group, composed of the descendants of reptiles and aliens. They supposedly invaded Earth and interbred with humans.

In his writings, he makes more pointed references to Jews and Judaism, denouncing the Talmud as "racist," and focusing on a "global elite" that includes the Rothschild banking family and former U.S. secretary of state Henry Kissinger.

Icke mentioned Jews specifically only at the beginning of his talk, referring to the controversy here. "Don't let anyone think [I've] changed [my] talk because of the controversy," he said.

Referring to his conspiracy theories, he asked, "Is it a Jewish plot?"

"No, no, no!" he yelled. "Is it a plot? Yes, yes, yes," he said firmly.

Most people, including journalists, he believes, are victims of a herd mentality.

Icke is clever, said Danny Roth, public affairs and communications director, CJC, Ontario region, who monitored the talk at the invitation of Sumari Seminars. "He's soft spoken, photogenic, he kibitzes, he's got a soft sell."

Roth believes the danger lies in Icke's subtlety. "People may not see him for what he is, and go out and buy the book."

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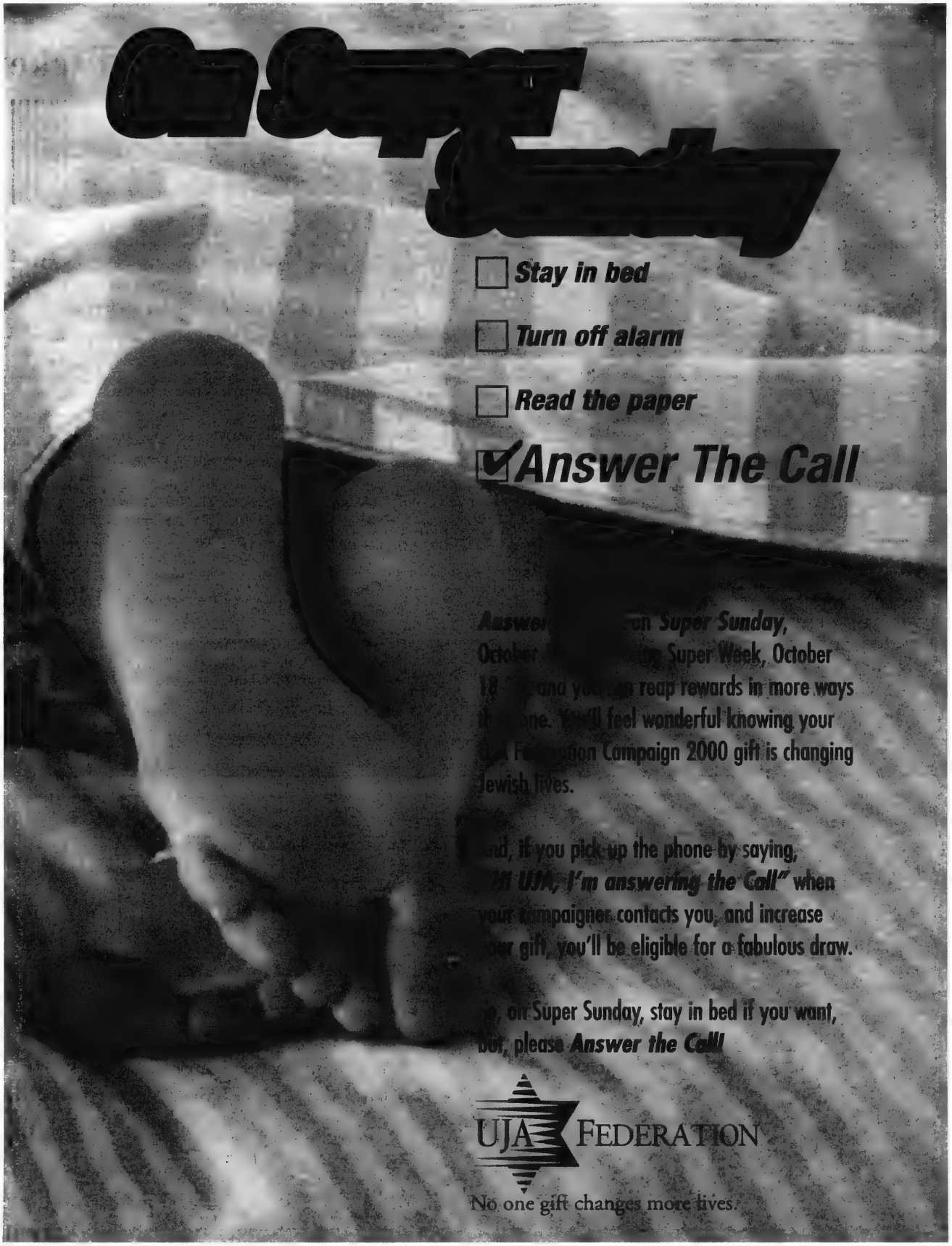
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Intemperate

Many people, justifiably, may question the wisdom of convening a multi-nation conference on the subject of federalism virtually on the doorstep of the one provincial government intent on bringing down the Canadian federation. Did the conference planners expect the Parti Québécois (PQ) would let the occasion pass without imparting its own views on federalism to representatives from some 25 countries?

But still, one could have been excused for expecting the premier of Quebec to conduct himself with civility if not courtesy during the proceedings last week. Such expectations, however, proved chimeral.

In the bombastic, demagogic style that has become his trademark, Lucien Bouchard told a gathering of 600 conference delegates that the Canadian government was treating Quebec "brutally," that it was trying "to bring Quebec to its knees," that it was "engaged in a concerted strategy of trivializing Quebec," and so on.

Canadians have become used to hearing these dark depictions of our national union by the premier of Quebec, though they still bruise. To the delegates from foreign shores, however, the barrage of Bouchardian asperities must have sounded strange indeed, intemperate, excessive, obsessive and contradicted by all that they saw with their very own eyes.

Inexcusable

The day prior to the outburst by Bouchard, his minister for intergovernmental affairs, Joseph Facal, told the *National Post* that his government's approach to separatism excludes the rule of law. "The question of Quebec sovereignty is a political question not a legal question," Facal told his interviewer. "The priority should be given to the clear expression of the *democratic will* (our emphasis) of a majority of the people," he said later in the interview.

PQ officials talk of a "democratic will" that is devoid of the rule of law; in fact they are talking not of democracy, but rather, at its most benign, of a kind of self-righteous authoritarianism.

The irreducible underpinning of all democracies and of all democratic government is the rule of law. It is inexcusable for the government of Quebec to peddle a contrary notion of democracy.

Incomprehensible

The vanity of a person whose voice no one wants to hear anymore can lead her to utter incomprehensible pronouncements. Such was the situation last week when Margaret Thatcher inveighed against the legal process in which Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet is currently embroiled. The "staunch and true friend" of Britain, as Lady Thatcher described Pinochet, was the controlling hand behind the murder or disappearance of thousands of Chileans. Is that the hand she would have her countrymen embrace?

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Iraqi Jews did not lack food and water

Re: "The Iraqi Jews of Toronto." (*CJN*, Sept. 30) I was very much offended when it was reported, for example, that the Jews in Iraq "lived in huts without food and water." I respond by saying with pride that not one single Jew lived in a hut in Iraq at any point of time. There was never a shortage of food or water, at least until the start of the Gulf war in 1991. Iraq is rich with oil resources and has two great rivers that supply water. Food was plenty in every house.

When I talked to Jerry Gladman, I was actually referring to the time of the mass exodus of the Iraqi Jews to Israel in 1951. Israel was not ready at that time to absorb such a large number of immigrants.

Ramzi Loya
Toronto

Spend Auschwitz synagogue funds in Israel

During a recent visit to my native Montreal, I read several issues of *The CJN*, a part of my weekly routine that I miss doing since my aliyah nearly seven years ago. I would like to comment on the closing statement of Joseph Lupka's letter (Opposes spending, *CJN*, July 15).

In my opinion, the money allocated for a synagogue near the Auschwitz death camp should be spent in Israel, not North America.

Using a similar note of discontent, why rebuild in the Diaspora, when we finally have a Jewish homeland, despite the efforts of the Nazis? Why not use these funds to instil a love of the land to Jews worldwide? Establish a scholarship program whose participants would travel to Israel in order to experience it firsthand through a series of seminars and workshops?

I am a grandchild of Holocaust survivors from Pabianice, Poland (near Lodz), and fully agree with the point made by Sholem Hershkop (Yiddish Vinkel, *CJN*, June 17), whereby he takes a stand against the building of a synagogue near the death camp in Auschwitz.

Rifki Sabo
Israel

Offer to visit parents of South African Jews

The Grand Lodge of the Hebrew Order of David International is embarking on an international project that could be of interest to ex-South African members living outside of South Africa.

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Max Skuy
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Disney's Epcot Centre must show Jerusalem as capital

We must stand united.

When I fought for the State of Israel while a resident in the '50s and '60s, our leaders were of sterner stuff; they made us proud! Now we are in fear of upsetting a "peace process" that is a lie!

The Arab block: Egypt, Arafat, the Gulf States, the Arab League, U.S. and international Muslim groups, and Disney have combined to prevent Israel from declaring Jerusalem its capital.

In fact Michael Eisner, Disney's CEO, has promised his Euro Disney partner, Saudi billionaire Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal, that the Israel Pavilion at Epcot Centre in Florida will definitely not depict Jerusalem as our capital.

The government of Israel, the Jewish community in Israel and elsewhere must not surrender to these gangsters' demands.

We must *publicly* invite visitors to the Israel Pavilion at Disney's Epcot Centre *with Jerusalem as Israel's capital*, to enjoy the sights, sounds, entertainment, and food products of the Holy Land.

Come say shalom!

Yohanan Yitzhak Hyat
Oakville

Cardinal's letter does not atone for price paid

With tears in my eyes, and a big appreciation, I read the letter sent to Jews by Cardinal O'Connor. (Rabbi Gunther Plaut's column, *CJN*, Sept. 30) But we, the witnesses of the horrors and the survivors of the Holocaust realize what price we have paid for this letter.

Bronka Zimmerman
Montreal

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Perspectives

Business ethics are a religious issue too

By RABBI JAY KELMAN

The past 50 years have witnessed an amazing transformation of Jewish life in North America. We have succeeded in transforming the treife medinah (unkosher land) into a land filled with yeshivot, Torah tapes, chesed organizations, glatt kosher food, mikvaot and daf yomi classes.

However, there does appear to be one major area where increased observance of and dedication to the details of halachah still elude us. I refer to the general category of business ethics, the section which occupies the most space in the code of Jewish law.

Unfortunately, all too often (once is too often), we hear about ritually observant Jews involved in white collar crimes: tax evasion, money laundering, embezzlement and fraud.

Perhaps even worse is the attitude that one so often hears in casual conversation. "I am only an employee, so I can't write off any personal expenses," or "Of course I pay my contractor in cash," thereby helping him evade his tax responsibility and thus stealing from the honest taxpayer. In an era where increased stringency has become the norm in so many ritual areas, why is it that leniency is the norm in our money dealings?

For some, the phenomenon is culturally based. Unfortunately, many people hail from areas where Jews were actively and legally discriminated against. Thus, to level the playing field, Jews had to resort to cheating. This attitude was then carried over to our democracies.

I do not wish to suggest that our behavior in this crucial area is worse than that of any other group. However, it does not require a very close examination of our general business practices to realize that a serious problem exists.

Judaism equates silence with acquiescence. Those who have the ability to address a problem but do not do so are equally culpable in the eyes of the Lord. It is in this spirit that I put in writing some of my own personal observations, based on my experiences as a chartered accountant and a pulpit rabbi, and discussions with friends and colleagues.

We were all created with a natural love of material possessions. This has many positive features. If not for our desire to make money, people would cease to build, thereby making society as a whole poorer. However, our inclination for more, more and more often leads us astray. The Talmud declares that (as with gossip and sexual impropriety) everybody sins somewhat in the area of money. The problem is exacerbated by the high cost of leading a Jewishly meaningful life adding to the temptation. Furthermore it is so easy to get away with it. The plethora of "cash only" businesses, combined with the extremely remote possibility of getting caught, make the temptation too great for many. This combination of (perceived) need, greed and easy access is hard to overcome.

The problem, though, goes beyond the personal desire for money. Our society idolizes material success. Hence, even people who don't need the money to make ends meet are tempted to cheat.

Even our religious institutions unwittingly contribute to this problem. When was the last time you saw a teacher being honored at a dinner? How many buildings are named for social workers who have devoted their lives to Jews in need?

Although many religious institutions will refrain from honoring those who disregard ritual norms, it is the rare one that will apply the same standards to ethical norms. Thus, there is no social ostracization of those who neglect this crucial area of Jewish life. Unfortunately the problem is so widespread and accepted that those who follow the ethical norms of the Torah in this area are often viewed as naive simpletons.

People have often complained to me that I speak on the issue of business ethics too often. One member of my synagogue even told me that by speaking out on the subject I make it more difficult to attract members to the shul. Once society accepts a norm, it becomes difficult to change. After all, if everybody does it, it can not really be wrong.

In this painting of *Moses with the Tablets of the Law* by Joos van Ghent (1410-1475), Moses emphasizes the law by pointing to it. The author of this essay also "points" to the law by urging that its ritual observance be tied to its ethical observance as well.

We live in a society that distinguishes between private activity and public life, a distinction which in many ways is foreign to Judaism. However its effects are clearly felt within the Jewish world. Much of the increased observance we have thankfully witnessed has focused on areas that are external and visible to others. Business activity generally takes place away from our religious environment and very few of our brethren have any idea what our standards are. Hence there is no religious norm to conform to.

A further distinction that people incorrectly make is the one between ritual and ethic. We have compartmentalized our lives into religious and secular components. Unfortunately, people then classify business activities in the secular component, which is somehow divorced from religious norms. We have failed to integrate all of our activities into a religious framework. The basic notion that Judaism does not recognize anything as being secular – there are only varying levels of holiness – has been ignored.

Ethics to many, just is not a Jewish issue; after all there is (apparently) nothing distinctly Jewish about this issue. In an era where religiosity is often defined by the number of cultural barriers that are erected, those areas where we have some degree of commonality with other groupings tend to be neglected.

Reinforcing the notion that business ethics is not a religious issue is the fact that rarely do our rabbis speak on this subject. Perhaps with the paucity of Jewish life after the war, it was understandable that religious energies would be devoted to kashrut, Shabbat, mikvaot and Jewish education. Perhaps rabbis naively thought that ethics would come naturally to a Jew.

It was inconceivable that a Jew who would sacrifice economic gain in order to keep Shabbat, thereby showing his faith in the Creator, would show total lack of faith in the ability of God to provide economically for us. This is why the first question asked to us by God after 120 years is *Nasata v'natata b'emunah?* (Did you deal faithfully in business?) The question is asking more than how honest we were in business; it is asking whether our dealings were conducted with faith in God as our ultimate provider.

Even on those occasions when rabbis speak out, they are often ignored. The perception is that the rabbinic leadership does not really understand the business world, that they are living in an ivory tower detached from the real world.

We must make things perfectly clear. A Jew who is ethically wanting, no matter how meticulous in his relations with God, is not a religious Jew.

Much more important than the diagnosis of the problem is finding a cure. While the evil inclination will continue to resist efforts to curb its appetite for money, this yetzer hara can be "defeated" as we challenge it for productive purposes. Not so long ago, everybody, including observant Jews themselves, thought that traditional Judaism could not survive in America and were thankfully proven wrong. Similarly a concerted effort to address this problem is bound to have positive results. The first step towards a solution is recognizing the gravity of the problem and the centrality of the issue to the definition of being an observant Jew.

It is time to make this issue a priority. We must teach and re-teach the basic Jewish values of honesty, full disclosure and integrity in all of our dealings. Our rich heritage includes such teachings as these: the flood happened because of the sin of robbery; the first question that God will ask us in the afterlife is whether our business dealings were conducted honestly; it is a biblical obligation to follow the civil laws of your country of residence; due to dishonest weights, Amalek comes (Midrash cited by Rashi Devarim 25:17); robbery is "more difficult" than adultery (Baba Batra 88b); God abhors social sins but can tolerate idolatry (see commentary of Meshech Chochmah to Exodus 14:24).

We must stress the notion that our prophets have told us over and over again that God does not want absent social ethics; in fact, He even despises our sacrifices (Isiah 1). And we all know that prayer has replaced sacrifices.

Furthermore, the notion of potential chillul HaShem, desecration of God's name must be stressed. When a Jew who is ritually observant cheats, people are turned off from Judaism and God's name is desecrated. The Talmud implies that if one is going to violate Judaism's ethical norms, then it would be better that one not be ritually observant either (see Talmud Yoma 85a). The inconsistency brings disrepute to the perfect Torah that we have corrupted.

Rabbis must speak out on the subject forcefully and consistently (notwithstanding that it may upset some members of the congregation). Clear legal rulings must be issued that forbid both the operation and patronization of cash only businesses, reminding people that all items must be declared at customs, that it is wrong to delay payment of bills, that window-dressing financial statements is a forbidden practice.

We must not allow those whose business practices are not up to Torah standards to be held as role models for a Torah lifestyle. We must ensure that all our activities are conducted in a manner that will result in a kiddush HaShem. We must continue to work until people stop and say: "What a wonderful Torah the Jewish people have, look at the honesty and integrity of those who keep it."

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Opinions

A man for all faiths

On the evening of Nov. 1, Holy Blossom and the community at large will have the opportunity of greeting an extraordinary guest. He is one of the few of whom it can be said without reservation that he has changed the face of Canada.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

Strange, therefore, that he has not become a household name amongst the masses, though amongst those who know the inner workings of Canadian society, he is a star.

He is the one who, some years ago, was able to direct public awareness to different goals and, at the same time, win the support of the most prestigious scientists in the land.

The 72-year-old Torontonian who has managed such rare exploits, Dr. Fraser Mustard, is the person primarily responsible for recognizing the vital importance of early child development.

He was able to demonstrate scientifically that the very earliest chapters in our lives are decisive for our future. He not only published his findings in scientific magazines, but he took them, so to speak, to the very streets of the country. He is a born activist, and his capacity to persuade people has been extraordinary.

Today, he serves as president of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research and is co-chair of the Early Years Learning Study (established by the government of Ontario).

Understanding that scientific results alone do not ensure change, Mustard campaigns relentlessly to raise the consciousness of communities and governments across Canada about the high cost to society when it fails to provide a nurturing environment in early childhood.

For his efforts, he has received not only a trunkful of awards and honors – amongst them 15 honorary degrees – but also the reputation of "a humanitarian street fighter."

What, then, should we do? Mustard thinks that we must begin to reorder our national priorities and, above all, consider the youngest element in our society as our most valuable resource.

He is convinced that our traditional view, which stresses Canada's natural resources, is partial, ineffective and, in the long run, counter-productive.

"There is a change taking place in the world, and historically nations who have failed to capture that change generally have had difficulty sustaining their tolerance or their specific qualities," Mustard says.

On Nov. 1, this outstanding Canadian, whose name is known to cognoscenti all over the world, will receive the Humanitarian Award that Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto bestows every other year. Mustard is not a Jew but is a man for all faiths.

I have a very particular reason to be glad that Mustard has agreed to accept the award from the congregation with which I have been associated for the last 38 years – the more so since it was a generous gesture of Holy Blossom two years ago to give this award my name.

Mustard is a star whose ideals and labor have brightened society's darkest skies.

The Jew in the Lotus

The credit for this column goes to the members of my chavurah who chose Rodger Kamenetz's *The Jew in the Lotus* as our fall topic, and to my husband for the insights which he has offered.

Jean M. Gerber in Vancouver

The impetus for the book, subtitled "A poet's rediscovery of Jewish identity in Buddhist India," was an invitation to have a group representing the Jewish community meet with the Dalai Lama, who had expressed a desire to discover what mechanisms the Jewish people have developed over the centuries to cope with periods of exile. How had a people bereft of ritual place (the Temple) and geographic centre (the land of Israel) managed to retain and develop their religion and sense of identity?

For the Jewish participants, the question was different: Why have many Jews become practising Buddhists in the last quarter-century? Indeed, Halifax has a major centre of Buddhist thought, and as many as 300 JUBUs (Jewish Buddhists) live there with their spiritual guide. So the question of how Jews sustain their identity is no idle one – many have subsumed that identity or abandoned it altogether as they became immersed in Buddhism. The meeting of Jews with the Dalai Lama was fraught with potential antagonism.

I was immediately struck by the dissonance that erupted among members of the Jewish delegation. Representing Judaism is no easy task; no one denomination or movement would be acceptable to the organizers. Therefore the group contained Rabbi Yitz Greenberg and his wife Blu, Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, Rabbi Joy Levitt, Rabbi Moshe Waldoks, and a number of other participants.

For Rabbi Greenberg, already a controversial figure among his Orthodox brethren, just meeting with the Dalai Lama to discuss religion was a major step. The rabbi and his wife, have been involved in such risky behavior for years. But to meet, and by that meeting validate, a person representing Buddhism was to step into uncharted waters. As a religion which does not recognize a creator, but seeks to return to a state of emptiness, Buddhism would seem to be the complete antithesis of Judaism's overriding monotheism.

Rabbi Schachter-Shalomi, on the other hand, paused to recite Minchah in a Sikh temple. His eagerness to dialogue about the respective mystical traditions of Judaism and Buddhism was manifest from day one. The task of explaining Kabbalah fell to him. And in his explanation, it was clear that his ability to navigate the deep waters of Jewish mysticism opened a door to mutual understanding and learning between Jew and Lama.

For the Greenbergs, the need to remember the historical experiences of the Jews was a key to maintaining Judaism through the centuries. "Always remind" was their mantra, always recall, through ceremony, prayer and study. To pray with another religion is not the Greenberg way; to listen, explain, appreciate the strengths, yes – to participate, no. Thus the tension between the two approaches, one outward and inclusive, one particularistic and introspective.

What did the Dalai Lama learn? The wisdom of Rabbi Greenberg's message, "always remind;" the importance of not only the survival of Tibetan Buddhism, but of the entity called Tibet – the vital need to preserve, in the Dalai Lama's words, "Tibetan Buddhism. For this the land, the physical country of Tibet, is crucial. It is unlikely that [Tibet] can survive as a cultural and spiritual entity if its physical reality is smothered under Chinese occupation." The Dalai Lama, observes Kamenetz, has become a "dharma Zionist."

And what did the Jews learn? To support Tibetan freedom (supporters including the Greenbergs); to become more aware of the potential meditative practice within Judaism, including a way for those seeking meditative Judaism to discover the intense spiritual exercise they crave.

Why have so many Jews abandoned Jewish ways for Buddhism? All of us, Orthodox, Conservative and Reform, have been so focused on the experiential that we have lost the ability to explore the spiritual. We are so busy having experiences – Israel Experience, social action, organizational achievement, correct halachic observance – that we have forgotten the possibilities within Judaism for spiritual contact with an Other. Just recently we chanted the Hoshanahs on Sukkot. What else was that but a meditation and mantra on the abundance of God in relation to humankind? Yet how many of us recognized it?

Shlomo Carlebach taught, "Ever since the Holocaust we are all like priests who have become contaminated by death. It's hard for people who are looking for a loving living God to find him among the angry voices. They go to people who don't have any anger about God."

We have erected too many barriers to encountering the depths of Judaism, the hard places where we contact the divine in all its terrible glory. We need to be less experience-oriented, less materialistic about our faith, more open to the risks of the mystical.

Sukkot Reminiscences

I have been very fortunate to have spent my last two sabbaticals as a guest of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Those years were rewarding and enriching experiences for me and my family. I am fond of saying that for 6 years I labor at the University of Alberta and, in the seventh year, I rest in Jerusalem.

Bruce Elman in Edmonton

A colleague here once asked me why I always took my sabbaticals in Israel.

I told him that I go to Israel "because of the calendar." He could not understand this response so I explained it to him: when I am in Israel, my personal calendar is always in harmony with the State's calendar. Not so here. In Edmonton, my personal calendar is always at odds with society's calendar. I must constantly make accommodations in order to co-ordinate my calendar with the country's calendar.

Consider some of these examples: in Edmonton, a class missed for a Jewish holiday must be rescheduled; not so in Jerusalem where all Jewish holidays are statutory vacation days. In Edmonton, if someone wants to schedule a luncheon meeting during the intermediate days of Pesach, I must first convince them that we should not go out to a restaurant for lunch. Rather we should have a meal catered in the faculty lounge. Then, while they ready themselves for a meal of lasagna or sandwiches, I unpack my hard boiled egg, matzah, and sponge cake. In Jerusalem, there are numerous restaurants which are "kosher for Passover."

Or how about this illustration: every year, in December, we are inundated by "Christmas shows" on television, "Christmas decorations" in the malls, "Christmas parties" at the office. Not so in Jerusalem, where you would be hard-pressed to even know that there was such a holiday.

I must confess that there is a downside to having your personal calendar in sync with society's. For example, in Jerusalem, in the days leading up to Passover, many people decide to have their cars cleaned inside and out in order to ensure that they are "chametz-free". Line-ups at the carwash grow longer, the waiting time increases, and everyone gets a bit edgier because, after all, they have to go home and prepare for the Seder. In Edmonton, on the other hand, there is no pre-Pesach rush at the carwashes.

This feeling that the rhythm of my personal life is out of step with the rhythm of society is at its height during Sukkot. At no time do I long to be in Israel more than during Sukkot. There is no better time to be in Jerusalem. Of all of our memories of those years in Jerusalem, our strongest recollections are of Sukkot.

Now that I think about it, the similarities between Sukkot in Jerusalem and Christmas in Edmonton are astounding – not in theology and conception, of course, but in mood and activity.

In Edmonton, our Christian friends delight in going with their family to pick out a tree. Prior to Sukkot, our whole family walked to Mea Shearim to pick out a lulav and etrog.

The scene was incredible. The whole street was packed with merchants hawking their wares. One fellow was selling etrogim, another lulavim, others hadasim or decorations or carrying cases. All price ranges were available (like Christmas trees I assume).

An etrog, unboxed, unlabelled, and unsigned – the kind we purchased – sold for 10 shekels. Other "models" sold for 25 shekels or 50 or more, depending upon the stature of the Rebbe whose autograph appeared on the box – sort of like designer etrogim.

As Erev Sukkot neared (like Christmas Eve), the 25 and 50 shekel etrogim were taken from their boxes and thrown in the 10 shekel bin. (I assume that this is similar to price reductions on decorations as the stores are closing on Christmas Eve.)

The Christmas custom of decorating the tree is paralleled by the decorating of the sukkah. Great effort is expended in decorating the sukkah.

We bought lots of decorations including a giant pomegranate to hang in the middle of the sukkah. Just outside the Co-op Grocery on Rehov Hapalmach, we purchased huge palm branches for the top of our sukkah. Then we had to put them on the roof of our Fiat Regatta and drive home very slowly so as not to lose them. It was quite a sight!

People go for walks around the neighborhood to view all the decorations. Even the restaurants in Jerusalem set up Sukkot for their customers to eat in if they desire.

School children have 10 days of vacation at Sukkot – just like at Christmas and many families travel during the break.

Well, enough of these reminiscences. I have to go put a heater in my sukkah and brush the snow off the roof.

Do you see what I mean about the calendar?

The Kirshner File

Festival hosted four Israeli films

Four Israeli films were screened at the recent Toronto International Film Festival. Watch for them in commercial release across Canada.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

Mea Shearim, the haredi neighborhood in Jerusalem, is hermetically sealed from outside influences, at least religiously and spiritually. In *Kadosh*, Amos Gitai parts the veil and reveals a glimpse – nothing more is possible – of this cloistered world.

He does so by examining the lives of two temperamentally different sisters, Rivka and Malka. A conformist, Rivka accepts her society's norms. A rebel, Malka does not.

After 10 years of marriage, Rivka (Yael Abecassis) has still not borne Meir (Yoram Hattab), her scholarly husband, a child. Meir loves and respects Rivka. But Meir's rebbe (Yusuf Abu Warda) persuades him to annual his relationship with Rivka and seek a woman who is not barren. The notion of personal satisfaction seems to be a moot point among haredim. What counts is the continuity of their community. It is, therefore, not surprising that, in their eyes, a woman's raison d'être is reproduction. As Meir declares, sterility is a curse.

Malka (Meital Barda), meanwhile, is none too eager to marry Yossef (Uri Ran Klauzner), the rabbinical scholar her parents have chosen. She is still very much attached to her boyfriend, who has left the haredi community. Eventually, she relents and weds Yossef, but not before she bemoans her circumscribed circumstances.

Kadosh, a sensitive film punctuated by long, soulful pauses and characterized by fine acting and attention to detail, is pro-feminist rather than anti-religious. Yet Gitai, whose direction is deft and naturalistic, is clearly not in sympathy with the sexist manner in which haredim appear to relate to women.

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Jonathan Sagall's *Urban Feel*, which is hip and cynical, distills the essence of a troubled marriage in modern-day Israel.

Emanuel (Sagall), fresh from an extended trip to India, where he apparently subsisted on meditation and herbal tea, looks up an old flame, Eva (Dafna Rechter). She happens to be married to his best friend, Robby (Scharonn Alexander). Conniving his way into her house while Robby is away at work, Emanuel quickly realizes that Eva, the mother of a school boy, is less than happy with her dull husband. Robby's penchant for answering personal ads only exacerbates matters.

Cool, detached and prone to drinking and instant gratification, the bisexual, seemingly nihilistic Emanuel has a torrid affair with Eva, his "partner in despair." But in surrendering to passion, Eva sets the stage for self-liberation and, perhaps, regeneration. As for Emanuel, he is hopelessly adrift.

Suffused with the philosophy that life is extremely ambivalent and unpredictable, *Urban Feel* is morose without being too pessimistic.

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Yana's Friends, a gentle romantic comedy directed by Arik Kaplun, unfolds against the backdrop of the 1991 Gulf War, during which Saddam Hussein's Scud missiles randomly crashed into Tel Aviv. As the sirens wail, a group of newly arrived Russian immigrants try to adjust to the situation as well as to their new surroundings.

The focus is on Yana (Evelyne Kaplun) and Fima (Israel Demidov), a young childless couple hard-pressed to make ends meet. Fima returns to Moscow, leaving Evelyne pregnant and in debt. She, in turn, takes up with Eli (Nir Levi), an easy-going photographer and voyeur. As their story unfolds, the film zeroes in on two other struggling Russian couples and a gruff landlady of Russian origin who makes a startling discovery.

Adolf Eichmann

Open and unaffected, and propelled forward by competent performances, *Yana's Friends* quietly explores the trials and tribulations Russian olim experience in contemporary Israel.

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In the annals of courtroom dramas, the Adolf Eichmann trial in Jerusalem must surely rank as among the most compelling. Eichmann, the Nazi functionary responsible for the deportation of Jews to concentration camps, was abducted by Mossad agents in Argentina in 1960 and brought to Israel to face justice. Convicted of war crimes, he was hanged in 1961, his ashes scattered in the Mediterranean Sea.

Unbeknown to Israelis, the trial was filmed in its entirety. *The Specialist*, a taut documentary by Eyal Sivan and Rony Brauman inspired by Hannah Arendt's book, *Eichmann in Jerusalem*, is a cinematic record of part of the proceedings, a chilling portrait of a bland, obedient bureaucrat who finally admitted that he was guilty of "one of the greatest crimes" in history.

As *The Specialist* begins, Gideon Hausner, the prosecutor, describes the accused as "a beast in the jungle" who no longer deserves to be called a human being. While Hausner speaks, Eichmann, animated by a snicker, polishes his glasses, holding them up to the light, and purses his lips. Later, he writes furiously on a legal pad and plays with his pen as a parade of witnesses implicate him. Occasionally, one of the judges asks for silence when an embittered Holocaust survivor abruptly interrupts the trial.

Invariably calm and collected, Eichmann is partial to metaphors. He likens himself to a "drop in the ocean," a "powerless soldier," a "transmitting agency" and "an instrument in the hands of superior powers" who unwillingly obeyed orders. Hausner is not impressed. "You poor man!" he blurts out, barely containing his rage.

Claiming that he was split between conscience and duty, Eichmann discloses that he requested a transfer, but was refused. He could not shirk orders, nor be released from his oath, he says, describing the Nazis' genocidal crimes as "a monstrous act." Yet Eichmann does not repent. Remorse, he observes dryly, is for little children. The words of an arch criminal, as caught by *The Specialist*, a movie of immense power.

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A commanding, often touching coming-of-age film set in Quebec in 1963, Lea Pool's *Emporte-moi* (*Set Me Free*) is somewhat autobiographical. It's a portrait of Hanna, a displaced 13-year-old girl whose father is a Polish Jewish immigrant poet (Miki Manojiovic) and whose mother is a French-Canadian garment factory worker (Pascale Bussieres).

Two pivotal scenes highlight her conflicted identity. In a classroom, Hanna (Karine Vanasse, in a radiant performance) patiently explains why she is neither Catholic nor Jewish. During a class break, she confronts a girl who has just referred to her in racially disparaging terms. In both instances, Hanna acquits herself with self-confidence and poise.

Inspired by the actress Anna Karina in Jean-Luc Godard's *Vivre sa vie* and by her emphatic teacher (Nancy Huston), Hanna gradually finds herself during the course of an eventful year. And while *Emporte-moi* is full of telling shots, the most beautiful one of all is one in which mother and daughter connect emotionally on a skating rink. *Emporte-moi*, in short, is a film of great tenderness and empathy.

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Here Am I, a black-and-white Canadian film which takes place in 19th century Bulgaria, turns on an ancient Hebrew text, a dazed boy, a scribe and a mysterious horseman. Bizarre and puzzling.

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La genèse, an African film, is a fable with biblical overtones about greed, vengeance and jealousy. Intriguing.

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RUTH KELMAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Cheltenham Nursing Home on Bathurst Street announced recently that its parent company, Diversicare, will award a $500 annual scholarship named for the late rebbitzen Ruth Kelman, to the Dr. Abraham Shore Academy – She'arim Hebrew Day School. Rebbitzen Kelman was a regular volunteer at Cheltenham, under the auspices of the Jewish chaplaincy service. Gathering recently for a short service at Cheltenham to mark the scholarship's inauguration were, from left, She'arim's principal, Kathy Manoim; Rabbi Joseph Kelman; Rabbi Ronald Weiss of Jewish Family & Child Service; Cheltenham's director of recreation, Shanta Chikarmane; and Mary Reid, the nursing home's administrator. [Ron Csillag photo]

Y2K and Israel

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

Last week, we began our look at the computer millennium bug from a Jewish perspective. Today, Y2K and Israel.

As the world gears up for potential problems brought on by the year 2000 computer bug, an international research group has ranked Israel very high in its readiness. Israel ranked fifth among the countries most prepared (behind the United States, Canada, Australia and South Africa, and ahead of Europe and the Far East) **[http://www.globes.co.il/cgi-bin/Serve_Archive_Arena/pages/English/1.2.1.7/19981102/1]**. According to the report, Israel is expected to encounter isolated glitches in power supply, telephone communications, banking activity and gas supply, and a shortage of food and water.

Last month the U.S. State Department came to similar conclusions **[http://www.israelwire.com/New/990917/9909178.html]**.

Two weeks ago, a senior invesigator from the FBI warned that Israel and India might take advantage of Y2K confusion to implant harmful code into American computers **[http://news.excite.com/news/r/991001/02/tech-yk-code]**

Unfortunately, preparations in Israel haven't been perfect. Earlier this year, when Israel's income tax collectors tried to bug-proof their computer, they actually caused thousands of taxpayers to overpay **[http://www.usatoday.com/life/cyber/tech/cte600.htm]**. (The money was refunded.)

The Israeli government maintains a large Y2K preparedness site with its own countdown clock **[http://www.mof.gov.il/2000/]**. Please note that this impressive site is almost entirely in Hebrew.

To play it safe, Clalit, Israel's largest health maintenance organization has ordered its physicians not to schedule any elective surgical procedures between Dec. 25 and Jan. 4 **[http://www.israelwire.com/New/990602/9906027. html]**. In addition to possible technical failures, the organization is also wary of individuals who may take advantage of problems to launch lawsuits.

The Israel Defence Forces have been in high gear since 1996 trying to pinpoint potential problems **[http://www.jpost.com/com/Archive/17.Jan.1999/News/Article-9.html]**.

According to the IDF's head of computerization, "I promise we are doing our utmost to be 100 percent ready. The trend is to minimize the problem. I can only guarantee…100 percent effort, not 100 percent success."

Since the new millennium will be ushered in on Shabbat, a special ministerial committee has been established to investigate the Y2K issue and its impact on Jewish law **[http://www.israelwire.com/new/990729/9907298.html]**. The possibility of equipment failure associated with the new century may require that special provisions be made to enable persons to violate the Shabbat or be prepared to do so, should life-threatening situations arise.

On that Shabbat night, hotels in Israel will not be permitted to violate the day by holding New Year's Eve parties **[http://www.usatoday.com/life/travel/leisure/t0817jr.htm]**. Although hotels will be allowed to hold low-key dinners, they will risk losing their kosher licenses if they permit music and dancing or put on boisterous bashes **[http://www.everything2000.com/news/events/sabbath.asp]**.

Israel is preparing for a tourism boom of Christian pilgrims ushering in the year 2000, with the number of visitors expected to doubling to nearly four million. According to tourism official Amnon Lipzin, "it's tricky for a Jewish state to plan events for a Christian phenomenon, but we know people will always want to have a good time." **[http://www.usatoday.com/life/travel/leisure/1999/t0402is.htm]**

In addition to the welcome tourists, Y2K hysteria has also been a source of concern in Israel. Earlier this year, Israel deported from the country a group of so-called "Concerned Christians" **[http://cnn.com/US/9901/09/israel.group.01/index.html]**. Israeli police said members of the Colorado sect had planned to do violence before the millennium in Jerusalem **[http://www.jpost.com/com/Archive/21.Oct.1998/News/Article-9.html]**.

While many people predict serious problems as we approach the year 2000, David Weinberger likes to find a silver lining in this calendar confusion **[http://www.hyperorg.com/backissues/johooct897.html]**. Jews have just ushered in the year 5760. That means only 240 years before we face "the Y6K problem! It's not too early to begin raking in the consulting fees."

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Jewish Life

Looking back with grace

***Another Life, A Memoir Of Other People*, by Michael Korda (Random House, $36.95).**

Books
Bernard Baskin

In 1957, the New York publishing scene and Michael Korda seemed ideally matched. He was a graduate of Oxford, fluent in four languages and a keen student of modern literature. Moreover, as the son of a celebrated art director and the nephew of a famous film producer, he was acquainted with a clutch of actors and writers. The book business offered a career of intellectual ferment and cultural stimulation. It seemed attractive and promising.

He had little idea of what he was getting himself into. Publishing, in a relatively brief period of time, underwent dramatic and unforeseen changes. It was no longer a "gentleman's profession" but a gigantic international enterprise involving unnerving competition, stunning mergers, spirited auctions and unorthodox methods of book distribution and advertising.

Now, as power editor in charge of Simon and Schuster, Korda looks back with grace and humor on 40 years with the firm, his involvement with the eccentric founding fathers, Richard Simon and Max Schuster, and his gradual but inexorable rise in the hierarchy.

He points out that until the 1920s, book publishing in America was dominated by old, respectable houses that, for the most part, didn't hire Jews – certainly not at an executive level – and published Jewish writers only.

A half-Jew, he was totally unaware of anti-Semitism in the United States which, he writes, "was far more widespread and more socially acceptable in the 1940s and 1950s."

In 1942, his father flew over from England and booked a suite with him at a luxurious hotel in Palm Beach, Fla. The manager showed them around and added, "I need hardly say that you'll be among your own. The hotel is restricted, naturally... I am not supposed to say this, but we don't take people of Jewish faith."

"I have seldom seen my father angrier or move faster. Within an hour, we were in Miami, but the incident had soured him on Florida. After only one night there, we went back to New York, despite the sun and fresh food, both of which my father craved after two years in wartime."

What most readers will relish is the book's delicious gossip. Korda, an excellent raconteur, has a wealth of anecdotes to relate about such writers and celebrities as Irving Wallace, Harold Robbins, S.J. Perelman, Walt Durant, Tennessee Williams, Carlos Castaneda, Graham Greene, Ronald Reagan, Richard Nixon and Mafia boss Joseph Bonano.

One night Korda was awakened by a frantic call from Joan Crawford whose autobiography he had published. She complained bitterly about the white flowers that had been placed in her hotel room.

"Years later," writes Korda, "I happened to mention Joan's horror of white flowers to my Aunti Merle." She nodded, as if it made perfect sense. "In Hollywood, white flowers are for funerals," she said crisply. "Joan knew that better than anyone."

Graham Greene insisted on his chosen title for his book *Travels With My Aunt*. When his publisher suggested a number of alternatives, Graham wired from Paris "Easier to change publisher than title. Graham Greene."

Ronald Reagan told wonderful stories that weren't true, but that he believed with complete sincerity himself. "Thus we had to argue Reagan with considerable embarrassment out of a story about his being the first soldier to enter the German death camps and record the atrocities there. It turned out that he had never left the United States during World War II. He had seen some of the footage taken at death camps and had somehow convinced himself that he had been there."

Although somewhat carelessly written – repetitive and not free of clichés – this is a deft, lively, engaging and informative autobiography, full of energy, wit and canny reminiscence.

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Digging for 'treasure'

By MICHAEL NOBLE
Special to The CJN

It is 4:20 a.m. and I am awake. Thanks to the banging and yelling at our dorm room door, my three roommates and I are getting ready to start another day of midsummer digging at Yavneh Yam, the beachside excavation run by Prof. Moshe Fischer and Tel Aviv University (TAU).

We moan and move slowly, but eventually make our way from bed to bus to site, where we settle with each of our groups into our own loci (dirt holes).

From the dark chill of 5 a.m. until the blazing heat of noon, we brush, scrape or sometimes smash our way down through the layers of history of the ancient biblical port.

We return to the youth village and take a well-deserved nap before we wash and categorize our finds for the day; later we attend a lecture about the site, or about archeology in general. Mixed in somewhere is some free time and eating of much cottage cheese, tomatoes and cucumbers.

The dig is educational, not only because of the lectures, but also because of the day to day mechanics of the dig, like brushing rocks and raising nets for shade. Everything is new and interesting to a guy whose only experience of archeology has been in Indiana Jones movies. Imagine my disappointment when I don't get to use my whip once!

I meet lots of different people and we talk a lot. The dig draws volunteers from ages 15 to 60, Jews and non, from across Europe, Israel and the United States. I am one of only two Canadians. Our multinational panel discusses everything from the Israel peace process to Americanization to Buffy the Vampire Slayer.

We work by the sea. As I dump buckets of dirt down the hill and wipe away my sweat with the bottom of a sandy T-shirt on its third straight day of use (a new shirt will be disgusting in an hour anyway), something about the water calls to me. Perhaps it is the cool rushing waves, perhaps it is the girls in bikinis. I can't be sure.

We spend most of our time moving earth with small tools, and there is a certain back-to-the-sandbox, childlike pleasure in sifting through the dirt, although I'd recommend fellow six-footers to cut their legs off before crouching in a hole for eight hours.

The greatest fun, however, comes when the area supervisor says, "OK clear out those rocks," and we get to stand up, wield the pickaxe and smash our way down to the next layer, with much sweating and grunting.

We find buried treasure. While much of the pottery we find looks as if it could have come from the flowerpot on your window-sill, people also find coins, statuettes and inscriptions, including one in Hebrew.

Archeology, we are told by our TAU leaders, is about careful study and thorough research, but it's always fun to find treasure. I find an unbroken Greek oil lamp from over 2,000 years ago. The lamp is genie-free, but still good enough for a picture and a pat on the back.

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Bialik acquires new land to double school space

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Hundreds of students, alumni, parents, staff and friends of Bialik Hebrew Day School gathered recently to celebrate the school's acquisition of new land.

The school, located at the corner of Viewmount Avenue and Bathurst Street for all of its 39 years, started out with 50 students in the office space of the Labor Zionist Movement of Canada, the organization that founded the school.

There are now more than 800 students and 90 staff members. Bialik has purchased the land next door, previously rented to several supermarkets. This will almost double the school's space.

Dr. Uri Korin, school principal, says Bialik has always suffered from a shortage of space, and in the past, has expanded by purchasing houses on the same block as the school. "Until now, however, we have never had the ability to expand in a planned session. We have plans now to provide services in the short and long range."

In the short term, he says, the extension will be used as a gym and assembly hall, and to provide drive-through and parking for teachers and guests. "Parking has always been a major issue for the school, parents and neighbors; this will bring great relief.

"In our current [space] situation, we have always had to find creative ways to use the facilities. Now, students will be able to perform and rehearse without disturbing others."

Plans are already in place, he says, and renovations will begin as soon as possible.

The school has begun a "process of consultation to decide how to best plan the whole campus, and integrate the new area in a way that will provide the best educational facilities," Korin says.

The level of excitement among parents, staff and board members about the extension "is second to none. It allows us to plan a facility, rather than patching things up as it is needed," he says.

Although the school's new building will stay as is for now, there are plans for fund raising, "in order to make our vision a reality. We are looking for support from the community at large," Korin says.

At the celebration, speeches were made by Mark Skapinker, president of the board of directors; Lou Kirshenbaum and Pearl Mekler, veteran members of the Labor Zionist movement and school supporters; Nicole Shomair, chair of the student council; and Korin. Sandra Brown, past-president of UJA Federation, brought greetings from the organization.

Some of the youngest students of Bialik Hebrew Day School and representatives of the Labor Zionist Movement of Canada unveil the sign announcing the expansion of the school.

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Another JVS volunteer position is computer skills volunteer to assist JVS computer instructors who teach a range of software skills to a group of 12 youngsters (grades 6-9) who have been identified as underachieving academically. The program helps students further their knowledge of computer skills to improve academic performance and presentation skills. Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Oct. 28-June 15 (except winter, March and Passover breaks). Costas Patelis, 787-1151, ext. 221.

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Bloorview/Macmillan Centre seek volunteers for the Play and Learn pre-school program, which integrates disabled and non-disabled children aged 2-5 years. Activities include arts and crafts, assisting with snacktimes, maintaining classroom area. Location is Spadina-Egliton area. Contact Volunteer Centre of Toronto, York Branch, 781-0902.

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Vaughan mayor to be honored at BAYT dinner

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

VAUGHAN — It is hardly surprising that the first time Lorna Jackson, mayor of Vaughan, is being formally honored, it is by Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation (BAYT).

Just as the synagogue in its 18 years has gone from a basement to a house to its current location on Clark Avenue, so Vaughan, "the city above Toronto," in the 25 years that Jackson has been involved in municipal government, has grown from an area with farms, villages and country roads to a thriving city.

Jackson will receive the BAYT Community Leadership Award at a dinner marking the 18th anniversary of the synagogue on Oct. 25. Also being honored are BAYT's former chairman of the board Larry Zeifman and his wife Sue. Guest speaker will be Dore Gold, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations.

Jackson met *The CJN* in her office at Vaughan City Hall at Keele and Major Mackenzie, full of memorabilia from official visitors, an aquarium and her own watercolor paintings.

"Vaughan is unique," she said. "There is so much growth, so much is happening; it is never stagnant."

It wasn't always that way, Jackson remembers. When she and her husband Al moved to Woodbridge, now part of Vaughan along with Maple, Concord and part of Thornhill, the town was "dead. I couldn't even buy a needle and thread there."

Now the area is home to an ever-growing sea of houses, townhouses, apartments and condominiums, with the necessary infrastructure, as well as burgeoning industrial areas.

Included in this growth is a dramatic – and very welcome, according to Jackson – change in the ethnic makeup. From largely "white, Anglo-Saxon Protestant" and Pennsylvania Dutch, Vaughan is now home to Italians, Muslims and Jews, among others. One elementary school she visited had children from 40 countries.

The newcomers were welcomed warmly, Jackson said. "There was a mood of expectation. Everyone wanted the growth that this development would mean."

The municipal government wanted to make everyone comfortable, she said. One of its earliest associations with the Jewish community, for instance, involved lengthening the lights at the busy Bathurst and Clark intersection on Shabbat, and establishing the eruv, which enabled them to carry on Shabbat.

"Joe Tanenbaum and Lou Greenbaum of Runnymede Development were especially helpful in [giving us an] understanding of what was needed," Jackson said.

The same kind of thing happened when the new Muslim community wanted to build a mosque in Maple, she said. "When people complained that its tower would be too high, I told them it would be no higher than the silo on the farm next door. Sometimes it just takes political will."

Lorna Jackson

Jackson grew up in the Dufferin and Eglinton area of Toronto. She joked that she has had a long connection with the name Vaughan – she attended Vaughan Road Public School and Vaughan Road Collegiate, and later moved to Vaughan.

Her first foray into public life was campaigning for mandatory face protectors for young hockey players. She went from there to writing for the *Woodbridge News*, eventually having her own column, and a weekly show on Classicom, the local cable station.

In 1974, she was elected as a councillor at large. She has been mayor for 17 years.

Until Joyce Frustaglio was elected in a recent election, Jackson was the only woman on council. "At the beginning, there was a lot of resistance. Some of the councillors worried that they wouldn't be able to swear in the back room!"

Nevertheless, thanks in part to her liberal use of common sense, she thinks, she was accepted.

For women, she said, municipal politics is "like looking after a big family. You are close to the people, and can have a real effect on what is going on."

Jackson considers transit to be a major priority. Much has already been done. Highway 407 runs across the top of the city and 427 is being extended north.

What she is pushing for now, she said, is to have the subway extended to York University, with connections right to the 407, and then down Yonge Street.

"When they built the 407, I insisted on a reserved area for LRT [rapid transit]. The whole subway could be above ground, which would save a lot of money."

As well, she said, the hydro corridor along the 407 would provide a large number of parking spaces.

She recognizes that "people don't want to use public transit. Many of the buses we have now are running for only one or two people."

Jackson relaxes, when she can, spending time with her children and grandchildren, and cross country skiing, sailing and snorkelling, but her main hobby is researching and painting local life in the old days. Among her works are paintings of the first Binder Twine Festival in Kleinberg, Woodbridge Roller Mills and the Kleinberg Mill.

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Thornhill teen's big mouth sets new grape record

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

THORNHILL — Michael Levinson never dreamed that a big mouth would one day come in handy.

The 13-year-old's cavernous cheeks and kisser have landed him on network U.S. television and into the Guinness Book of World Records.

Like many kids his age, Levinson, a Grade 8 student at Associated Hebrew Day School's Danilack campus, has been enthralled with the popular TV version of Guinness for as long as it's been on the air. And for the last four years, he's been pumping iron, so to speak, getting in shape for his own unique event: stuffing as many grapes into his mouth as possible without breaking any.

It's not exactly an Olympic event, but it was good enough for Guinness to create a whole new category and an entry into the next edition of its famous record book, scheduled for 2001.

More immediate fame will come Levinson's way when his feat will be broadcast on the Guinness TV program in the coming weeks.

A poised young man, Levinson is aware of the dangers of his specialty. He advises against trying this yourself, having perfected his stuffing and breathing techniques. "It's possible to choke," he says nonchalantly, "if you do it wrong."

It all started innocently enough, back in Grade 4 at Associated's lunch room, where young boys often try doing disgusting things with food. Levinson began filling his mouth with grapes, and a light went off, even though a teacher wanted to know why he was, as he recalls, "eating like a pig."

Last year, he attained a personal best: 66 red, seedless, medium-sized grapes, all intact. But no one was watching.

Over the summer, he videotaped himself packing 43 large grapes into his mouth, and sent the tape to the Guinness show in Hollywood.

The producers called back and within 24 hours, sent a limousine to the Levinsons' Thornhill home, whisking Michael and his parents, Toby and Marty, to the airport, and on to California.

Rehearsals and tapings took place in a three-day whirlwind, with a paramedic and an official from the Guinness book standing by to authenticate the feat.

"The judges were really strict," Michael recalls. "They inspected each grape before and after. The grapes had to be longer than half an inch."

The young man lived up to his billing, stuffing 63 grapes into his maw. But the judges subtracted nine that had been punctured or broken, leaving 54 – and a new world record, to be published for posterity.

Open wide: Michael Levinson, 13, demonstrates his world-record setting feat. [Ron Csillag photo]

Michael shrugs. "It was pretty cool."

How does his mother feel?

"I'm not proud of it," admits Toby, who works for Jewish Family & Child Service. "There's nothing to be proud of.

"But I am proud that he got into the book, and that he pursued his dream."

Michael prefers red grapes to green ones because he says their skin is tougher and less likely to break. He begins by packing his cheeks and then his mouth, careful not to completely block his airway.

Like all Guinness "athletes," he'll be trying to break his own record over the months, hoping that natural growth will enlarge his prize mouth.

Agunot organization to say prayers in Israel

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In its first major event of the new year, L'mann Yisrael International, an organization dedicated to helping the plight of agunot, will say prayers at Rachel's Tomb in Israel on 11 Cheshvan, the anniversary of Rachel's death. It falls on Oct. 21 this year.

Mattie Klein, founder and president of the the New York-based organization, will read out the names of agunot and former agunot at the tomb. She is asking people wanting their names read to contact her at 1-718-338-0833.

"Mobs of people, especially women, pray at Rachel's grave on the anniversary of her death. We are hoping that God will hear the tears and prayers of these women who cannot get married and cannot have children," Klein said in a telephone interview from New York.

She said Oct. 21 is also dedicated as a worldwide tfillah day, and Jews are urged to repeat the prayer written by Rabbi Mordechai Tendler – it can be found in the Sept. 2 edition of *The CJN* – and Psalms 120 to 131.

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It's apple and pear season

Apples and pears are now at the peak of their season. These recipes, courtesy of Foodland Ontario, give some ideas on how to incorporate the fruits into your party or everyday menus.

APPLE BEEF STIR-FRY

¾ lbs. beef, cut in thin strips
2 tbsp. vegetable oil
6 medium mushrooms, sliced
2 onions, halved and sliced
1 stalk celery, sliced
1 small green, red or yellow pepper, cut in thin strips
1 clove garlic, chopped
2 cups spinach leaves, in bite-size pieces
3 McIntosh apples, cored and sliced
Marinade:
½ cup beef stock
1 tbsp. soy sauce
1 tsp. each soy sauce and cornstarch
dried basil
salt
pepper

Combine marinade ingredients in small bowl; add beef strips and set aside.

Heat 1 tbsp. oil in wok or large skillet, over medium-high heat. Add mushrooms, onions, celery and green pepper; stir-fry for 5 minutes. Add garlic and stir-fry 2 minutes until all vegetables are softened. Remove vegetables from wok; keep warm. Add remaining 1 tablespoon oil to wok and heat. Using slotted spoon, remove beef strips from marinade, reserving marinade. Stir-fry beef strips 5 minutes or until beef is just rare. Return vegetables to wok and stir-fry all together for 2 minutes. Add spinach, apples and remaining marinade; stir-fry 1 to 2 minutes until well combined and sauce is thickened. Serves 4.

ROLLED APPLE-STUFFED TURKEY BREAST

5 lbs. boneless turkey breast, skinned
pinch each salt and pepper
¾ cup apple juice or apple cider
2 tbsp. dry white wine
1 tbsp. curry powder
1 small onion, minced
1 stalk celery, chopped
1 tbsp. pareve margarine
2 McIntosh apples, peeled and diced
2 slices whole wheat bread, crumbled
½ tsp. poultry seasoning
Sauce:
1 cup chicken broth
1 tbsp. cornstarch
1 tsp. ground ginger
Garnish:
spinach leaves
unpeeled McIntosh apple slices

Trim fat from turkey and discard. Flatten with meat mallet to an even thickness. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Combine apple juice, wine and curry powder. Reserve ½ cup to use for making sauce.

In skillet, saute onion and celery in margarine 5 minutes or until softened. Stir in ¼ cup apple juice mixture, apple, bread crumbs and poultry seasoning. Spread down centre of turkey breast to within 2-inches of sides. Roll up, jelly-roll fashion, starting with short side. Tie at 2-inch intervals with heavy string. Place seam side down on rack in shallow roasting pan. Brush with 2 tablespoons apple juice mixture. Roast, basting occasionally, in 325 oven 1½ hours or until meat thermometer registers 185. Serves 8.
Sauce:

In saucepan, combine reserved apple juice mixture, chicken broth, cornstarch and ginger; bring to boil. Reduce heat and cook, stirring constantly, until thickened and smooth. Line platter with spinach. Place turkey on spinach; remove string. Let stand 10 minutes before slicing. Garnish with apple slices. Serve sauce over turkey slices.

PARSNIPS WITH PEARS AND WILD RICE

2 lbs. parsnips, peeled and cut in chunks
¼ cup milk
1 tbsp. butter
salt and pepper to taste
1 cup cooked wild rice
2 cups thinly sliced pears
2 tbsp. packed brown sugar
¼ tsp. nutmeg
Topping:
½ cup dry bread crumbs
2 tbsp. packed brown sugar
2 tbsp. butter, melted
1 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley

In saucepan of boiling water, cook parsnips until tender; drain. Mash with milk, butter and salt and pepper to taste. Mix in wild rice. Spread half evenly in greased 8 cup casserole.

Toss pears with sugar and nutmeg; arrange on top. Cover with remaining parsnips mixture. (Casserole can be prepared to this point, covered and refrigerated overnight. Remove to room temperature 30 minutes before baking.)
Topping:

Combine bread crumbs, brown sugar and butter. Mix in parsley; sprinkle over casserole. Bake in 350 oven 35 to 40 minutes or until pears are fork-tender and parsnips heated through. Serves 8.

APPLES 'N' SWEET POTATOES WITH MAPLE GLAZE

2 or 3 sweet potatoes, about 2 lbs.
4 apples
2 tbsp. butter
Generous pinches each cinnamon and nutmeg
¼ cup maple syrup
pinch salt

Peel potatoes and cut into 1 inch, thick slices; cut into halves or quarters to form bite-size pieces. In saucepan, cook in boiling, lightly salted water 8 to 10 minutes or until tender. Drain well and set aside. Meanwhile, peel, core and cut apples into 2 inch cubes; set aside.

In large frying pan, melt 1 tbsp. of the butter. Add apples and sprinkle with cinnamon and nutmeg; cook, stirring often, over medium heat until apples are just tender, about 5 minutes.

Stir in remaining butter. Add maple syrup and potatoes; sprinkle with salt. Stir gently over medium heat until most of the maple syrup is absorbed. Serves 4 to 6.

APPLE-PEAR BUTTERMILK CAKE WITH MAPLE SYRUP GLAZE

1½ cups all-purpose flour
1½ tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. ground nutmeg
½ tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. salt
⅓ cup unsalted butter, at room temperature
⅔ cup granulated sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
⅔ cup buttermilk
2 small apples (unpeeled), thinly sliced
1 small pears (unpeeled), thinly sliced
Glaze:
½ cup maple syrup
1 tbsp. cornstarch

Lightly oil or butter 9½-inch springform pan. In bowl, stir together flour, baking powder, baking soda, nutmeg, cinnamon and salt until evenly blended.

In mixing bowl and using electric mixer, beat butter on medium speed 30 seconds. Add sugar and beat 2 minutes. Add eggs and beat until light and fluffy. Beat in vanilla.

With mixer on low speed, alternately beat in flour mixture and buttermilk, making 3 additions of dry and 2 of liquid, to make thick batter. Turn into prepared pan and smooth top. Arrange alternating slices of apple and pear in tight concentric pattern on top, gently pushing out side of fruit into batter. Bake in 350 degree oven 45 minutes or until cake tester inserted in centre comes out clean.

Glaze: Meanwhile, in small saucepan, whisk together maple syrup and cornstarch over medium heat until blended; bring to boil, stirring often. Reduce heat to low and cook, stirring frequently until thickened, about 5 minutes. Brush over hot cake; let cool 5 minutes.

Remove sides of pan. Brush sides of cake with glaze. Gently pour remaining glaze over top. Cut into wedges and serve warm or cool. Cake will keep refrigerated for several days. Serves 6 to 8.

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On Campus

U of Manitoba's JSA rises from the ashes

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Three years ago, the University of Manitoba's Jewish Student's Association (JSA) was in dire need of an overhaul.

Programming had dwindled to one or two events per year and there was a drastic reduction in attendance.

But in recent years, interest in the organization has skyrocketed.

This burgeoning interest can be attributed to the efforts of the JSA's former director, Ray Offman, strong student leadership, and an influx of dollars for student activities, said Hal Bordy, executive director of the Rose and Max Rady Jewish Community Centre, which supervises, funds and receives grants for Jewish campus programs in Winnipeg.

Bordy, who has served as executive director for 1½ years, told *The CJN* in a recent telephone interview that community members have noticed a renaissance in both the University of Winnipeg (U of W) and the University of Manitoba's (U of M) Jewish student associations.

"They're so impressed by seeing the amount of activity and the prominence of the student associations on campus. It's a dramatic change," he said.

In response to the group's rejuvenation, the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba has agreed to grant the U of M's JSA money to refurbish its student lounge which hasn't been renovated since the '70s, Bordy said.

"From what I heard from the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council and staff in the [Rady Jewish Community] centre, it [the JSA] was very weak, very quiet for a few years...and then it kind of took off," Bordy said.

The JSAs of both universities changed their approach to membership, which may explain their increasing popularity, Bordy noted.

The groups have moved away from the membership requirement and opened events to everyone, said Aaron Katchen, director of the JSA of both the U of M and U of W, since August.

"Every Jewish student is a member as opposed to whoever fills out a membership card or pays the fee," Katchen said.

Bordy is convinced that strong student leadership has been instrumental in the groups' resurgence.

"If you can attract student leaders who are mainstream, typical university students who have charisma and will have a following, that helps, and we've had that the last couple of years," he said.

He cited Mathew Lobb as an example of a student leader who has helped facilitate the JSA's growth.

President of the JSA, Lobb, a third-year psychology student at the U of M, was the only Canadian this year to win an Exemplar of Excellence award from Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life. He won for his contribution to the campus community.

The six other Exemplar of Excellence award winners were from American and Russian universities.

Bordy nominated Lobb for the Hillel award in June.

"His enthusiasm and charisma are his greatest strength. He's the ideal leader because he's visible [on campus]," said Bordy.

Lobb loves organizing Jewish campus events.

"When people are having a good time and they can't wait for the next program, it makes it all worth it," he said.

But Lobb stressed that he is not the only student leader responsible for the JSA's success.

"We have an excellent executive board that's very dedicated and they care a lot about the JSA," he said.

Lobb also works closely with the U of W's JSA president Anna Tennenhouse in planning joint events, he said.

"She is an exceptional leader. She works very hard."

He said one of the JSA's biggest challenges is meeting the needs of students with varying interests; he and other JSA executives have tried to expand and diversify the variety of programs the group offers.

For example, the executive members discovered that some students wanted outdoor programs, so they are planning to have a canoe trip and hike.

Last November, the JSAs of both Manitoba universities held a Shabbaton and about 60 people attended, Lobb said.

At the Hillel leaders convention he attended in August where he received his award, Lobb said he and his executive heard some good programming ideas from their American counterparts.

He said students from the University of Maryland presented a program called Mitzvah Day, which had been successful on their campus; the program entailed a day of charity work with a reception afterwards and Lobb hopes to try this out at the U of M.

Mathew Lobb

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Coast to Coast

Cotler nomination meeting marked by protest

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — On the night of his acclamation as Liberal candidate for Mount Royal, Irwin Cotler was introduced to the noisy world of street politics as about 50 demonstrators demanded the federal government spend more money on social housing.

Banging on pots and shouting in French through a megaphone, the demonstrators chanted, "Cotler, Cotler. You defended prisoners. Will you defend the poorly housed?"

The demonstration was organized by the Front d'Action Populaire en Réaménagement Urbain, a housing rights lobby group, and coincided with the International Day for Housing.

The participants called on Cotler, known for his championing of human rights and social justice, to speak out on a recent United Nations report critical of Canada's housing problems. They want Ottawa to put some of the budgetary surplus back into low-cost, non-profit housing.

The demonstration took place, under heavy police security, outside Congregation Beth-El in Town of Mount Royal as the Mount Royal Liberal Association confirmed the candidacy of Cotler, the only nominee by the Oct. 1 deadline. About 500 turned out for the meeting, which featured a speech by Treasury Board president Lucienne Robillard.

The date of the by-election had not been announced, but association president Marc Leiter indicated it may be by the time many have headed south.

When Cotler entered the race, one of his pledges was to "find creative and responsive approaches to the growing gap between rich and poor." He also highlighted his anti-poverty activities some 30 years ago, including founding the Pointe St. Charles legal aid clinic.

Irwin Cotler (centre) is declared Mount Royal Liberal candidate by Françoise Patry, chief of the party's electoral commission, and Public Works Minister Alfonso Gagliano, chief political organizer in Quebec. [Mickey Gutstein photo]

Cotler did not meet with the demonstrators, nor did he directly address the issue they raised.

However, he did comment that "globalization has impacted the poor disproportionately, and it is the task of the government to address and redress the growing chasm between rich and poor."

He pointed to the level of child poverty among blacks, in particular, as a "disgrace," citing statistics that 40 percent of the children of this community live in poor families, twice the national average.

Cotler did speak about his values, which include "respect for the inherent dignity of the human person, cultural pluralism and group identity, respect for a wide variety of beliefs, and equal justice."

He said he would work to "broaden and deepen" Canada's foreign policy regarding human rights.

He paid tribute to his parents, Fay and the late Nathan Cotler, as well as his Russian-born grandfather, for instilling in him humanistic ideals.

Cotler said his is a "two-for-one candidacy" – he and his wife, Ariella. Having worked in the office of Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Ariella is no stranger to politics.

Cotler described former Mount Royal MP Sheila Finestone, who was appointed to the Senate in August, as "an exemplary parliamentarian."

Finestone spoke at the meeting. "We are fortunate to have such a candidate come forward…A proven leader by his actions and words…A household name to those who care deeply about the preservation of democratic society and fundamental human rights," she said.

Cotler also acknowledged the three men who dropped their nomination bids, all present that evening: Saulie Zajdel, Anthony Housefather and David Lisbona.

Mount Royal, once represented by Pierre Trudeau, has been Liberal since its formation 59 years ago, but the party is taking nothing for granted.

Robillard warned that participation in by-elections is traditionally very low. "Usually, citizens think it is not so important. The government is already there. The opposition is there. Why go and vote? We have to convince them it is their duty."

She sprinkled her address with Hebrew, which always delights Jewish audiences.

Leiter added that, "There is no question the size of the majority is critical. Irwin's credibility in caucus will be very much affected."

Leiter announced that the association's membership is now over 3,000, making it the largest political organization in Quebec. Cotler said his team signed up more than 2,000.

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Coast to Coast

CJC region joins protest against 'free speech' meeting

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region, joined forces with the B.C. Human Rights Association and other agencies to protest against a "free speech" meeting featuring Doug Collins and Doug Christie Sept. 30 in Vancouver.

Nisson Goldman, vice-chair of CJC, Pacific region and vice-chair of its community relations committee, took part in a news conference preceding the meeting at the Vancouver Public Library's main branch, but didn't join the rowdy group of about 100 people who protested during the evening meeting, he said in a phone interview from Vancouver.

Collins is the former *North Shore News* columnist who was ordered in February by the British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal to pay $2,000 and apologize for a series of articles promoting hatred against Jews.

Doug Christie is Collins' lawyer. He has also represented pro-Nazi publisher Ernst Zundel.

The library meeting, which was not cancelled despite complaints to the library board and to Vancouver mayor Phillip Owen, was organized to raise funds for Collin's upcoming appeal of the tribunal ruling, to take place in the B.C. Supreme Court later this month.

Among those protesting the meeting was B.C. Federation of Labour President Jim Sinclair, who called the event "a threat to library workers and visiting patrons" in a news release last week.

"The Vancouver Public Library ought not to open its doors to groups to use publicly-funded facilities for the pursuit of the agenda which has a reasonable prospect of promoting bigotry," added Goldman. "By doing so, the diverse segments of our community would neither feel comfortable nor safe in the library venue."

The library itself was designed by Haifa-born architect Moshe Safdie and is a "unique and interesting building, a landmark," according to Goldman. "Anything you hold there has a lot of public presence," he told *The CJN*.

Vancouver has a diverse population, Goldman noted, with sizable Chinese, Sikh and gay/lesbian components. The Jewish population is about 25,000.

But the meeting was not an isolated B.C. incident, he noted. "These people run right across the country."

CJA helps out street kids

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The Combined Jewish Appeal has teamed up with Rossbrook House, an inner-city, alternative program for street kids and youth, in a joint fundraising venture.

The Cars for Kids program, which was inaugurated in early September, is aimed at raising money for children's programs at both the 23-year-old Rossbrook House and the Asper Jewish Community Campus.

Bob Freedman, executive director of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, praised Rossbrook House for the "valuable service" it provides to children in the inner city.

"The Combined Jewish Appeal raises money not only for the Jewish community," he noted, "but also for programs in the general community where we can. We are very excited about this partnership."

Sister Bernadette O'Reilly, head of Rossbrook House, echoed Freedman's words. "We are delighted to be invited to be part of this partnership," she said.

Cars for Kids was initiated by the Winnipeg branch of a company called Buck's Auto Parts. The concept is similar to the Kidney Foundation's Cars for Kidneys program.

Based on the appraised value of the car, people will get charitable receipts for donating their old clunkers to the CJA-Rossbrook House fund. Buck's will look after towing the car to its compound and disposing of it.

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What's New and About People deadlines: Monday, Oct. 18, is deadline for Oct. 28 issue, and Monday, Oct. 25, is deadline for Nov. 4. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 391-1836, fax 391-0829.

Sunday, Oct. 17

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

My Jewish Discovery Place Children's Museum, Bathurst Jewish Centre celebrates its first anniversary and the unveiling of Routes and Roots exhibit at 11 a.m., birthday cake cutting at noon, seniors' and children's choirs 1 p.m., dance performance, demonstration 2 p.m., Bonkers the Clown magic show 3 p.m. **Katya Rudzik**, museum director, 636-1880, ext. 390.

MUSICAL SOIREE

DVI (Canada) – Dental Volunteers for Israel celebrates its 15th anniversary with a musical soiree featuring pianist **Yuval Fichman,** lyric soprano **Rosemarie Danziger** and pianist/musical director **Shaya Petroff**, 7:30 p.m. Reserve. 449-3177 or 661-5674.

CULT-EVADING

Cultivating Cult-Evading, an in-depth examination of the nature of cults and the psychological techniques they use to control their members, with **Rabbi Michael Skobac** at Jews for Judaism Centre, 800 Steeles Ave. W. 905-761-0040.

BOOK SALE

At the Terrace/Wagman Centre, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hard cover, paperbacks, English and Hungarian. Proceeds go towards new books for the Lipa and Fanny Green Library. **Kathy** 785-2500, ext. 2231.

YIDDISH KULTUR

Yiddish Kultur Gesellschaft meeting. 8 p.m., Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. **Shirley Kumove** discusses her recent best-seller *More Words, More Arrows.*

GRAND ORDER OF ISRAEL

General meeting, 9 a.m., Ramada Hotel, Wilson Avenue.

Monday, Oct. 18

TIN PAN ALLEY

A celebration of the Jewish contribution to American popular music with **Rabbi Ken Kanter** and **Cantor Faye Dower,** 7:30 p.m., Temple Sinai.

CONCERT FOR WOMEN

Generations in Celebration of Women with singer/songwriter **Julia Blum**, 7:30 p.m., Village Shul, 1072 Eglinton Ave. W. Reserve. 785-1107.

AFTER THE ELECTION

At Cranbrooke Friendship Club **Ben Shek**, professor emeritus, University of Toronto, speaks on Israel – After the Election, 12:30 p.m., Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Light lunch. 789-5502.

NAGILLAH CHAPTER JWI

Nagillah chapter, Jewish Women International, meeting, 7:30 p.m., National Council of Jewish Women, 4700 Bathurst St. Program: Working with Homeless People, with **Marian Capreol**, Native Men's Residence; and **Avrom Rosenzweig,** Ve'ahavta. RSVP **Helen** 638-4326 or **Fran** 638-2716.

MALE AND FEMALE

Male and Female, God Created Them series with **Carl S. Ehrlich**, York University, gets off to a start with The Genesis of Gender (Genesis 1-4), 8 p.m., Adath Israel Congregation. 635-5340.

SUPPORT GROUP

Jewish Parents and Families of Gays and Lesbians meets 7:30 p.m., Jewish Family & Child Service, 6th floor, Lipa Green Building. Phone in confidence, **Ruth** 763-9111.

Tuesday, Oct. 19

CODE NAME: ZEGOTA

Lecture by **Sen. Wladyslaw Bartoszewski** on the topic Code Name: Zegota, the story of one Polish organization's clandestine efforts to save Jews during the Holocaust, 7:30 p.m., Beth Habonim Synagogue, 5 Glen Park Ave.

NFJA EVENT

New Fraternal Jewish Association presents **Thomas Walkon**, Toronto Star national affairs writer, discussing Canada on the Eve of the 21st Century, 8 p.m., Lodzer Centre, 12 Heaton St. 665-2785.

FASHION SHOW

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood Fall Fashion Show and Boutiques, women's, children's and menswear. Boutiques open 6 p.m., showtime 8 p.m. Door prizes.

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HEALTHY AGING
Baycrest Centre series continues with Am I Going to End Up Like Dad? Filling the Gaps, **Dr. David Streiner**, 7:30-9 p.m. **Jordana Berger** 785-2500, ext. 2035.

Wednesday, Oct. 20

HEALING PROJECT
Toronto Jewish Healing Project evening of study 7:30 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation. **Rabbi Daveen Litwin** speaks on a Path to Healing – Psalm 23 – Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

BAD THINGS GOOD PEOPLE
When Bad Things Happen to Good People, **Rabbi Immanuel Schochet**, professor, Judaic Studies, Humber College, 8 p.m., Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, 83 Green Lane, Thornhill. 905-886-0421.

ALIYAH RETRAINING
Aliyah 2000 Retraining Program – Open House Information evening with representatives from Israel on absorption opportunities for careers in Technical Writing, Quality Assurance, Network Communications, Executive Assistance, 7:30 p.m., 3995 Bathurst St., Israel Aliyah Centre, **Offer Isseroff** 633-4766.

WELLNESS WORKSHOP
Beit Rayim and York Central Hospital Breast Health and Breast Self-Examination workshop, 8 p.m., Beit Rayim Synagogue, 9711 Bayview Ave.

LUNCH AND LEARN
Holy Blossom Temple Lunch and Learn in Retirement Group topic, For the Love of Opera with **Eric Domville**, broadcaster and writer of opera, at noon. Bring lunch. Coffee, tea, cookies served.

VOLUNTEER IN ISRAEL
Meeting for those interested in spending two months in Israel this winter as a volunteer and touring, 2:30 p.m., Lipa Green Building, Room 415. **Esther** at Jewish national Fund, 638-7200.

WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH
North York Heart Health Network presents Women's Heart Health Forum, 4-8 p.m., Bathurst Jewish Centre. 636-1880, ext. 0.

JWI MEETING
Jewish Women International-Markham/Unionville chapter meeting. Surprise auction. **Sheryl** 905-305-7026 or **Susan** 940-0286.

CASINO RAMA
Pride of Israel Synagogue fundraiser, trip to Casino Rama. Bus leaves the synagogue 8:45 p.m., departs Rama 5 p.m. Reserve. Synagogue office 226-0111.

Thursday, Oct. 21

TZEDAKAH
Beth Tzedec series, Jews, Money and Power in Modern History, with **Prof. Derek Penslar**, continues with Tzedakah as a Source of Jewish Power. 7:30 p.m.

And What Else Is New

ART SHOW
Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel/Beit Halochem Canada and Holy Blossom Temple fine arts committee art show Oct. 18-Nov. 15 at the temple. Art by disabled veterans, members of Beit Halochem in Israel. Reception Wednesday, Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m. Proceeds from sale of art go to fund equipment at Beit Halochem Centres.

Y2K SEMINAR
Adath Sholom Sisterhood presents How to Take Care of Emergencies, Part 2 of the Y2K seminar, Monday, Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m., 864 Sheppard Ave. W. 635-0131.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Children who would like to join Adath Israel Congregation Children's Choir, call **Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum** at the school office, 635-5354. Rehearsals are Wednesdays 7-8 p.m. beginning Oct. 20.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP
The Wagman Centre Bereavement Group for older adults who have recently lost a spouse, meets bi-weekly to support each other through difficult times. **Faith Malach** 785-2500, ext. 2580.

CASINO RAMA
Jewish Women International, Orah chapter trip to Casino Rama, Sunday, Oct. 24, bus leaves Promenade Shopping Mall 9 a.m. and departs Casino Rama 4 p.m. **Rhonda** 905-889-0432 or **Gloria** 739-6776.

ONE POTATO, TWO POTATO
One Potato, Two Potato, a play presented by Cameo Productions and directed by **Aviva Ravel**, Friday, Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m., Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Sponsored by Morris Winchevsky School and Oraynu Community for Secular Humanistic Judaism. Reservations 789-5502.

SECOND GENERATION
Baycrest Centre invites adult children of Holocaust survivors to the ongoing Second Generation Group. The group shares mutual learning, explores challenging issues and works, on the theme of Aging Parents: Aging Children. **Paula David** 785-2500 ext. 2271.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT
Children's concert featuring musicians **Fred Penner**, **Judy and David**, Sunday, Oct. 24, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Minkler Auditorium. Proceeds go to Anaphylaxis Foundation and Hospital for Sick Children. For tickets, 491-8877.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP
Beth Tikvah Bereavement Group series for individuals who have lost a spouse, to discuss coping with grief, living with loneliness and changing relationships. Co-sponsored with Jewish Family and Child Service. Begins Tuesday, Oct. 26. 638-7800, ext. 212.

PARENT GROUP
For parents of children with learning disabilities and ADHD, with child and family therapist **Harriet Lampert**, Thursdays Oct. 21, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25, 7:30-9:30 p.m., North Toronto Community Centre, 200 Eglinton Ave. W. Sponsored by The Learning Disabilities Associations of North York and Toronto. 229-1680.

HOT AND HEAVY
Sexuality, Food and Body Image, featuring **Judi Hollis**, author of *Hot and Heavy*, understanding women's relationships with food, sexuality and empowerment, Monday, Oct. 25, 8 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre. Presented by Jewish Women's Federation-UJA Federation Women's Campaign. Reserve early. 631-5825.

SERIES WITH RABBI STERN
Lecture series by **Rabbi Moshe Stern**, Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, consisting of one hour of a History of the Sages and one hour of Contemporary Halachah, begins Tuesday, Oct. 19, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Telephone registration. Call synagogue office 787-1631, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

VILLAGE SHUL CLASSES
Classes at the Village Shul, 1072 Eglinton Ave. W. 785-1107.
Mondays: A seven-week series, The Seven Most Important Mitzvot, **Reb Zale Newman**, 9:30 a.m.; Introductory Kabbalah: The Spice of Life, **Rabbi Shmuel Vesser**, 1 p.m.
Tuesdays: The Jewish Perspective, **Rabbi Mitch Mandel** 12:30 p.m.; 48 Ways to Wisdom, 8 p.m.; Looking for Happily Everafter, for singles, 9 p.m.
Wednesdays: Torah Comes Alive, **Rabbi Yitzchak Feigenbaum**, 8 p.m.

FOR SENIORS

The Connecting Team of the Caring Community Fall Gathering for **Holy Blossom Temple Seniors**, Thursday, Oct. 21, 1:45 p.m. Musical celebration by **Fern Dworkin** Reserve. **Shelly Berenbaum**. 789-3291, ext. 233.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club trip to Israel Nov. 21-Dec. 8. **Lena** 785-5773. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Casino Rama Oct. 20, Nov. 10, 24; Windsor Casino, two days, one night, Oct. 26; Sunday dances Oct. 17, 31. 395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Oct. 14, a video; Oct. 21, envoy of Betar from Israel, **Baruch Liverant**, in Hebrew; Oct. 28, members meeting. **Jerry Bengall**, president, 905-707-7334 or **Malka Colla**, chair of social committee, 630-5771.

LZA Seniors Club registration for the Miami trip, four or six weeks at the Colonial and Thunderbird hotels, **Libby** 782-2059 or **Shelagh** 250-1234. Ladies Folkdancing classes Thursdays 1:30 p.m., and Cultural Discussion Group Tuesdays 10 a.m. in the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

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Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 225-2112.
Arab History, Part I, Tuesdays Oct. 19-Nov. 30 (not Nov. 9), 10-11:30 a.m. Lecturer **Lorne Alter**.
Healthy Cooking with dietician/nutritionist **Andrea Sturk** Tuesday, Oct. 19, 1 p.m.
Israeli Club Etrog meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. for movies, lectures, nostalgic sing-alongs, dances, bingo. Oct. 19, political lecture with **Noam Masad**. For information, **Anna** ext. 110.
Movie, *You've Got Mail* Sunday, Oct. 17, 2:30 p.m.

BLOOR JCC

Bloor Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 924-6211.
Books and Bagels, Sunday, Oct. 17, 11 a.m.: **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein**, director, Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, reads from ReVisions: Seeing Torah Through a Feminist Lens.
Housewares sale of Umbra products 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Proceeds support Bloor JCC's Building On campaign.
Toronto Jewish Film Society screens *The Holy Office* (Mexico 1973), Sunday, Oct. 17, 5:15 and 7:45 p.m., Jackman Hall, Art Gallery of Ontario. For membership, call Bloor JCC.
Creating a Jewish Future, Thursday, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m., panel discussion with York University professors **Michael Brown**, **Bernard Lightman**, **Rachel Schlesinger**. Moderator **Sara R. Horowitz**, York University.

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New religious schools proposed

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clause.

The task force Proulx headed, during its own hearings in April 1998, rejected the model now being proposed to the government by CJC.

Offering religious groups the right to have their own schools within an otherwise secular public system would be "incompatible" with the goal of "promoting social cohesion by teaching students to live together" and would pose major administrative problems.

The task force also found that the legality of such schools is debatable.

"Parents who want their children to attend schools that reflect their values should look to the private school system, as this is precisely the purpose of the private school system," the report states.

CJC insists that publicly-funded religious schools is "the only way to ensure equitable parental choice...

"Majority interests could still prevail under the single public system proposed by the report. Through the prescribed program on the teaching of religions from a cultural perspective, inequities could continue to create the de facto discrimination that exists under the status quo."

CJC is opposed to the compulsory religions course Proulx recommends, which would have to be taught as well in the Jewish day schools.

"How is one to ensure the equitable and accurate transmission of the values and history of our major religions? We suspect that it would be very difficult to design a curriculum that would not reflect some level of religious or cultural bias."

As for the Jewish schools, CJC notes that their curriculum is already very demanding. About 65 percent of Jewish students attend the day schools, CJC says.

CJC does support the recommendation of extracurricular religious instruction. "This would ensure the promotion of Jewish values for children whose parents did not wish to see them educated in an exclusively Jewish environment."

The CJC brief stresses that the public school system should eliminate "institutionalized discrimination" by ensuring that no religious group is given rights that are not available to others. The use of the notwithstanding clause to maintain the privileges enjoyed by Catholics and Protestants is "an affront" to human rights, according to CJC.

"Parental choice is expressed by the availability of a full range of publicly-funded educational options that recognize legislatively guaranteed rights to religious education... We do not believe that an exclusively secular system should be the only choice open to parents."

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Scene in Ottawa

By G.K. SIMCOE

It is now official. After a difficult courtship characterized alternatively by excessive flirtation and coyness, the Reform-Tory shidduch is off.

The Progressive Conservative convention that took place in Toronto two weeks ago provided Tory leader Joe Clark with all the support he needed to permanently rebuff the Reform movement and the United Alternative.

Increasingly, people within the two parties and observers of the political process have accepted the wisdom that a merger on the right can come only after the *mechutanim* – Joe Clark and Preston Manning – exit. This, however, is not news. In fact, we came to the same conclusion weeks ago in this space.

One individual has tracked these developments with great zeal. One could even say, the fortunes of the United Alternative have changed his life...and perhaps yours as well.

Since early this past summer, Jean Chrétien has been teasing his caucus and the media with hints concerning his future. Over the last six weeks, those hints have shifted into ever more bold assertions that he fully plans to lead the Liberals into the next election. And why not? Now that it is clear that he's unlikely to face any credible opposition from a unified right, the temptation to seek a third majority government must be overwhelming.

The implications for the country are ominous. And, the Jewish community, which has its own agenda that it would like to advance, should be concerned.

Like retailers, politicians pay keenest attention to the demands of their constituents when they know the consumer can shop elsewhere if the price or quality of the merchandise is not right. What incentive exists for the Liberal government to be responsive to Jewish representations on a whole range of issues if it knows that, like other interest groups, Jews have nowhere else to shop their agenda?

It seems, therefore, that the community has two choices. First, it can again assume a more visible and meaningful role within the Liberal party, thereby ensuring that its views can be promoted from within. Or, its members can join in the effort to build a credible alternative to the Liberal government.

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All Set for Super Sunday

Super Sunday may be coming quickly but it's taken a long time to get there.

A volunteer team of 40 people, led by Judy Engel, Rosanne Ain and Dov Altman, has been working for six months to prepare for UJA Federation's largest one day fund raising event, this coming Sunday, October 17.

Nearly 800 volunteers will be dialing up over 10,000 contributors, from 9:00am to 9:00pm on Super Sunday and for the "Super Week" nights following, to help raise funds for UJA Federation's Campaign 2000.

With only a few days left, preparations for this marathon event, which will take place at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., are in the final stages. Over 150 phones will be used during consecutive three hour shifts and over 1,200 volunteer hours will go into making these telethons, which raised $2.8 million last year, another great success.

"It's truly a monumental effort," says David Engel, who is Co-Chairing UJA Federation's Campaign 2000 with Mel Wolfond. "It's one full day for community members to work together."

Funds raised by Campaign 2000 will be used to assist the vulnerable, rescue Jews from danger and strengthen Jewish identity.

This year, community members who respond to campaigners on the phone by saying "Hi UJA, I'm Answering the Call" and increase their gift, are eligible to be entered into a draw to win a trip for two to Israel.

To become a Super Sunday volunteer, please call (416) 635-2883 ext. 177.

Meet the Market Moguls

Peter Cohen

Mitchell Goldhar

Ed Sonshine

Three of Canada's leading real estate market mavens will be together under one roof to share the secrets of their success - plus a whole lot more.

The Real Estate Challenge: Survival of the Fittest, October 28, 7:30 pm at the Park Hyatt, 4 Avenue Road, will feature **Peter Cohen**, President & CEO of Centrefund Realty Corporation, **Mitchell Goldhar**, President and CEO of First Professional Management Inc. and **Edward Sonshine**, President and CEO of RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust.

Goldhar, one of the country's leading retail developers, is best known for his pioneering partnership with Wal-Mart, which will be opening its 50th store in Canada next year.

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"These men are not only movers and shakers in the real estate realm," notes event chair David Peltz, "their diverse backgrounds and tremendous experience make them among the top thinkers in Canadian business."

Tickets for the event ($20 in advance and $25 at the door), can be ordered by calling (416) 635-2883 ext. 177.

Danger Drives Jews From Dagestan

A dangerous situation is brewing in the impoverished republic of Dagestan that is forcing Jews to leave behind 1200 years of history.

Since the beginning of the year, 550 Dagestani Jews have been airlifted by the UJA Federation funded Jewish Agency out of the country besieged by Islamic rebels fighting for an independent state.

Dagestan's Jewish community, one of the oldest in the former Soviet Union (FSU), traces itself back at least 12 centuries. But since the break-up of the FSU over a decade ago, 25,000 Jews, out of a population of 40,000, have left for Israel as a result of the violent efforts of Muslim militants to spread their fundamentalist ideology throughout the country.

Increasingly Jews are being targeted by random violent attacks, including kidnapping, forcing many to give up their homes and businesses and seek emergency assistance from the Jewish Agency.

"We are not panicking, but the situation is very serious," says a Jewish leader, who did not want to be identified, during a recent phone interview from the Dagestani capital of Makhachkala.

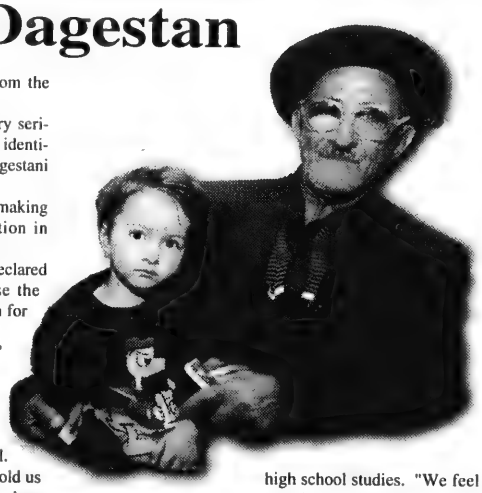
For ten years the Sitkilovs procrastinated about making aliyah – hoping against all hope that the situation in Mahachkalah would get better.

"Crime is on the increase since the Dagestanis declared independence," explains Alex Sitkilov, "because the local militias need money for arms and ammunition for their resistance fight against the Russians."

"Bandits attacked our house late at night," recounts Alex, whose father, Boris, began making plans to leave for Israel the very next day.

In September, the Sitkilovs were among 150 Dagestani Jews flown to Israel by the Jewish Agency. "The Agency officials were very helpful. We needed to sell our house and belongings. They told us to take our time and that they were very flexible about when they could fly us to Israel," adds Boris, 58.

Other Sitkilov children already live in Israel. Paulina, 29, who is married with two children, came to Israel in 1991. Arkady, 21, reached Israel in 1995 on the Jewish Agency's Na'aleh 16 program, through which young people come to Israel without their parents and complete their high school studies. "We feel very much at home already," insists Alex. "I feel I have a great future here."



According to Alla Levy, the Moscow-based director of the Agency's Russia office, emigration to Israel from Dagestan will continue at an average of 150 a month, as a result of the current crisis.

Coast to Coast

CYJ hosts youth conference

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jewish youth leaders from Belgium, England, Hungary, Israel, Turkey and Canada came together recently for a six-day conference hosted by Canadian Young Judaea (CYJ) in Toronto.

The sixth annual European and Canadian Seminar highlighted similarities and differences among the two dozen participants from different countries. Issues discussed in seminars included pluralism, the place of a Jewish youth movement in the 21st century and the possibility of joint international projects.

For Jerusalem-based Rebecca Glass, director of the European and Canadian desk for the international movement, the highlight of the meeting here in her hometown was the singing at Friday night dinner. "What united us was the songs," she said.

For David Seal, England's national director, the exchange of ideas made the meeting valuable.

All the countries run programs with a strong Jewish educational component, but "the movement works a little differently in each country," said Glass.

Within CYJ and its affiliated sister movements, certain countries are known for their strengths: Belgium for scouting, Turkey for folkdancing and Canada for its summer camps.

Hungary has the unique distinction of being the newest and oldest affiliate (it was revitalized in recent years after a long dormancy under the Communist regime).

Unlike Canada, which has six summer camps, CYJ's Hungarian counterpart runs camps only in winter and spring, because a Jewish camp already exists.

"Canada is really professional in [terms of] camp," said Dafna Lahav, a shlichah in Belgium. The Canadians can teach the others how to run interesting and unique camp programs, she noted.

In Belgium, the movement serves 500 young people in Antwerp and Brussels. In Antwerp, with its Jewish population of 20,000, the non-religious Young Judaea movement and the B'nei Akiva movement, which is Orthodox, sometimes run joint programs.

In England, unlike Belgium, the movement serves both Orthodox and non-Orthodox youngsters, said shlichah Noga Levtzion Nadan.

England also has activities for older teens, said Alex Brookes, education worker in London.

Among joint projects already under way is the use of madrichim (counsellors) from England, at Canadian camps.

Israel programs have also served to unite the participants. The Turkish contingent is careful to avoid being perceived as Zionistic, lest members be considered disloyal to their country.

Delegates from Istanbul reported that Turkey's 25,000 Jews are allowed to practise their religion freely and there is no problem visiting Israel. They were happy to see the Israeli and Turkish armies working together to help recent earthquake victims, they said.

Among Jewish club activities, there are Jewish holiday celebrations, Israeli folkdancing and, recently, sending clothes, money and water to Turkish earthquake victims.

The convention has "really given a kick-start" to Canadian participants, said CYJ shaliach Ryan Hass.

In addition to the Torontonians, there were participants from Vancouver, Edmonton and Halifax.

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During his presentation, Mr. Bartoszewski will tell the moving story of Zegota's attempts to save Jews during the Holocaust, and of his continuing attempts to build understanding between Poles and Jews. Mr. Bartoszewski will also discuss his current efforts to better relations between Poland and Germany. The lecture, which will be given in German with simultaneous translation, will be preceded by a short film on Zegota narrated by Eli Wallach.

*pronounced Vladislav Bartoshevski

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עס זיינען שוין אַריבער 57 יאָר זינט דער פאַרניכטונג פון אונדזער שטאָט אַפּט (אַפּאַטוו) אין דאָך איז עס נאָך אַזוי פריש אין זכרון, ווי עס וואָלט נעשען עריש נעכטן. דעם 22סטן אָקטאָבער, 1942, איז פאַרגעקומען די ענדגילטיקע פארניכטונג פון אונדזער שטאָט דורך די דייטשן, ימח שמם וכרם. לויט דער ייִדישער דאַטע איז עס געווען י"ב מר־חשון, דעם 12טן טאָג אין חודש חשון, אַ ביסעריר חודש, דער ביסערסטער, וואָס קען נאָר זיין. אפּט האָט נעמיילט דעם זעלבן גורל פון אַלע קליינע שטעט און שטעטלעך אין פּולן אין האַרבסט פון 1942.

אפּט איז געווען אַן עיר ואם בפּולן. עס איז געווען איינס פון די שטעט און שטעטלעך אין פּולן, וואָס האָט צוגעטראָגן אין צו־שטייער נעגעבן צו דער שיינער פאַראַמע, צום הערלעכן קאַפּיטל, וואָס מען האָט געהרופן „דאָס פּולישע ייִדנטום". כאָטש אפּט איז געווען קליין בכמות, איז עס געווען גרויס באיכות — קליין אין קוואַנטיטעט, אָבער גרויס אין קוואַליטעט.

די שטאָט האָט פאַרמאַכט א גרויסע צינטשטיש ארגאַניזאַציע מיט איר „תּרבות" שול; א מזרחי ארגאַניזאַציע; אַן אגודה מיט איר „בית יעקב" שול; און אויך א פראַעסיאָנעלן פאַריין פאַר דער גרויסער צאָל שניידערס. עס איז אויך געווען אין שטאָט א גרויסע ייִדישע ביבליאָטעק; צוויי גמילת חסדים קאַסעס, איינע פון די ציו־ניסטן און מזרחי, און די צוויי־טע פון דער אגודה, וואָס האָבן גע־בּאָרגט געלט אַן פּראָצענט צו די נישט־פאַרמעגלעכע בעל־מלאכות און קליינהענדלערס. דערצו זיינען נאָך געווען צוויי הילפס־פאַראי־נען: איינער מיטן נאָמען „עזרא" פון די ציוניסטן און מזרחי, און דער צוויי־טער מיטן נאָמען „אחיעזר" פון דער אגודה.

קיין גרויסע אינדוסטריע איז אין אפּט נישט געווען, אָבער די קליינע אינדוסטריע פון בּאַרשטן. נאָך דער שטאָט מעזריטש, איז אפּט געווען א הויפּט־צענטער פון בּאַרשטן. עס זיינען דאָרט גע־וען באַשעפטיקט א גרויסער טייל פון די יוגנטלעכע, וואָס האָבן געאַרבעט פאַר קאָנטראַקטאָרס צו פראָדוצירן בּאַרשטן פאַרן פּוי־לישן מיליטער, בּאַרשטן פאַר די פערד (קאַוואַלעריע).

די איינציקע שווער־אינדוסטריע אין שטאָט איז געווען די פאַבריק פון אויל, ליכט און זייף, אונטער דער האַנדלמאַרקע „העלפאַנד", וואָס האָט געהערט צו דעם ייִדישן אַריסטאָקראַטישן מאַגנאַט, אליעזר מאַנדעלבוים, א נאַציאָנאַלער ייִד, א נדבן, א פילאַנטראָפּ, א פּיקח און א קלוגער סוחר. די פראָדוקציע פון אויל, ליכט און זייף איז געווען פאַפּולער אין גאַנץ פּולן.

עס איז ווערט דאָ צו דערמאָנען א פאַקט וועגן דעם פילאַנ־טראָפּישן ייִד. נאָענט פאַרן אויסבּרוך פון דער צווייטער וועלט מלחמה האָט אליעזר מאַנדעלבוים, אַחרון אַנדערע אינווסטיציעס, אויך גהאָט פופציק הייזער אין בערלין. פאַראַיסוועגדיק צו וואָס ייִדן זיינען אויסגעשטעלט, האָט ער אַריסגענומען א הלוואה, א „מאַרשגעלדזש" אויף די הייזער, אַזוי פיל וויי די הייזער זיינען ווערט געווען לויט דער באַנק. ער האָט איבערגעקויפט א צאָל דייטשן, געדונגען א קליינעם ערפּלאַן און איז מיט דער גאַנצער גרויסער משפּחה אַפּגעפלויגן קיין איטאַליע. פון דאָרט איז ער אַוועק קיין ארץ־ישׂראל (פאַלעסטינע) און האָט זיך דאָרטן אויסגעלעבט מיט דער גאַנצער משפּחה בשלום און בשלוה.

וועג מען רעדט וועגן אפּט איז כדאי צו דערמאָנען דאָס קליינע קלעזמאָרים געסל אין שטאָט, בּראש מיט אַריש קלעזמער, וואָס האָבן אַריסגענעבן א גאַנצן דור מוזיקערס, וועלכע האָבן זיך קונד־שם געווען און געוואַרן פּאָפולער אין דער וועלט פון מחיק, ווי מוזיקערס פון גרויסן קאַליבער. צווישן זיי זיינען געווען די שפּיל־מאַנס און די לעוואָקעס.

עס וועט זיך אינטערעסאַנט פאַר די צוקונפטיקע היסטאָרי־קערס אויסצורעכענען די נעמען פון א צאָל גאַסן אין אפּט, וואָס זיינען געווען באַווויזן פון די ייִדישע איינווווינערס. זיי האָבן גע־טראָגן אַזעלכע נעמען, ווי די בריטע גאַס און די שמאָלע גאַס; פון אירבן דער גאַס און הינטער דער גאַס; קאַשטשעלנע גאַס; שעווסקי גאַס; דער מאַרק און די סטאָרע וואָלאָווע היגטערן וואָעל; דער אַסטראָוצער וועג, ציזמירער וועג, איזאַבעקער וועג, אַזשעראָוער וועג, לאַגעווער וועג און נאָך אַנדערע.

צום סוף וויל מיר לאָזן א טרער און זאָגן קדיש נאָך די אפּטער קדושים, וועלכע זיינען אומגעקומען נאָר בלויז פאַרן חטא, וואָס זיי זיינען געבוירן געווארן ייִדן. צום באַדויערן האָבן זיי קיין מצבות נאָך זיך נישט געלאָזן, בלויז אין אונדזערע הערצער אין זייער היילקער זכרון פאַרבליבן.

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Jews being kidnapped in Russian Caucasus

By LEV GORODETSKY
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

MOSCOW — Yuri Izmailov, a well-known member of the Jewish community in Makhachkala, the capital of the breakaway republic of Dagestan, was kidnapped last winter and held near the border with Chechnya.

The reason: His captors wanted to get ransom money from his relatives or to sell him into slavery to Chechens.

After six months of living in a basement, eating only bread and water and sleeping on a dirt floor, Izmailov, 45, knew he had to take action.

He managed to dig an underground passageway and escape onto the street, walking away unsuspected, he believes, because his 6-month-old beard made people think he was one of the Wahabbites, a local radical Muslim group.

But that wasn't the end of the problem for Izmailov or his family, which before his escape had managed to bargain the ransom price down to $50,000.

A family celebration of his escape was interrupted by two armed men, who burst into their house. The ensuing shooting left several dead and others, including Izmailov, badly wounded.

Izmailov again managed to survive and shortly thereafter, the entire family left Makhachkala, the Dagestani capital. Some of them went to Israel.

Jewish kidnappings in the Caucasus have become more frequent in the past year. Some 15 to 20 Jews are currently being held in the Makhachkala region alone, according to Karen Gurshumov, a leader of the local Jewish community.

As the kidnappings show, the situation of the Jews in the predominantly Muslim republics of Russia's northern Caucasus is precarious.

There is growing instability and escalating conflict in the region. Chechen rebels have twice invaded neighboring Dagestan and are widely blamed for terrorist bombings that have killed hundreds in Moscow and southern Russia. Chechen leaders say their goal is to establish a fundamentalist Islamic state in the region.

In recent weeks, Russia has bombed targets in Chechnya, prompting a stream of refugees from the region and fuelling speculation that a new Russian war against Chechnya was imminent.

The plight of Jews in the region contrasts sharply with their situation in the era prior to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, when the anti-Semitism familiar to Jews in most of Russia was virtually non-existent in this region.

Things began to deteriorate in 1989, when the rapid changes in Soviet society resulting from Gorbachev's policies of perestroika led to a sharp surge of nationalism mixed with strong Islamic sentiments.

Anti-Zionist and explicitly anti-Semitic slogans and speeches were heard at mass rallies in Makhachkala, Derbent and other towns in Dagestan.

The increase of anti-Semitism spurred many local Jews to leave the area where their ancestors had lived for at least 12 centuries.

Most left for Israel or resettled in Moscow and other cities in Russia. A few made their way to the United States.

The anti-Semitic rhetoric has escalated in the past year.

Shamil Basayev, a warlord from neighboring Chechnya who has been leading the recent attacks by Islamic rebels in Dagestan, has employed anti-Zionist rhetoric to explain his goals.

"I'm going to fight against Zionism and purge Dagestan, driving out the Yeltsin regime, faithful servant of world Zionism," he was quoted as saying at a mass rally in Chechnya a few weeks ago.

Aslan Maskhadov, president of the self-proclaimed Chechen republic, has made similar comments.

Anti-Semitic rhetoric has escalated in past year

The latest reports from Dagestani Jewish centres say that a new outburst of war – an invasion of Dagestan territory by Chechen fighters and Islamic fundamentalists, followed by a massive operation of Russian federal troops inside Chechnya – could be drawing near.

Jewish activists there say that many of the 12,000 remaining Jews are preparing to pull out of Dagestan, heading for Israel or for relatives in Moscow, and that houses and apartments are being sold for a nominal price or are simply abandoned.

Meanwhile, the area in which the kidnappings are taking place is widening.

Two main factors explain the phenomenon. First, as a result of the growing instability and weakening of the Russian state, the traditional clan system has resurfaced in the Caucasus region. The Mountain Jews, as they are known, are fewer in number than before, and thus they have become easy prey for extortion and kidnapping in what has become a popular profession in this poorest part of Russia.

Second, there exists a deeply rooted belief that the worldwide Jewish community, and above all the State of Israel, would never forsake their fellow Jews and would rush to help pay any ransom that the kidnappers demand.

These cases are usually not reported by mass media, and the only scant information comes from local Jewish sources. Here are some of this year's cases:

• Volodya Fayil, 14, who lived with his mother after his father left for Israel, kidnapped in Makhachkala in May;

• Anatoly Babayev, 32, kidnapped in Buynaksk;

• Naftali Muzhov, 67, also from Buynaksk;

• Albert Yunayev, 33, kidnapped in Khasav-Yurt.

The kidnappers are believed to be particularly on the lookout for Israelis visiting the region.

In July, Laura Likhtman, 18, came from Israel to spend a month with her grandmother and her sister, currently living in Nalchik, the capital of Kabardino-Balkariya, another autonomous republic inside Russia near Chechnya.

In Nalchik, Likhtman saw one of her former schoolmates. The girl called Likhtman to tell her that her boyfriend would pick her up in his car. The young man, an ethnic Chechen, did indeed pick Likhtman up – and then disappeared with her.

Likhtman's relatives later received a call demanding a ransom of $1 million for her return. The ransom has since been reduced to $100,000.

During his visit to Moscow in early August, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak raised the issue of the kidnappings in his talks with Sergei Stepashin, who was then his Russian counterpart.

Likhtman's whereabouts are still not known, and a spokesperson for the Israeli Embassy in Moscow declined to speak about the issue.

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By VIVA PRESS
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JERUSALEM — Nine Israelis returning from a vacation abroad on Friday, Oct. 1, became the first Israeli travellers to come home through the new Palestinian airport in Gaza.

Ironically, their arrival coincided with the delay of the Palestinian safe-passage route through Israel.

While Israeli and Palestinian Authority (PA) officials couldn't agree on security issues for the route connecting Gaza and the West Bank and therefore delayed its intended opening, a group of Israelis returned from Kenya to Israel via PA-controlled territory.

And it wasn't the Palestinians who questioned their arrival. In fact, Yitzhak Tujman, one of the Israelis who arrived at the airport in Dahaniya, said the Palestinians gave his group a warm welcome. The Israeli border guards, however, questioned the group extensively.

Israeli security officials said the action taken by the group was illegal, since an ordinance issued by the Defence Ministry prohibits the use of the Palestinian airport by Israeli citizens.

The affair began when Tujman and his friends were travelling in Kenya. En route to the airport, the group was delayed by a traffic accident, and upon arrival, they were told they had missed their flight to Tel Aviv and would have to buy new tickets to Israel via Egypt.

The group landed in Egypt on Thursday evening, only to learn that they needed a visa to enter and stay in that country. So the four couples and one man travelling alone had to take the first available flight to Israel. The earliest direct flight from Egypt to Tel Aviv was scheduled for Sunday.

"We had two alternatives: We could go back to Kenya or go to Gaza," said Eli Zino, president of the Hapoel Beersheva soccer team who had a game at 3 p.m. Friday.

Added Tujman: "A few people in the group are shomer Shabbat, and one was even a chatan Bereshit [for Simchat Torah]."

So they took an Egypt Air flight to the Palestinian airport in Dahaniya, which opened with great fanfare last December.

Palestinian authorities were surprised to find the Israelis aboard the plane, but treated the group well, Tujman said. As part of the airport's procedure, worked out in negotiations with Israel, the passengers were all put on buses after landing, to be taken to an Israeli checkpoint for screening.

The Israeli security officials wanted to know how the group got to Dahaniya.

Told that Israelis are barred from using the airport, Tujman told *The CJN*: "I didn't feel anything was wrong. I just wanted to get home. We didn't know [our arrival] was anything out of the ordinary."

The nine Israelis persuaded airport security officials to let them leave when the religious members of the group reminded the authorities that they could not travel after the start of Shabbat.

Instead of going back through the airport with other passengers, they left through the Israeli checkpoint and went to Beersheva by cab.

Palestinian officials were delighted to have them use the airport. "We want our airport to be used by everyone," said Brig.-Gen. Sayez Zaidan, head of Palestinian civil aviation. But he said in future any Israelis using the airport would have to leave from the main airport gate, not the Israeli checkpoint.

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The Week in Israel

Oct. 4

• Aharon Domb, director of the Yesha Council, an umbrella organization representing settlers told *Yediot Achronot* that if the nation decides to evacuate settlements, "I will accept that decision democratically." At the same time, he said the settlement movement "must do everything to stop any evacuation."

Oct. 5

• Israel and the PA worked out an agreement that provides a "safe passage" route for Palestinians traveling between the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The 28-mile highway route leads across Israel from the northern tip of the Gaza Strip to the southern part of the West Bank. The route is to operate at least 10 hours a day, seven days a week.

Oct. 6

• Israeli military analysts warned Russia not to carve out a security zone in Chechnya as part of Moscow's ongoing battle against Islamic fighters. "This is a prescription for endless war that you cannot win," said retired Gen. Avraham Rotem.

• Israeli travel agent Shlomo Nur was convicted of raping Israel's Miss World, Linor Abargil.

Oct. 7

• Israel announced it will release 151 Arab prisoners this week. *(Subsequently, the plans were canceled.)*

• Hezbollah gunmen wounded two Israeli soldiers during an attack on an IDF position in southern Lebanon.

Oct. 8

• Israel announced it will issue a stamp next February to honor King Hussein of Jordan. The stamp will be the first honoring a leader of an Arab country.

• The Supreme Court heard a request to halt expansion of Ma'aleh Adumim, the largest community in the West Bank. They did not make a ruling, but their comments indicated that the matter must be left to the government and not to the court.

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Far-right makes sharp gain in Austrian election

By RUTH E. GRUBER
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BUDAPEST — Sharp electoral gains by Austria's far-right Freedom party have sounded alarm bells far beyond Austria's borders and made

Analysis

controversial party leader Jorg Haider a key player in national and international politics.

The Freedom party surged to second place in the country's Oct. 3 general election, riding a law-and-order, anti-immigrant platform that also criticized Austria's membership in the European Union and promised to change a stagnant political system.

It captured just over 27 percent of the vote, an increase of more than five percent over the last elections in 1995, and the best showing by a far-right party in Europe since the end of World War II.

The Social Democrats remained the largest party, but dropped to 33.4 percent from 38 percent in 1995. The Freedom party stood just 14,000 votes ahead of the conservative Peoples party, which won 26.9 percent, slightly down from 28 percent in 1995.

The final results won't be known until 200,000 absentee ballots are counted.

As Austrian politicians begin the difficult process of forming a new government, the gains put Haider, 49, the son of Nazi supporters, into the position of potential kingmaker.

Meeting reporters last week, after the outgoing coalition of Social Democrats and the Peoples party formally resigned, Haider, who is notorious for his past praise of the Hitler regime, clearly claimed his party's right to a prominent role.

"We are ready to work, we are ready for government, we are ready to take on responsibility," he declared.

Other right-wing parties across Europe exulted at Haider's success.

But the Freedom party gains drew outraged headlines and worried editorials evoking the spectre of Hitler. Jewish representatives and political figures warned against the consequences.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak was one of the most outspoken. A statement from his office expressed "serious concern" at Haider's success.

"The rise of the extreme right must set off alarm bells among all the people of the free world who still recall the horrors of the Second World War," it said.

Barak called on "all enlightened forces in the world to band together in a common effort to block the spread of the neo-Nazi and fascist plague."

Similarly, Andreas Nachama, the president of the Jewish community of Berlin, called Haider's success "a horrible blow against European unification, against tolerance in Europe, against everything that has been achieved in Austria in the last 10 years.

"I am worried about the influence it might have on Europe, on all the surrounding countries," he said. "It is the wrong sign in the wrong place."

Nonetheless, political commentators in Austria, as well as exit poll interviews, indicated that Haider's success represents a deep-seated desire by Austrians for political change more than a ringing endorsement of xenophobia or neo-Nazism.

Austria has been ruled for decades by the Social Democrats or the Peoples party. For the past 13 years, these two parties have ruled together in a "grand coalition."

Disaffected voters, fed up with what they see as political stagnation, have been gradually deserting the two big parties for years, turning to the Freedom party on the right and the smaller Green party on the left.

Indeed, the Greens also surged forward, winning 7.1 percent, a major increase from 4.8 percent last time.

Green party leader Alexander van der Bellen slammed international media coverage of the election as "hysterical."

"Austria was not a Nazi country before the election and has not become one since," he said.

An exit poll of 2,200 voters carried out by Vienna's Centre for Applied Political Research indicated that 47 percent of Freedom party voters said they backed Haider because of his anti-foreigner policies. But 65 percent said they wanted the party to expose scandal and misbehavior in government, and 63 percent just wanted change.

"Haider was relentless in calling for change," said Edward Serotta, director of the Vienna-based Central Europe Centre for Research and Documentation. "So much so that I think many voters saw him as less of a threat than the establishment that has been in power for so long."

Haider pounded this home again last week. The election result "was not an ideological swing to the right in any way," he said. "It was a swing to justice, which means Austrian voters have a chance that more attention will be paid to their interests."

He said Austria "will get an open, liberal and tolerant political system in which change is something natural."

But Haider's campaign also played on people's fears that immigrants from eastern Europe and elsewhere would inundate the country and take their jobs.

He called for "Austria First" and "Austria for the Austrians."

Shimon Samuels, European director of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, said the danger rests in the fact that the mainstream has embraced Haider's message.

"In contradistinction to Germany, where extreme right voters are predominantly young, frustrated, unemployed people from former East Germany, the Austrian voters for Haider are mainly from the middle class, living in a comparatively prosperous and crime-free society," he told JTA.

"Their xenophobia is inbred and based upon their fear of modernity. Perhaps Austria was prematurely welcomed into the European Union," he said.

The elections left Austria, for the first time since World War II, with three main parties at about the same strength.

Whatever role the Freedom party plays in the coming Parliament, it is clear that Haider has broken the post-war political mold.

"Haider had one short-term and one long-term goal," said Marta Halpert, director of the European Office of the Anti-Defamation League. "The first was to break up the 'monopoly' on power held by the current grand coalition, the Social Democrats and Peoples party, which have shared power for roughly 50 years.

"His foremost ambition – to become chancellor of Austria – is still up in the air."

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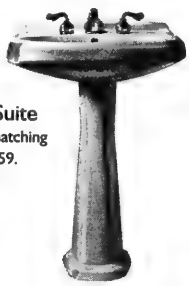

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Health

Women encouraged to take action about breast care

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — If Lillian Sweet can say anything positive about having had breast cancer, it is that it has changed her outlook on life.

Sweet, 46, a Thornhill resident and mother of two sons who was diagnosed with the disease about 2½ years ago, says she has learned to appreciate small things, and not worry about what she has no control over.

"I changed my way of thinking. When I felt nauseous after a session of chemotherapy, I called it indigestion, and I actually felt a bit better. I decided I could use my mind positively; it is more powerful than my body."

When she was first diagnosed, she says, "I went through the typical steps of denial, anger and finally, acceptance. I thought about my risk factors being fairly low and I became very angry, but I had to accept things very quickly. I had no choice.

"People ask me how I lived through my ordeal and that is my answer – if I wanted to survive, I had no choice."

Susan Kadis, 46, a councillor in the City of Vaughan, Thornhill Ward 5, is a seven-year survivor of breast cancer. "I've learned to trust my instincts and be my own health advocate," says the mother of five.

After discovering a lump in her breast, she says, she went to the doctor and he said he was going to monitor it. "He did not feel I was a high risk, because I was young and did not have the disease in my family. As well, I had had two benign lumps in the past, so he felt this was the same thing.

"I persisted however, and when it was biopsied, it came back positive. I lost confidence in that doctor; he had taken a complacent attitude to my life.

"If I had not taken the initial steps, I might not have been alive today. I learned to always, always get a second opinion."

According to Dr. Barb Whylie, director of medical affairs at the Canadian Cancer Society, breast cancer death rates have dropped by about 10 percent since 1986.

"This is partly due to the fact that more women are having mammograms and more tumors are being found at an earlier stage in development," Whylie says.

"When tumors are found early, more women will survive the disease."

Throughout October, breast cancer awareness month, the society is intensifying its efforts to encourage women to take action about their breast health, Whylie says.

Kadis says she was stunned by her diagnosis – "it still doesn't feel real" – and she is motivated to spread the critical messages of early detection and being your own health advocate. "The importance of this cannot be overstated. Nobody is going to care as much about your life as you."

She acknowledges that taking charge of a situation is difficult when "you are feeling very emotional, but taking care of yourself is pivotal to your outcome.

"When my doctor said to monitor the situation, I almost walked out of the room, but then I said, 'No. We have to do something about it.' That was a critical decision."

Sweet encourages women diagnosed with breast cancer to talk to other people. "The Canadian Cancer Society put me in touch with someone, but it was the public health nurse that came to see me after my surgery who was the most helpful.

"She talked me through the various stages, and told me what to expect from chemotherapy.

"The unknown can be very scary. The nurse was instrumental in helping me understand what I was facing. She gave me the worst-case scenario, and she helped me come to the conclusion that you can talk yourself out of symptoms."

Sweet is still being closely monitored, "but I don't dwell on it. There are no guarantees in life."

When you are diagnosed with breast cancer, says Kadis, "surround yourself with positive people, and if you are doing everything that you should be doing, then that is as much as you can do.

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Flutist follows inevitable path

By ANNA TURKIENICZ
CJN Staff

Nora Shulman didn't pick up the flute until she was 11 years old.

However, by the age of 24, Shulman had joined the Toronto Symphony Orchestra (TSO) and has served as their principal flutist since 1986.

"Early on, I knew that I very much wanted to play in an orchestra," Shulman said. "But I studied at a time when women couldn't assume that they could easily pursue musical careers."

Growing up in a musical home made her path seem almost inevitable.

Shulman was born in Los Angeles. Both her parents came from musical backgrounds: Her mother's father played theatre organ and her father sang professionally.

"We listened to opera in our house all the time," Shulman said. "It wasn't until I was 8 or 9 years old that I realized that an orchestra could play by itself, and not just as part of an opera.

"I am one of four siblings, and we all perform, or have performed, professionally. One sister is a singer, my brother plays cello, and my younger sister plays violin with the Utah Symphony.

"We were raised in a home with limited financial means, but it was imperative that we all had lessons," she said.

Her principal teachers have included Louise De Tullio, Luella Howard and Sheridan Stokes.

In the last year of her bachelor's degree at California State University at Northridge, Shulman began to audition.

"I accepted the position of second flute with the Denver Symphony," she said. "But, I knew that Denver wasn't my ultimate goal.

"When I was eventually hired by the TSO in 1974, I came to Toronto not knowing very much about Canada. It was a culture shock – having come from California and the U.S. midwestern environment," Shulman said.

"The fact that you couldn't shop on Sundays, the multiculturalism – there were many subtle differences that made Toronto feel like a foreign city," she said. "Now I feel that Toronto is my home."

Shulman's two children go to a Hebrew day school and she takes pride in their enthusiasm for Jewish music.

"My children listen to all kinds of music," she said. "But I especially enjoy it when they listen to klezmer and to Mandy Patinkin's *Mamaloshen*."

Nora Shulman

Shulman said it has been difficult juggling being a mother and a performer. There are so many responsibilities with both jobs and it can sometimes be very stressful and a real challenge to give the children what you know they must have.

"On the other hand, it can be a joyful stress," she said. "Having a marriage and children was the most wonderful thing for me.

"I wouldn't discourage anyone from pursuing both a family and a career," Shulman said.

"It's a wonderful thing to have it all, but it does come with a stiff price. Hopefully, my kids will look back and be proud that I achieved what I did, and was still there for them."

Shulman is also an adjunct associate professor at the Faculty of Music at the University of Toronto.

As an educator, she feels it is important for the TSO to perform a wide repertoire of music.

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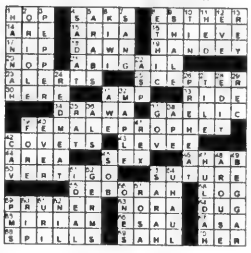

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Shaw actress' talents run in the family

By CELINE MIGDAL
Special to The CJN

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE — Actress Sarah Orenstein, who has been with the Shaw Festival since 1990, practically grew up in the theatre.

"I always knew I wanted to be an actress," said Orenstein, who has the role of seductress Hesione Hushabye in Shaw's *Heartbreak House*, which continues at the festival until Oct. 31.

The festival's popularity grows each year and this year the productions will continue into mid-November, in the picturesque town that's becoming a major attraction for American tourists, as well as for Canadian theatre lovers.

Orenstein inherited her artistic talent. Her mother, Joan Orenstein, is an actress who has been a popular personality in Montreal's Centaur Theatre for many years. Her father, Henry Orenstein is a graphic artist who recently exhibited his work at the Ashkenaz Festival of Yiddish Culture at Harbourfront.

Her father was a major influence in her decision to go into the theatre, Orenstein said. "I'm not good at painting, so acting became my choice and my passion; at our house, art and acting were always part of our daily discussions."

Orenstein, 36, has acted at the Tarragon Theatre, where she recently performed in two plays, and

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Actress' talents run in her blood

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at the Western Canada Theatre Company, Theatre Passe Muraille and Centaur. She also has television and film credits for *Forever Knight* and *Street Legal*, among others.

The young mother of a 2½-year old son looks much younger in person than the temptress in her late 40s she portrays in the darkly drawn, dramatic *Heartbreak House*, or the independent-minded woman named Lesbia she plays in Shaw's comedy, *Getting Married*. But she projects the can-do attitude of a veteran performer with enough experience to carry off any role and switch from comedy to drama for a given performance.

"I have a vivid imagination and can put myself in the role easily after discussing it with the director and reading the script," she said.

In her performance as Hesione, the indulgent wife of a husband who refuses to grow up and continues to play Don Juan to as many women as he can fool, she becomes a seductress of any unwary male that stumbles across her path.

Heartbreak House is one of Shaw's bleakest plays, full of disappointment over the foibles of men and women.

However, Orenstein gets a chance to be Lesbia, an independent, self-reliant English lady with a life of her own, in *Getting Married*. Again, she does this with great verve and is almost unrecognizable as the wily temptress of *Heartbreak House*.

Asked if she ever performed with her mother, she said the two did *Mrs. Klein* together at the Tarragon Theatre, where their vitriolic interaction as mother and daughter gave the other members of the ensemble much grief, because they thought the strife was real.

"My mother and I get on well together; that was just good acting. We really enjoy working together," she said, with a laugh in a recent interview.

"We already have a shorthand for working together. We know each other well, and in one play we portrayed the same woman at different stages of her life. I think it's interesting for an audience to see a mother and daughter work together on stage — they have fun trying to figure out what's real and what's not."

Sarah Orenstein with co-star Jim Mezon in Heartbreak House.

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Arts & Travel

Swing singer a long way from Hell's Kitchen

By KATHRYN KATES
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Actress, dancer, singer and songwriter Lizzie Kurtz was bitten by the showbiz bug when she was 6 years old and her mom brought home the soundtrack from the musical, *Annie*.

Kurtz has since spent many years developing her talents, and Toronto audiences can now enjoy her in TaurPro Entertainment Inc/ Lutvick Productions International's big band musical review, *Forever Swing*, Oct. 13 to Nov. 14 at the Winter Garden Theatre.

Forever Swing follows the fictitious Tommy Vickers Band during the late '30s and early '40s as they tour ballrooms and dance halls in North America and then head off to Europe for the war years.

Kurtz is the feature singer in the ensemble cast that includes a 13-piece band. Among her solos are old favorites such as *Music Goes Round and Round, I'd Love To Get You On A Slow Boat To China* and *I've Heard That Song Before*.

Kurtz says the auditions were gruelling, but the hardest part was waiting for two weeks to find out if she got the role.

However, according to Jeffrey Latimer, head of TaurPro Entertainment, "I knew Lizzie was right for this show, the moment I saw her. She has a star quality like Bette Midler."

After graduating from Claude Watson School for the Arts, the Toronto native spent two years studying theatre at York University before entering Sheridan College's musical theatre program in Oakville, graduating in 1996. She continued her studies at The School of the Toronto Dance Theatre.

"My first love was acting, but I decided to go into musical theatre because singing came most naturally to me. It is the easiest way for me to express myself," she said.

Lizzie Kurtz

Inspired by singers Jann Arden and Lisa Loeb, Kurtz devotes her time to composing her own material when she's not on the stage.

"After *Forever Swing*, I'm hoping to release a demo CD of songs, hopefully to be picked up by a record label," she said.

Attracted by the lure of the Great White Way last year, Kurtz packed her bags.

"I went to New York to audition for musicals," she said. "When I got there, there wasn't a lot happening.

"One of my goals was to study at the Martha Graham School of Dance; so that's what I did with my days, because it was extremely hard to work on Broadway if you were not American," she said.

Kurtz spent two months living in the heart of New York City.

"I lived on 42nd Street in Hell's Kitchen. It was really interesting. There were cops all around all the time. I actually felt quite at home there. I do well in urban chaos. I'm less stressed when there is that kind of noise around me; it becomes soothing to me after awhile," Kurtz said.

Kurtz said she was encouraged by an experience that happened when she was living in New York, and she plans to return there next year.

One night, around midnight, she ventured out alone, making her way to Don't Tell Mama, a cabaret bar frequented by Broadway actors.

"I got up and performed my stuff and the response was really good," she said. "It was from this response that I decided I could take my singing and songwriting further.

"My purpose for going back down to New York would be to take my demo CD and shop it."

Kurtz also wants to pursue her dream of acting in non-musical productions. She said she especially wants to act in some great Canadian plays. Another goal is to audition one day for the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The actress is currently carving a name for herself in the jingle and voice-over worlds of television, radio and film.

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Veteran theatre actor comfortable in role of tortured composer

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Marc Blitzstein is a central character in *It's All True*, a play by Jason Sherman which deals with the strange events surrounding the staging of *The Cradle Will Rock* in New York in 1937.

Blitzstein, the tortured Jewish composer of *The Cradle Will Rock*, is being played by Joseph Ziegler, a non-Jew who feels very comfortable in the role.

Ziegler, a veteran of Stratford and Shaw festivals, and Vickie Papavs are the only new cast members of this Necessary Angel production which was originally produced earlier this year at Tarragon Theatre.

The Cradle Will Rock, Blitzstein's worker opera, was directed by a then 22-year-old Orson Welles. The day the show was to open, the government in Washington, which was funding the play through a make-work project, padlocked the doors of the theatre, censoring the play because of its pro-labor, anti-capitalist stance.

Ziegler said Blitzstein was a complicated individual who was unnerved by Welles' casting methods. A relative neophyte in the New York scene, Blitzstein was at the time trying to cope with the death of his wife, the inspiration of his work, especially *The Cradle Will Rock* which he dedicated to her memory.

Blitzstein died a tragic death in the hospital many years later as the result of a beating in a Caribbean alley, Ziegler said.

Joseph Ziegler

"Blitzstein was a big admirer of Bertolt Brecht and played a song for him about the exploitation of a worker. Brecht liked it but suggested that it should be turned into a play about how the law courts sell the worker out. *The Cradle Will Rock* resulted," Ziegler said.

Welles is played by Victor Ertmanis, and Richard Binsley is John Houseman, the producer. Melody Johnston portrays Olive Stanton, Martin Julien is Howard da Silva, and the director is played by Richard Rose.

It's All True is at Buddies in Bad Times Theatre, 12 Alexander Street, with previews from Oct. 12, opening Oct. 14, and running until Nov. 14.

Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

AUTHORS FESTIVAL SET FOR OCT. 20 TO 30 AT HARBOURFRONT

Some 50 authors are booked to appear at the 20th annual International Festival of Authors, slated for Oct. 20 to 30 at Harbourfront.

The list includes impressive talent, both domestic and foreign. A glance at the program offers convincing evidence of the fully integrated role that Jewish authors play in the English-language literary scene.

Participants include: Torontonian **Anne Michaels**, whose new book of poetry, *Skin Divers*, was recently published; **Grace Paley**, New York-born daughter of Russian-Jewish immigrants, whose short stories are gems; Torontonian **Phyllis Grosskurth**, biographer of Lord Byron, **Melanie Klein** and others.

Also included are **Thomas Keneally**, Australian author of 20 novels, including *Schindler's List*; **Joyce Maynard**, whose exposé of her relationship with **J.D. Salinger** made international headlines; **Alberto Manguel**, the renowned writer, translator and anthologist now living in Calgary; **Bernard Slade**, playwright whose works include *Same Time, Next Year*.

Festival director **Greg Gatenby** has come up with some very innovative pairings for the series of public interviews.

For instance, he's asked journalist **Jack Batten** to interview mystery writer **Sara Paretsky**, filmmaker **David Cronenberg** to interview Michaels, architect **Jack Diamond** to interview South African writer **Achmat Dangor**, journalist **Rick Salutin** to interview Manguel, journalist **Noah Richler** to interview Lebanese writer **Hassan Daoud**.

These names might give you a hint of the wealth of talent at the festival. Box office, 973-4000. Web site, www.readings.org.

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The Play's the Thing: The Jewish Theatre Committee of Toronto has arranged a series of three staged readings to mark the 10th anniversary of its Canadian Jewish Playwriting Contest. The works of new and previous winners of the contest will be honored.

Robert Majzel's *This Night the Kapo*, a powerful drama that confronts truths about human nature and the effect of the Holocaust on family relationships, opens the series Nov. 4, 8 p.m. at the Bloor JCC. Presented as part of Holocaust Education Week, the reading is directed by **Jordan Merkur**.

A reading of **Beth Kaplan's** *Gordin in America*, which examines the life of Jewish-American playwright **Jacob Gordin**, takes place Feb. 6. This year's winning play is *Einstein's Gift*, by **Vern Theissen**. A reading is scheduled for May 2000.

Series ticket, $25, single ticket $10; free for Bloor JCC members. 924-6211.

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Music & Drama

• *It's All True*, a play about art and censorship by Toronto playwright **Jason Sherman**, runs Oct. 14 to Nov. 14 at Buddies in Bad Times Theatre.

The remounted production by Necessary Angel focuses on an incident in New York in 1937, in which the government tried to halt the staging of a pro-labor play but was outwitted by the writer (**Marc Blitzstein**) and director (**Orson Welles**). Starring **Joseph Ziegler**. 975-8555.

• Vaughan City Playhouse announces two fundraising events for Care For Kids (Toronto). On Oct. 16, children's entertainers **Dudley the Dragon and Markus** appear at 12:30 & 2:15 p.m. while a 7 p.m. gala features **The Nylons**. Upcoming family entertainment includes *Celtic Colours* (Oct. 22), *The Magic and Illusion of Coby* (Nov. 4) and *Charlotte's Web* (Nov. 13). 1000 New Westminster Dr. 905-709-4057.

• Songs of an Ancient Heritage, a concert of Jewish music featuring works by **Robinovitch**, **Glick**, **Bernstein** and **Steinberg**, with the Amadeus Choir. Oct. 24, 3 p.m. (Pre-concert talk by Srul Irving Glick, 2 p.m.) Ford Centre, George Weston Recital Hall. $20-$32. 870-8000.

• The Senior Strings perform **Bach**, **Handel**, **Mozart**, **Macmillan** and **Britten** at St. Andrew's Church, Oct. 28, 2 p.m. $12 at the door. 769-5071.

• Nightingale & Associates presents classes in film, screenwriting, and multimedia production. 656-8259, Web site, dnightingale.com.

•**Rabbi Elyse Goldstein** reads at the launch of the 1999-2000 Books & Bagels, Oct. 17, 11a.m. at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre. Goldstein will read from *ReVisions: Seeing Torah Through a Feminist Lens*.924-6211.

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At the Galleries

• Works by Israeli-born artist **Hannah Sandberg** are on view at the Faculty Club, S166 Ross Bldg., York University. Major works include her interpretive expressions, through painting, of the Book of Psalms, the Ten Commandments, Books of Mica, Isaiah, Genesis, Esther and more. Until December.

• The 12th Beach Studio Tour and Sale occurs Oct. 15 to 17 in various studios, workshops and homes of artists in The Beach neighborhood of Toronto. 699-2373, Web site www.prudentialplus.com.

• Memoirs, a group of paintings by **Sharon Merkur**, is on view at Rebecca Gallery, 317 Grace St., Oct. 17 to Nov. 14. Reception, Oct. 17, 2 to 5 p.m. 537-6550.

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"I was a lousy ball player!'

86-year-old reveals shocking secret:

By FRED NARVEY
Special to The CJN

I was a first baseman. My teammates told me that I was a good first baseman because I was left-handed. At the age of 17 I believed them. But now that I am 86 years old, the truth can be told ... I was a lousy ball player.

You see, it was like this. We had the best pitcher in town, namely Harry Broverman, whom no one could hit, but no one. The only guys whoever reached first base were the ones that Harry walked. So I had a nice easy position.

Mind you, I managed to catch the ball occasionally during practice, but when it came to a real game, I had an awful problem. As soon as I heard the roar of the crowd, my knees would start shaking and my hands would tremble. All I could do was pray, "Please Harry, strike the bums out already!"

The year was 1930. It was the top of the ninth inning of the final game. At stake was the championship of the junior division in the Rotary League. The opposition was up to bat and the score was 3-2, in their favor. This was the inning that would tell the tale.

Harry struck out the first batter in short order. The second batter was a cream puff who Harry always struck out. Then the impossible happened. The cream puff hit the ball! A roar went up from the crowd and I got the shakes. The shortstop scooped up the ball and whipped it down to first base like a professional ball player. To my everlasting shame, I dropped the ball!

"Safe at first!" shouted the umpire.

The shortstop looked at me murderously. Harry Broverman didn't say anything. Harry never said anything, but I knew that look of his which said, "Do I have to do all the work on this ball team, you shmo?"

Captain Simon Listernick, our back catcher, was spitting furiously in all directions – a sure sign that he was extremely unhappy.

The opposition must have figured out that I was the weak spot on the team because they put in a left-handed hitter. My hands and feet were still shaking from the last batter who was safe on first base. Now I had an additional problem. The Coca-Cola was pushing up the salami sandwich I had for supper.

In my despair, I put my hands together and silently prayed the same old prayer. "Please Harry..."

Just then, I heard the crash of leather against wood. The crowd roared and the runner on first base made a dash for second. All of a sudden, the crowd stopped roaring and began applauding! I jumped on first base and looked around to see what was happening. To my surprise, I found the ball safely in my hands! A double play, and no one was more amazed than me. I walked off the field trying hard to look modest...

Now, it was the bottom of the ninth inning. Nate Lepkin, our excellent left fielder, was the first batter for our side. He connected with a hard drive along the third base line that landed him a two bagger! Now, if we could only get Nate home we could tie the score, and if we could get another run on top of that – the game and the championship would be ours.

Unfortunately, I was the next batter. All my buddies shook their heads and said, "Oi vey," in unison.

Captain Listernick spit east and west and muttered, "The no-hit wonder!"

Could you blame them? I hadn't made a safe hit all season.

However, the opposition wasn't aware of my brilliant batting average, so they took elaborate precautions. Since I was a left-handed "hitter," the right fielder moved over to the first base line, the centre fielder moved to the right field and the left fielder moved to centre field.

I picked up my bat and approached the plate with the enthusiasm of a condemned man. The crowd began to shout and I missed the first pitch by a mile.

"Strike him out, strike him out!" I heard from all sides. I silently vowed never to have salami and Coke again before an important game.

The pitcher wound up and let go. I closed my eyes and swung. The noise was deafening. When I opened my eyes, the ball was far out in left field, and there was no one there to catch it!

I would have fainted right there on the home plate, but there wasn't time. Captain Listernick was spitting in my direction, "Run, Shmo! Run!" So I ran.

When I got to first base, Harry Broverman, the pitcher (whom no one ever hit) was hollering from the sidelines, "Run, Speedy, run!" I rounded second base and was three quarter of the way to third, when our star outfielders, Hy Smordin and his little brother Benny shouted, "Shlemiel! Run back and touch second!" I made skid marks, raced back and touched second. My team mates were hysterical. "Keep going, keep going!"

I was all out of breath, but I ran to third base on my wobbly legs and jumped on the sack with both feet. The Smordin brothers were jumping up and down and shouting, "They are still searching for the ball in the tall grass!"

I staggered across the home plate and collapsed.

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CORRECTION

The article, "Young athletes join JCC Maccabi Games" (Sept. 23), omitted that the girls basketball team won the Gold Medal. In addition, the boys baseball team won the Silver Medal, and the first Games took place in Memphis in 1982. *The CJN* regrets the errors.

The Inside Back

Moshe Nussbaum: Media star

As I was saying...

By RON CSILLAG

I've worked in a few newsrooms besides the genteel and unhurried one here at *The CJN*, and although I have never heard it actually uttered, the phrase "Jews is news" strikes me as truer now than ever before. What else to make of the media frenzy that surrounded last month's tragic death of 88-year-old Moshe Nussbaum, on his way to pre-dawn synagogue services, only to die after being hit by a four-wheel-drive SUV?

The item led that day's newscasts on at least three radio stations and several television supper-hour shows; the accident and Nussbaum's funeral were front-page (above the fold) news in the *Toronto Star*'s extra-large circulation Saturday edition (also providing the paper with a photo of the reclusive Paul Reichman); and it was played prominently by the *Sun* and the *Globe and Mail*, with the *Sun* following up with an eye-glazing column on how sad it all was. Only the *National Post* stayed away, probably surmising, in a moment of sobriety, that another traffic death in Toronto was not worthy of cross-country attention.

Even the lead detective on the file noted that the case received "more than the usual" media attention.

While the *Post*'s stance seemed a mite cold, it is journalistically more sound than those of the other media outlets. While the hit-and-run death of an 88-year-old man is heartbreaking, and has all the elements of a good spot-news story, Jewish consumers of the secular media had every reason to wonder at the plain overkill on the story, and how Nussbaum became "a prominent member of Toronto's Jewish community," as he was repeatedly described.

This is not meant to be disrespectful, but Nussbaum was not a prominent member of the Toronto Jewish community. He was rather a leader (pillar is a better word) of a very small, closed, low-profile and inaccessible part of the city's Jewish population: the ultra-Orthodox, far-right Agudah movement. I venture to say that most everyone else – the overwhelming majority of Jews in and around Toronto – had never heard of him until his death.

The media, including *The CJN*, like to use the phrase "Jewish community." It's tidy and convenient. But the Jews of Toronto, with their huge range of affiliations, involvement and political leanings, are as far from being a monolith as are Anglicans. When was the last time you heard CFRB refer to "the Anglican community"?

(I remember *Globe* columnist Jeffrey Simpson once politely tearing a strip out of a CBC commentator for using the phrase "the Jewish vote." "There's no such thing," Simpson snapped, pointing out that Canada's Jews do not vote, or live, in lock step.)

Only the *Globe*, in its coverage of the Nussbaum accident, indirectly hinted at a larger issue here: Nussbaum, it reported, was this year's 69th traffic fatality (and 13th hit-and-run) in Toronto. What of the other 68? How many were leaders in their religious communities? How many were elders in their church? How many contributed to charity? How many were as sweet and gentle as Moshe Nussbaum? We'll never know.

But Nussbaum's story was a no-brainer for the media, and his death was splashed over the pages and airwaves with inexplicable and inexcusable excess. The over-the-top coverage was capped three days later by the *Star*, which ran a story saying Nussbaum's 90-year-old widow, Chaya, was too frail to be told of the tragedy. This is news?

A special brickbat to CFTO: On the same day as the Nussbaum mishap, the station's late broadcast began with the announcer breathlessly reporting the "latest anti-Semitic attack" in Toronto, and bang, we see Larry Skolnik's blood splattered all over the garage of his apartment building. Despite later assurances from police and Canadian Jewish Congress that Skolnik, a 63-year-old Orthodox Jew, had been mugged, and nothing else, the station interviewed two of Skolnik's neighbors, both of whom were certain this was another hate crime. Good enough for CFTO, which more and more is going the "if it bleeds, it leads" route nauseatingly perpetuated by U.S. channels.

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About Seniors

Dear Jesse,

My wife died many years ago and we did not have any children. I really do not have anyone to rely on, and I am very worried should something happen to me. I have a heart condition and arthritis and I'm very concerned about who will take care of my belongings and my funeral when I pass on. I want to know that arrangements will be made according to what I want. What should I do?

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By taking these steps, I think you will feel more comfortable and at ease and less concerned and worried about your future.

Readers are invited to send any questions they have for Jesse to The CJN. *Jesse represents the management and staff of Jewish Support Services for the Elderly (JSSE) in Montreal.*

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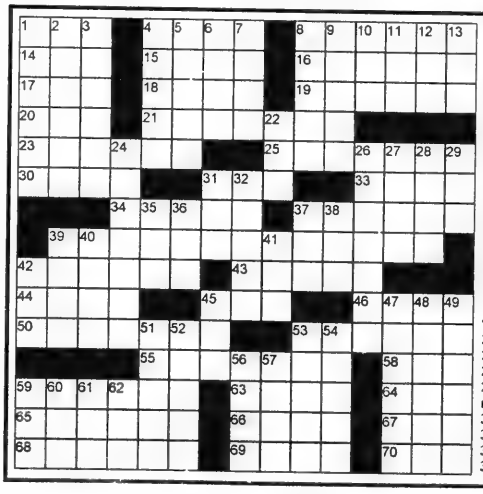

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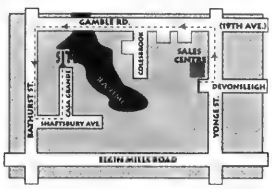

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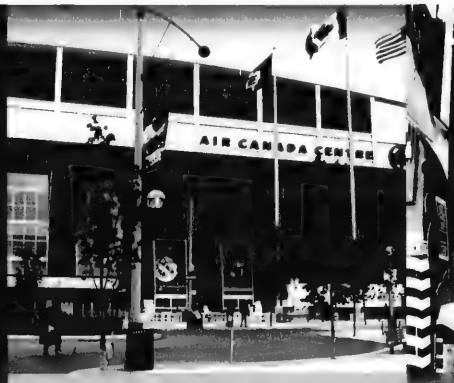
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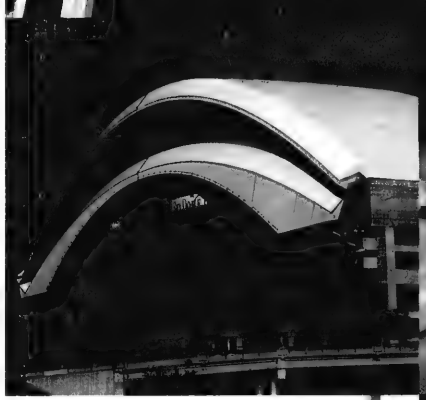

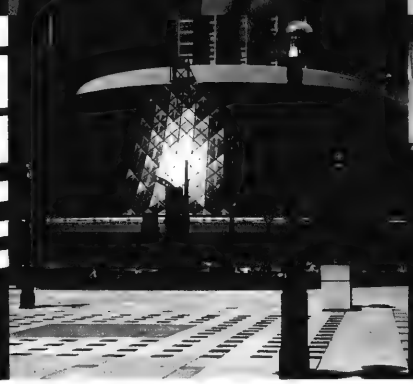

the master plan

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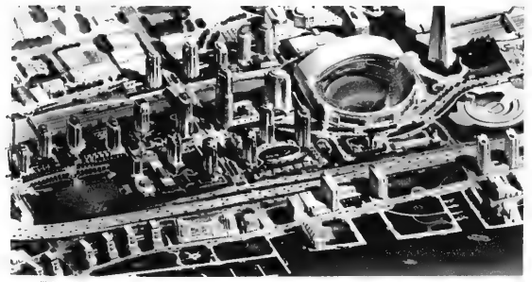
Over the next decade the skyline of Toronto will dramatically change and part of this change will be driven by the development of CityPlace, the city's first downtown master planned community. An urban environment designed to create a vibrant, exciting residential neighbourhood through the creation and application of exceptional design. Every aspect of the urban goodlife has been considered and organized at CityPlace in a way that is truly user friendly and totally connected and integrated to the city, the waterfront and surrounding neighbourhoods.

The grass is greener. CityPlace will have more green space than any other neighbourhood in downtown Toronto. The parkland system, carefully designed and woven into the fabric of the community, will include bicycle paths, jogging trails, ponds and waterways and major park space in which to relax and play...including an eight acre "central park" with sports and recreation facilities. The end result will be a "greenway" that connects Fort York to the waterfront park system of Harbourfront and the western Beaches.

Brilliant, beautiful landscapes. The streets at CityPlace are brilliantly livable and designed to be safe. Decorative lighting, street furnishings and carefully-selected paving materials will extend throughout the community providing a strong "sense of place." Boulevards, wide sidewalks, trees and greenery are the perfect canvas and frame for charming "Parisian style" sidewalk cafés, shops, stores and ground-level homes.



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Shop 'til you drop. Every Toronto neighbourhood has its own unique and charming blend of shops, and CityPlace will be no exception. Focused on and around Spadina Avenue, just south of Front Street, the community shopping district will provide close, convenient streetfront stores, a neighbourhood supermarket, and a variety of restaurants and services for residents. In addition, CityPlace is surrounded by the urban richness of Toronto's Entertainment, Harbourfront and Downtown shopping districts.

It's a wonderful day in the neighbourhood. An important part of any fully-furnished neighbourhood are the community amenities available to the residents. At CityPlace there will be daycare centres, an elementary school, community centre and public library. These amenities, coupled with the abundance of greenspace and other facilities, will make CityPlace a wonderful new neighbourhood in downtown Toronto.

New vistas in architecture and design. Perhaps the most striking aspect of CityPlace will be reflected in the design of space and architecture. Buildings unlike anything preceding them in Toronto. Residential towers that are tall and slender with a limited number of suites per floor. A new urban neighbourhood offering unparalleled space and light, maximizing the ability to provide unobstructed sight lines to the lake and city. Towers of glass and steel that reflect sunrise off the water and the translucent cloudscapes of a summer day. Floor to ceiling windows, innovative and interesting living spaces, exceptional spaces for lifestyle amenities, environmentally compliant with a technology infrastructure designed for today and "overbuilt" for the capacity and capability of tomorrow. This is the vision of master planning that is becoming a reality at CityPlace. A multi-billion dollar dream that will change, forever, the skyline of Toronto. Be a part of it.

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the shape of things to come

Concord Adex, the developers of CityPlace, have spent countless hours working closely with some of the world's best architects, planners, engineers, technology professionals and designers to develop the vision and infrastructure of the perfect urban community. An integral part of the whole process was the planning and design of Matrix, the first residential towers.

For these landmark buildings we retained the services of internationally renowned architects Page + Steele and James Cheng, Architect, and Cecconi Simone, noted interior designers.

Sol Wassermuhl, President of leading architectural firm Page + Steele, is excited about the project. "The key design elements are two elliptical forms clad in a sweeping, curved, floor-to-ceiling glass skin. Just as a circle is the symbol of perfection, the ellipse is a circle with attitude...the perfect form for a building in this urban environment."

James Cheng and Cecconi Simone share his enthusiasm. "The developer had the expertise, experience and commitment to create this amazing vision...it's our great fortune to be involved in the process."

Matrix, the first residential buildings at CityPlace, will be located on the south west corner of Front Street and Blue Jays Way.

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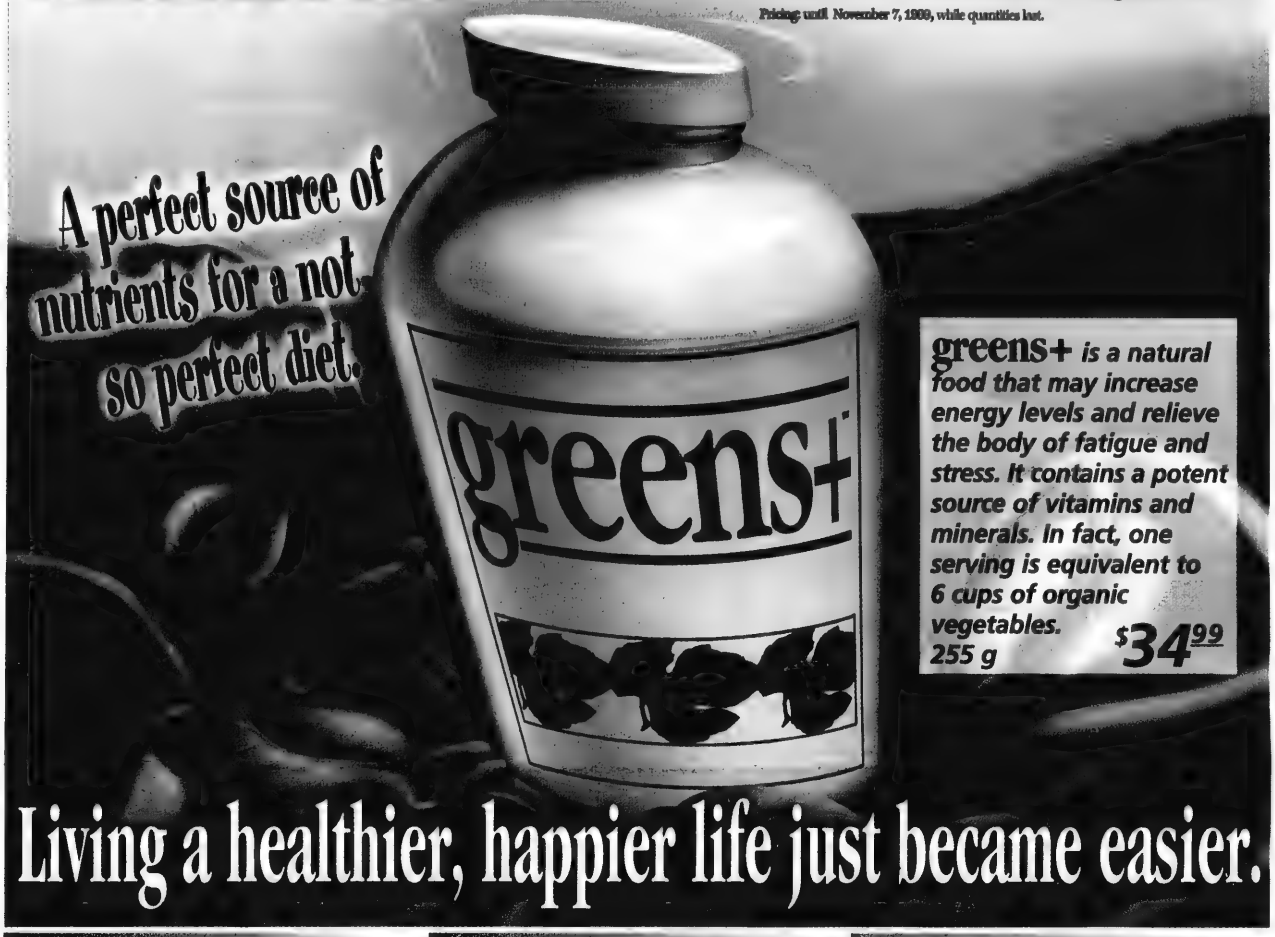

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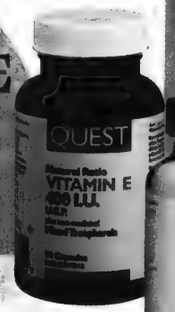

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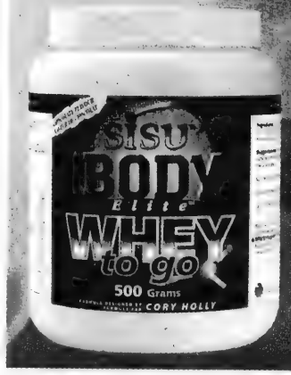

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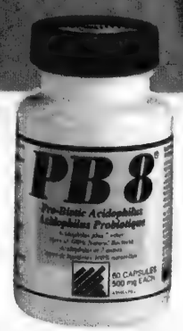

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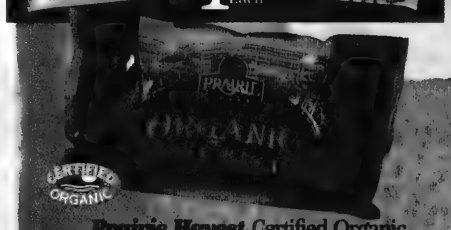

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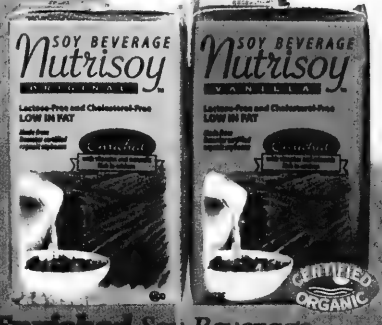

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Elder statesman dies

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JERUSALEM — Hundreds of people, including a veritable who's who of Israeli leadership past and present, attended the funeral of Joseph Burg last Sunday. His family was at his bedside when he died Friday at his home at the age of 90.

Burg was a pillar of religious Zionism in Israel and a government minister for 35 years.

He was born in Dresden, Germany, in 1909 and studied at universities in Berlin and Leipzig, completing a doctorate in philosophy. He was also ordained as a rabbi in Germany before leaving for Palestine in 1939. During the next decade, he taught at the Herzliya high school in Tel Aviv, was active in a number of pre-state institutions and served as an emissary in Geneva and Paris.

Burg was the deputy speaker of the first Knesset and a member of every other Knesset through 1986. Beginning as the youngest minister in the government in 1951, he presided over a range of different offices during the next four decades:

Dr. Joseph Burg
[Israel Sun photo]

Health, Welfare, Interior, Police and Religious Affairs.

His public roles included terms as president of the world Mizrachi movement and chairman of the board of Yad Vashem. He was also a founding director of Bar-Ilan University and established the Joseph Burg Chair in Education for Human Values, Tolerance and Peace.

Burg was known for his phenomenal breadth of knowledge and quick wit. A partner for decades in Labor-led coalitions, he held relatively moderate views in regard to the territories captured in 1967.

Before the funeral cortege set out for the Sanhedria cemetery in Jerusalem, Burg's body lay in state at Yad Vashem on Mount Herzl at his request.

The first eulogy was delivered by President Ezer Weizman, who struck a theme that others also repeated. He noted that Burg had said in an interview, "Whatever can be achieved by peaceful means is preferable to any other road."

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Allies aware in '42

By DOUGLAS DAVIS
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LONDON — A British student has discovered a 20-page document in the Foreign Office archive that proves conclusively that Britain and the United States knew about the gas chambers and the crematoria at Auschwitz by December 1942.

While it was known that the Allies were aware of the Final Solution and even of the gas chambers by then, this is the first time it has been demonstrated that the Allies knew in 1942 about the crematoria at Auschwitz, where approximately 1.5 million people, 90 percent of them Jews, were killed.

Crematoria in Auschwitz

It was previously thought that the Nazis were able to conceal the purpose of Auschwitz better than they could at other camps, said Richard Breitman, a professor of history at American University and the author of a book on the topic.

The latest find could also reignite debates about why the Allies took no action to disrupt the operation of Auschwitz.

The information was contained in a memorandum, subsequently passed on to the British government, that was handed to then-U.S. president Franklin Delano Roosevelt by Jewish leaders at a White House meeting on Dec. 8, 1942.

It starts by noting that two million Jews had already been

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CHAT STUDENTS HELP OUT AT SUPER SUNDAY TELETHON
From left, 14-year-olds Michael Feinberg, Leslie Gold and Michael Buchbinder were among 400 volunteers who took part in this week's Super Sunday telethon. The day-long blitz brought in 2,300 pledges totalling $715,000 for UJA Federation's Campaign 2000. The three friends are Grade 9 students at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto. *[Frances Kraft photo]*

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The News in Brief

Canada

Wanted: Rabbis

WINNIPEG — There's a shortage of rabbis in Winnipeg, reports the city's *Jewish Post & News*. Two local synagogues are seeking replacements for their rabbis, whose contracts expired and who have left the city, while a third congregation is searching for a rabbi to replace its current spiritual leader, who plans to leave the city when his contract expires next summer.

Israel

Bus Mishap Kills 15

JERUSALEM — A bus carrying Israelis on a singles excursion to the north skidded off a rain-slicked road and overturned in a ravine Oct. 9, killing 15 passengers and injuring 39 others. Police said the road near Tiberias was slippery from Israel's first rain in months.

Fighting Cyber-Terror

JERUSALEM — Israel and the United States are joining forces to fight cyber-terror on essential computer networks and databases, the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz* reported. The paper said the first working meeting of the committee on counterterrorism will take place in November. The joint committee will also address the threat of biological and chemical warfare.

Rabbi Pleads Guilty

JERUSALEM — The former head of a Jerusalem yeshiva pleaded guilty recently to charges he sexually molested 19 students between 1991 and 1997. Prosecutors in the case of Rabbi Ze'ev Kapelovich, who led the Netivei Meir Yeshiva, have asked that he be sent to jail for 3½ years. The court is expected to announce its sentence next month.

Non-Kosher Request

JERUSALEM — Thirteen Israeli lawmakers recently sent a letter to Knesset Speaker Avraham Burg asking that a non-kosher restaurant be opened in the Knesset building, in addition to the existing kosher kitchen.

Conservatives Win Funds

JERUSALEM — Israel's High Court of Justice has ordered the Religious Affairs Ministry to provide the nation's Conservative movement with some $165,000 in funding. The money had been denied in earlier years because of the ministry's discriminatory policy toward the movement, the court ruled Oct. 7.

Ma'ariv Editor Dies

JERUSALEM — The founder and former editor of the Israeli daily *Ma'ariv* died Oct. 6 at his desk. Shmuel Schnitzer, 81, who helped found the newspaper in 1948, served as its editor from 1980 to 1982.

World

Zhirinovsky Banned

MOSCOW — Russian ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky and his party were barred from participating in the nation's parliamentary elections in December. The Central Election Committee barred the entire slate of the Liberal Democratic Party after two of its candidates were rejected for failing to disclose some of their assets.

Cemetery Surveillance?

BERLIN — A German Jewish leader has called for video cameras to be installed at Jewish cemeteries in Germany. The call by Andreas Nachama came after more than 100 graves were desecrated at a Jewish cemetery in Berlin earlier this month, and before the discovery last week of a similar incident at a Jewish cemetery in southern Germany.

Disco Plans Scrapped

WARSAW — The governor of a southern Polish province has revoked permission for a disco to be built near the site of the Auschwitz death camp. The Oct. 5 action came in response to protests that noise from the disco would disturb visitors to the site.

Boycott Threats Considered

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Commerce Department is taking recent boycott threats levelled by American Arab and Muslim groups against Burger King, Disney and other companies "very seriously." In a letter responding to concerns expressed by the Anti-Defamation League that the threats violate U.S. anti-boycott laws, the department said its Office of Anti-Boycott Compliance is "monitoring the situation closely" and "will initiate action if, after a full review of the relevant facts, action appears to be warranted."

Ottawa Proposes New War Crimes Law

OTTAWA — The federal government is planning to introduce new legislation on war crimes that would allow for criminal prosecutions of suspects who live in Canada and have been accused of genocide or crimes against humanity.

Ottawa has been stymied in prosecuting suspects in criminal courts ever since 1994, when the Supreme Court of Canada upheld the acquittal of Imre Finta, who had been accused of confining and deporting thousands of Jews from Hungary during World War II.

In 1995, the Justice Department shifted its focus from criminal prosecutions to denaturalizing and deporting accused war criminals.

Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) president Moshe Ronen praised the proposed changes to the law, which Justice Minister Anne McLellan is scheduled to unveil in the House of Commons in the coming weeks.

Ronen said the government should not abandon its current practice of revocation of citizenship and deportation. He said a two-track system should be adopted.

CJC war crimes committee chair Irving Abella said he's hopeful that a new law will root out both Nazi-era war criminals and those who took part in atrocities in places like Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia.

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Slave labor offer rejected as paltry, insulting

'They deprived me of my youth. They deprived me of an education. They deprived me of parental guidance'

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Rather than calculate how much money he would be owed had he been properly compensated for his slave labor during World War II, Howard Chandler of Toronto says, "Let me tell you not what they should give me, but what they took away from me:

"They deprived me of my youth. They deprived me of an education. They deprived me of parental guidance.

"*You* try and estimate what that's worth."

That's why Chandler, along with hundreds of thousands of former war-era slave laborers around the world, have turned thumbs down to this month's offer by German industry and government of $3.3 billion (US, or six billion marks, $4.85 billion Cdn.) to compensate Nazi-era slaves.

The German offer would affect some 250,000 concentration camp survivors – 135,000 of them Jewish – who were enslaved by German companies during the war.

They would receive about $8,000 (Cdn.) each, depending on how many seek payments.

It would also compensate between 475,000 and 1.2 million non-Jewish forced laborers from central and eastern Europe who were deported and sent to work in Germany.

Forced laborers would receive about $3,000 each, depending on how many are still alive and how many seek payments.

"It's not enough," says Chandler, 71, who toiled as a slave laborer in Nazi-held Poland. "Let them make a serious offer and get it over with."

Around the world, former forced and slave laborers are denouncing the offer as miserly and insulting.

Chandler agrees. "We would have been better off without it at all. This is very psychologically draining."

But he adds that this is not just a question of money: "They [German industries] should also realize and admit that they did wrong. We were abused, exploited and mistreated. When they were finished with us, they either killed us or let us die."

The offer "is inadequate even by the standards of decency and the basic remuneration for work done," said Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) executive director Jack Silverstone, who has had extensive talks over the years with the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. "It's very, very low."

But German officials say the offer is fair, and final.

"German industry has made a worthy offer and has taken a reasonable path," stated German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, who urged critics of the deal to consider it seriously.

Germany's federal government has offered to contribute two billion marks to former forced laborers not employed directly by German companies, with companies offering a further four billion marks.

A spokesman for the companies said German industry was not willing to pay more. "I don't think that there will be a larger sum. Six billion marks is the best we could do," he told the Reuters news agency.

Krupp, IG-Farben, Siemens, Bayer and Volkswagen are among dozens of German firms known to have used forced labor during World War II.

So far, 35 firms have agreed to support the compensation fund, partly for fear they will end up paying out much more if surviving victims win class-action suits. Germany's largest commercial bank, Deutsche Bank, became involved after questions were raised about its Nazi-era activities.

From 1942 to 1944, Chandler was a slave laborer in the Hermann Goering Werke in Starachowice, in Nazi-occupied Poland. He often worked 16-hour days in a hot smelter, making pig iron for the German war effort.

"There were no changes of clothes. There was no medical attention. There was no rest." Chandler estimates that half of the 6,000 Jewish laborers in that period died from overwork, industrial accidents or malnutrition.

There are roughly 200 survivors of the Hermann Goering Werke left in the world; the majority now live in Canada with most of them in Toronto, noted Chandler, who came to Canada in 1947.

A year ago, Chandler, on behalf of the other survivors, wrote to CJC saying they

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From the editor's desk

Introducing Carlo Coen

Walking energetically towards me, smiling, he extended his hand and said: "How do you do? I'm Carlo Coen. I am pleased to meet you." The greeting was a bit more formal than we are used to in Canada. But Coen is not Canadian. He is Italian. His suave, congenial, though cordial, greeting was how I had anticipated it would be.

What I did not anticipate, however, was the remarkable resemblance Coen bears to singer/songwriter, Paul Simon.

Coen is fairer of complexion than Simon, and his hair is lighter than Simon's hair was in the days when Simon had hair. But the deeply penetrating gaze of the dark brown eyes, the taut lips, the shape of the face and the physical stature together, combined to form a strong likeness to the poet singer.

The similarity was mildly distracting at first. Like a youngster speaking to a celebrity, I was fixated on the appearance of the person rather than on his substance.

After only brief moments, however, there was indeed much substance to consider and weigh. Coen's wide-ranging opinions and smoothly expressed observations left no room for daydreaming about the sounds of silence.

A "diplomat" since 1990, Coen is the recently appointed director of the Italian Cultural Institute in Toronto. Located in a handsomely renovated, two-storey, brick house in the arboreal Annex area of town, the Institute has been an arm of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1990. It is one of three such offices in Canada, the other two being in Montreal and Vancouver.

Coen has served Italy as a cultural attache since 1981, even before the office was subsumed by the Foreign Ministry, in India, Australia and now in Toronto.

The institute's mandate is to foster sound bilateral relations between Canadians and Italians by promoting, for the benefit of Canadians, the diversity and richness of Italian culture. Of course it helps that a great many Canadians are of Italian ancestry. In Ontario alone, there are more than 800,000. But, as Coen emphasized, the Institute's programs are not aimed only at Italian Canadians but rather at the community at large.

The programming he envisions is multifaceted. It will be a fabric of varied weave featuring visual arts, design arts, performing arts and literature. He also intends to buttress the institute's relationship with local colleges and universities by supporting the study of the Italian language, arranging academic symposia and developing exchange programs with interested students.

Carlo Coen

Not forgotten, of course, is the art gallery on the main floor of the institute which Coen hopes to infuse with the creative energy of some of Italy's newest and finest artists.

With Coen as his last name, my curiosity surrounding the possibility that the newly arrived diplomat might be Jewish, led me to ask the inevitable question. Indeed, it was that very possibility that led me to seek the interview with him.

"My father was Jewish; my mother was not. My parents both came out of the war. It was a marriage out of deep love. But it was difficult for my father's family."

As he spoke, he settled further back into his chair. He spoke slowly, deliberately, searching out just the right word to ensure that he was accurately conveying both his thoughts and his emotions.

Coen was born in Rome in 1951. "My parents had planned to call me David. They changed their minds however because I was so small."

His sister, Miriam, was born four years later.

His home was not particularly "Jewish," although he does remember going to synagogue with his father at the High Holy Days on Yom Kippur and on Pesach.

Sadly, however, Coen was destined not to have too many years with his father.

His father, Alessandro Guiseppe, died in 1982 at the age of 57. His mother died not long afterwards when she was in her early 50s.

Coen was posted in New Delhi when he received the news of his father's death. It fell to him to see to the funeral arrangements.

As he relates the story of his father's passing, his voice drops off somewhat, and for the first time in our conversation, he does not look directly at me. He looks past me, focusing on some imaginary spot on the wall behind me, or perhaps someplace else.

"I went to the rabbi to make sure that someone would say the Kaddish after my father. The arrangements were made and I was under the impression that I had to pay him. But the rabbi refused to take any money."

Coen then tells me that during his tenure in Toronto he hopes to make the history of the Italian Jewish community and of some Italian Jews better known to us.

Carlo Coen lives in Toronto with his two young children, ambassadors all, of Italian culture and dignity.

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Greater Toronto Area

Shalom-K Tours fights to stave off bankruptcy

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Shalom-K Tours Ltd., a popular Toronto travel agency that has specialized in trips to Israel for years, is going to court to fight an attempt to have it declared bankrupt.

"We are fighting bankruptcy. We do not intend to go bankrupt," a determined Shalom Even, Shalom-K's founder, told *The CJN*.

The family-owned travel wholesaler, founded in 1982, is being pursued by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) for money owed to several airlines.

The Montreal-based IATA is seeking to recover $688,000 Shalom-K owes to El Al, $25,000 owed to Air Canada, and over $1,300 owed to Canadian Airlines and American Airlines according to court documents. IATA is pursuing the claims on behalf of the carriers.

The case will be heard in a Toronto court Oct. 27, when IATA will petition to have Shalom-K declared bankrupt.

Shalom-K has also withdrawn its registration from the Travel Industry Council of Ontario (TICO), which monitors the travel business and enforces provincial laws and industry standards. The move effectively means Shalom-K has relinquished its licence and cannot operate as a travel agency in Ontario.

Shalom-K's licence was suspended for 15 days in July "in the public interest," TICO's chief executive officer, Michael Pepper, told *The CJN*.

In September, TICO moved to revoke Shalom-K's registration permanently, but the agency later withdrew from the council voluntarily, Pepper said.

Shalom-K was originally suspended from the council because it "did not meet its working capital requirements," Pepper said. "We didn't think they were capable of meeting their financial responsibilities."

Pepper said Shalom-K's debts were also a factor in the suspension.

Also in July, the court appointed an interim receiver of Shalom-K.

The agency owes money to El Al for a bloc of several hundred tickets the airline provided over the summer to enable members of Jewish youth groups, such as Young Judaea, to travel to Israel, according to El Al's general manager for Canada, Moshe Shamai.

El Al not paid for tickets

El Al honored the tickets but was never paid for them, Shamai said.

So far, TICO has paid out about $100,000 from its compensation fund to reimburse Shalom-K customers who had put down deposits on their unused tickets, Pepper noted.

He said TICO will try to recover those funds from Shalom-K.

As well, Shalom-K's bank account has been frozen.

Pepper said consumers who paid deposits on unused tickets bought from Shalom-K can apply to TICO for compensation.

An affidavit filed with the court from the interim receiver states there is a $707,328 shortfall in Shalom-K's trust account.

Another affidavit, from the director of financial services for IATA, says Shalom-K's debt to the airlines arose because the agency did not honor its remittances to IATA due to insufficient funds, adding that Shalom-K has "refused to account for the whereabouts of the trust funds despite repeated demands made by IATA."

Shalom-K's Sheppard Avenue East offices were dark last week. An answering machine was handling telephone calls.

Even charged that El Al owes him money, and said his legal woes are the result of a "very-well planned conspiracy."

He said he's preparing a lawsuit against El Al.

United Way increases funding for Jewish agencies

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The United Way of Greater Toronto has increased funding to four major Jewish communal agencies because they fall into its priority areas for high-need programs and services.

The Bloor Jewish Community Centre (JCC), Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS), Jewish Vocational Services (JVS) and the Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa have all received more United Way dollars for the coming year.

The other Jewish agencies which benefit from the United Way will see their allocations remain the same for this fiscal year as the previous period.

The United Way has set four priorities for its 1999 campaign: hunger and homelessness, prenatal and postnatal care, helping abused women and their children, and assisting newcomers to settle and integrate.

The agency recently kicked off its 1999 drive, setting a goal of $62.8 million to be distributed to dozens of social services and community agencies.

The Bloor JCC has received $1,988 more than last year to cover increases in salaries and costs. Its allocation is $101,412 this year.

JF&CS received $25,295 more to provide four additional groups per year for abused women, their children and male batterers. This additional funding will help the agency reduce its waiting list. The agency's United Way allocation is $1,366,033.

JVS received a $5,000 boost to enhance staffing at its career employment and counselling program. Its allocation from United Way grew this year to $402,916.

The Free Loan Cassa received a special $12,870 grant for each of the next two years for a part-time financial administrator to implement a recovery program for lost and old loans. The agency's basic United Way allocation remains unchanged at $44,170.

The following Jewish community agencies will see their United Way allocations unchanged for the coming year: the Bathurst Jewish Centre, $369,696; the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, $340,079; the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, $143,080; Circle of Care, $108,981; and UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, $45,701.

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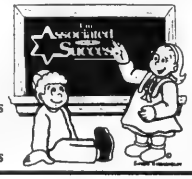

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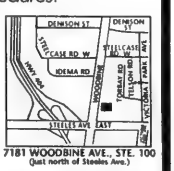

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BJC back from financial brink

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The transition of the Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC) from a bankrupt organization to one that is financially stable is completed, said Tom Lobel, the outgoing president.

"Five years ago this building was a disaster," Lobel told the fourth annual BJC meeting recently. "Now we are financially stable, have a good program, but there is still much more to be done."

The largest benefactor to pull the former Jewish Community Centre out of its financial hole was UJA Federation of Toronto, said Lobel, paying special tribute to former Federation president Bernie Ghert.

Lobel also thanked Marty Goldberg and the group of seven who helped him turn the BJC around, and the 20 people who donated $100,000 each to cover possible bank overdrafts. "The risk was real at the time," Lobel said.

"There were no major crises and no minor crises this year and our camping services are our greatest success so far."

Lobel's comments were reflected in treasurer Rick Bornstein's reporting a small profit of $2,000 on the year's operations; a $300,000 increase in revenue was matched by a boost of $300,000 in expenses.

An increase of $143,000 in program revenue was somewhat offset by an increase in program expenses of nine percent, the treasurer said.

A total of $600,000 was spent on improvements with most of that amount going to camping facilities. Donations declined by $6,000.

"We've had a reasonably good year with a break-even budget for next year," Bornstein said. "We hope to be able to generate money from operations to cover improvements we're going to make." There was a slight decline – 2.7 percent – in membership fees which totalled $42,000.

Meeting chair Michael Kerbel, a former community centre president, reported that the BJC has 7,000 members.

Executive director Deborah Pinsky said a family resource centre, in combination with Jewish Family and Child Service, will be developed at Promenade Mall this year. This centre is a prelude to developing a BJC campus in York Region for members who live up north, she said.

The BJC will concentrate on camping, athletics and early childhood programs in the year to come.

New members elected to the board of directors were Allan S. Cheskes, Bernie Fishbein, Robert Furman, David Green, Fran Grudman, Michael Kerbel, Morris Berengut, Sid Cohen, Janet Durbin, Mark Lichtblau, Richard Pivnick, Ramneek Pooni and Mitchel Smith.

A plaque was presented to the outgoing president by the president-elect Bruce Leboff, while the volunteer award, presented by Helen Finder Guttman, went to Fishbein.

Planning underway for March 2000

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jordan Bohnen thought he knew what he was in for when he participated in the 1998 March of the Living. His expectations were totally wrong, the 18-year-old told a crowd of some 300 high school students and their parents recently.

Speaking at an information night held at Adath Israel Congregation, Bohnen, who had no family in Europe at the time of the Holocaust, said he expected to be taught that the Holocaust was the focal point of Jewish history and identity, and that organizers had hopes of influencing the participants to become more religious.

On Yom Hashoah, the day of the march from Auschwitz to Birkenau, under a sunny sky, it struck Bohnen that the 6,000 participants from around the world were "also celebrating life."

Holocaust survivors accompanying the trip to Poland and Israel urged students to look at how vibrant the prewar Polish Jewish community was, Bohnen said.

Although some participants initially found their everyday lives "trivial" on returning home, "in the end it was worth it," said Bohnen.

The program affords students an opportunity to be "active historians" as well as offering insight into their responsibilities as Jews and citizens of the world, said Seymour Epstein, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education, which will be supervising the march from now on.

There are 100 spots open to Toronto students in Grades 11, 12 and OAC for this year's trip, which runs from April 30 to May 14, 2000. The cost is $5050, and subsidies are available in cases of financial need. Such cases will be dealt with by a "discreet and proper system" rather than a big committee, said Barry Naiberg, MC for the evening, and this year's March of the Living co-chair.

The program is an emotional, intellectual and educational experience, said Naiberg.

It will now run annually instead of every other year, giving more students a chance to participate over a two-year period. In the past, 150 students went on one biennial trip. Most of the students will be chosen by lottery, with the exception of a few whose qualifications stand out, Naiberg explained.

"I believe it's a wonderful learning experience for young people," said Anita Ekstein, a former hidden child who accompanied the 1996 and 1998 trips. "It's not an easy trip. It's an emotional roller coaster."

Her role on the trip, she said, was to fill information gaps on subjects the guides didn't discuss, and to provide support. She likewise was supported by the participants, who, she said, gave her courage and strength.

A video of the 1998 march included a moving scene in which Ekstein introduced participants to her rescuer. The trip also included meetings with Polish youth, both Jewish and non-Jewish.

After a week in Israel culminating with Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations, March of the Living participants returned home "tired but wiser, more understanding and appreciative of our families," said Ekstein.

The experience, which includes pre- and post-trip programming, will "in a sense, change their lives forever, and help them define themselves as decent human beings," said Lorraine Sandler, who will be leading the march, along with 20 other chaperones.

For students who are not accepted, Sandler noted that a similar trip, From Anguish to Hope, exists for university students.

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The Jewish Agency's Cuban Connection

The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), financially supported by the world-wide UJA Federation network, is continuing a dramatic year of rescue operations – this time in Cuba.

Over the past four years, 400 Jews have made aliyah through JAFI funding and another 200 have already completed the paperwork to leave with Canada as an intermediary. The Canadian Embassy in Havana has been transferring aliyah applications to the Israeli Embassy in Ottawa. The disclosure of Cuban Jewish aliyah through a Canadian diplomatic pipeline was revealed only last week.

The Jewish Agency, which has still not officially commented on the Cuban aliyah, has been involved in secret efforts to free Cuba's Jews for most of this decade. And, according to some reports, Israel and Cuba are interested in restoring diplomatic ties, broken after the Yom Kippur war.

The 600 Cuban Jews who have arrived or are on their way constitute about half of Cuba's Jewish community, which numbered about 15,000 before Fidel Castro's Communist revolution. "The Jews, most of whom had come from Europe, perceived very clearly the telling signs in Castro's rhetoric foreshadowing trouble," says Dr. Robert Levine in his publication, *Counting Shadows: A Broader Look at Cuban Jewish History*. Most of the Jewish population crossed the water to south Florida in the early '60s.

Although Cuba was an official atheist state until the early '90s when a new constitution changed Cuba's status to "secular," Havana's four synagogues are still functioning with government approval and Jews have not been prevented from religious practice. Since 1992, the American Joint Distribution Committee, a UJA Federation partner agency, has been caring for the physical and organizational needs of Cuban Jewry, with financial assistance from UJA Federation campaigns. In addition, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region has been distributing Kosher for Passover food products to members of Cuba's Jewish community since the 1960s.

Cuba is the latest location of intense Jewish Agency aliyah activity. Next month, rescue operations will resume to bring the remaining Ethiopian Jews from Quara to Israel and JAFI is still evacuating Jews from Dagestan, an impoverished republic in the former Soviet Union. There, Moslem fundamentalist rebels are trying to establish a political stronghold - in the process, threatening the security of Dagestan's Jewish population.

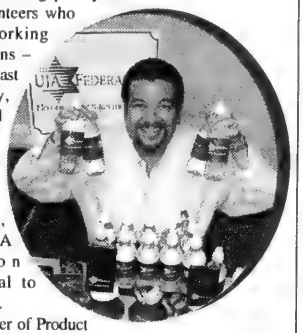
Jose Miller, (above) president of the Jewish Community House of Cuba, speaks to the press in Havana about the complex exodus from Cuba of 400 Jews which involved three foreign countries including Canada.

Photo: AP/Wide World Photos

Prince of Prizes

Did someone say prizes? Just give Neil Benson a few hours and he'll make your gift wish come true.

A product promoter and UJA Federation volunteer, Benson is producing plenty of prizes for volunteers who have been working hard at telethons – especially this past Super Sunday, October 17, and all this week.



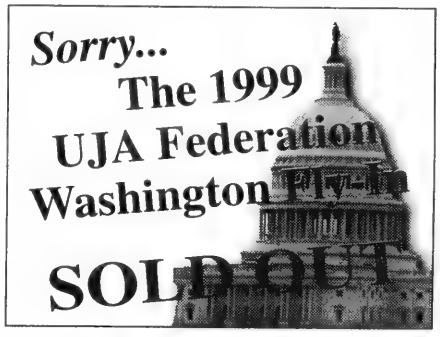
Super Sunday, alone, contributed well over $1 million, bringing the UJA Federation Campaign total to over $23 million.

Benson, owner of Product Marketing Ideas in Concord Ontario, is the man behind a big part of the fun at this week's telethons, acquiring donations of thousands of custom-made UJA Federation items and other unique rewards for telethon campaigners.

The buyer of bobbles, who traveled as far as St. Catharines to collect a wide array of give-aways, was pleased to see how many of his business contacts were willing donate everything from pens to yoyos to water bottles featuring UJA Federation labels. "I work with some real mensches."

"But it's a pretty easy sell when it comes to UJA Federation," says Benson, who didn't need much convincing himself when Dov Altman, who is co-chairing the telethons with Judy Engel and Rosanne Ain, called him up to ask for help. "Did I mention he's my first cousin?" he jests.

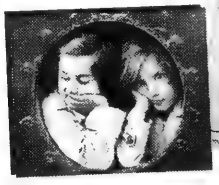
On a serious note, the father of two, whose involvement with UJA Federation was minimal until this year, says he's glad to have the opportunity to become more connected to the Jewish community. "It feels really good to do what I can to help an organization that helps so many."



Holocaust Education Week Begins

The city's spotlight will soon be on Holocaust education as the 19th annual Holocaust Education Week gets under way on October 28.

The largest program of its kind in North America is offering more events and venues than ever before .



Researchers found that there were a number of children among the St. Louis passengers, many of whom were eventually deported to concentration camps.

Though U.S. newspapers generally portrayed the plight of the passengers with great sympathy, only a few suggested that they be admitted into America.

The lessons of the Holocaust will be brought to life this year through more than 100 programs hosted by dozens of community organizations, including 36 churches.

For close to two decades, world renowned speakers, academics and performers participate in what has become known as North America's premier Holocaust Education program. Holocaust Education Week is coordinated by UJA Federation's Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre.

"Each year more and more groups and organizations, both Jewish and non-Jewish, ask to be involved as hosts and sponsors," says Howard Driman, who is co-chairing the 1999 Holocaust Education Week with Barbara Rusch. "The amount of interest in the event is a testament to the relevance and importance of the subject matter, as well as the mandate of the program."

The Voyage of the St. Louis which recalls the story of the ill-fated attempt by 900 German Jewish refugees to sail to freedom in Cuba as told by historian Scott Miller and Sarah Ogilvie, will open the 12 day line-up. Miller and Ogilvie will share their findings which trace the fate of almost all the passengers who were eventually sent to Europe on the eve of World War II.

Other highlights include *Exploiting the Holocaust – Lessons from Kosovo* featuring Major –General (ret'd) Lewis Mackenzie, *War Criminals – 1999*, featuring Madame Justice Louise Arbour, former Chief prosecutor of the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and *Life is Beautiful* – a debate and discussion about the Oscar-winning film by Roberto Benigni.

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Joseph Burg

The photo set into this editorial is a single-image essay that stirs countless emotions, poignantly capturing the travail of responsibility. The year is 1955. The State of Israel is still in its early infancy. Enemies on all sides threaten the state from without. Poverty and economic hardship lash at the people from within. But the ingathering of hundreds of thousands of disparate exiles continues apace, even as the defence forces are being molded into a unified force and a new, exciting, difficult but dynamic society begins to emerge in the sanctuary called Israel.

In the photo, David Ben-Gurion, Golda Meir and Joseph Burg are sitting on the government benches in the Knesset. Burg is the minister of social welfare. From their postures and their expressions, it appears they and/or their policies are being vilified by critics and ideological foes on the opposite side, competing for the public's support in their common struggle to build a new country and a just society where none had existed for 2,000 years.

Joseph Burg was quite familiar with the travail of responsibility. For nearly 40 consecutive years he served in the Knesset. A deputy speaker in the first Knesset, he joined the cabinet in the second Knesset, where he remained as a coalition partner, almost without interruption, until 1986.

Last week at his home in Jerusalem, Joseph Burg passed away. He was 90, the last of the three "giant" parliamentarians in the photo, and, alas, among the last of that unique, exceptionally strong generation of leaders who stepped courageously forward out of a terrible, black night of Holocaust to lead their people into the uncertain but translucent dawn of Hope.

Joseph Burg was a complex and accomplished man. He was an ordained rabbi, had a laser-sharp intellect, possessed a wide and eclectic scholarship, and spoke several languages fluently.

But even with the complexity of the man, there was one simple, unadorned and elegant truth embedded deeply in his soul. Burg loved the Jewish people, all of the Jewish people. All his life he strove in furtherance of that love.

Last year, near this time, *CJN* readers were privileged to be able to read Burg's personal reminiscence of Rosh Hashanah 1948. The following is an excerpt of that reminiscence.

"This Rosh Hashanah, 50 years after the founding of the State of Israel, demands intensive soul-searching, perhaps more than ever. I would suggest we always remember the precepts from the Sayings of the Fathers (3:1) and act accordingly. They are: the sense of history, the sense of direction and the sense of responsibility."

Burg's suggestion was true then; it is true today; it will ever be true.

One generation passes away but its values pass on to the next.

May the memory of Joseph Burg be for blessing.

CAPTIVE IN IRAN

The government of Iran still holds the following members of the Jewish community as prisoners. Each is a universe of life and existence unto his own. And each has a name. Let us not forget them.

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Says book on his late wife contains errors

I am the husband of the late Ina McCarthy, the subject of a contentious book and subsequent book review (*CJN*, Sept. 23).

I must take umbrage with this review, which effectively takes a book at face value without acknowledging that it contains a variety of errors, omissions and half-truths. At no time through the years of her marriage was my late wife ever known as "Ina Swedler McCarthy." This is a fabrication of her parents and a nomenclature used without permission. Ina legally changed her name of her own volition and was proud to do so.

Statements such as "Swedler McCarthy left a young son Josh…" without an acknowledgment that she also left a husband who cared for her during her years of waning health, and who almost singlehandedly raised that son in the three years since her death, are callous, unthinking and insulting.

The book also makes use of numerous photographs protected by copyright to which I hold title, without permission, and violates the privacy of my son, using his name and image unlawfully and without my permission. The book has been a source of great embarrassment and harm to myself, my family, my new wife and her family.

Stuart McCarthy
Ottawa

Against Balkanization of Western Wall

Re: Opinions column on Kotel (*CJN*, Sept. 16): Since its liberation from Jordan in 1967, Jerusalem's Kotel Ma'aravi, or Western Wall, has been a spiritual magnet for Jews of all denominations and beliefs.

Critics of the non-traditional prayer groups regard the gatherings as essentially political manoeuvres, the opening of new fronts in the American non-Orthodox leaders' war against Israel's "religious status quo." (Indeed, the organizer of one mixed-gender Kotel prayer group inadvertently referred to the gathering as a "rally.")

They point out, moreover, that the vast majority of the Wall's regular visitors are Orthodox Jews. And that whatever one may personally think of mixed-gender services and chanting women, such things offend the Orthodox. Sensitive folk of good will, after all, would never think of entering a mosque with shoes on – or a closed space with a lit cigarette.

For more than three decades, the Kotel has been a place – perhaps the only one in the world – where Jews of all affiliations and persuasions have regularly prayed side by side.

Imagine, though, the realization of the activists' goal: a "Balkanized" Kotel, Orthodox Jews here, non-Orthodox there, never the twain to meet, or at least to stand together in prayer.

Could any truly caring Jew – of whatever prefix – really want to hammer that horrid, heavy nail into the coffin of Jewish unity?

Rabbi Avi Shafran
Director of Public Affairs
Agudath Israel of America

Wants to pray with women at Kotel

Re: Kenneth Fisher (Prayers at Kotel, Oct. 7, *CJN*): I was brought up to believe, that all people have equal rights, black, white, Catholic, Jews, men or women. We were created in God's image. We are all His children. When we do wrong, it is up to God to judge.

It was a woman that gave birth to me; it is a woman that gave birth to my children. As a little boy, when I scraped my knee, it was my Yiddishe mama that made the pain go away. As a man, it is my wife that stands beside me when things go wrong and I am troubled.

When I pray, my thoughts are only on my prayers. Only a very weak person is distracted by sexuality. I hope that I can soon pray at the Wall, with the sweetest gift God gave me, a woman!

Bernie Greenspan
Toronto

Says Jews did not control Iraqi economy

As an active member of the Iraqi Jewish community in Toronto, I would like to respond to the article "The Iraqi Jews of Toronto." (*CJN*, Sept. 30)

The statement, "We are the cream of the crop," is far from accurate. It is both condescending and objectionable. Just like with any other good citizens of this country, Jews or non-Jews, there are in the small Iraqi Jewish community in Toronto physicians, mechanics, lawyers, blue collar laborers, office workers, accountants, taxi drivers and teachers.

Further, there is no evidence in any research or document that the Iraqi Jews were most prosperous and influential, as reported in the article. The contrary was reported by the British Consulate in Baghdad just before World War I. The makeup in percentage was as follows: wealthy – five percent; middle-class – 30 percent; poor – 60 percent; beggars – five percent. This was not much different from the rest of the population. Some Iraqi Jews were prosperous and influential, and so were some Christians and many Muslims.

The statement, "We more or less controlled the economy of Iraq," is not true either. The Jews of Iraq contributed significantly to the economy of Iraq, but at no time did they control the economy of the country. The statement ignores completely the influence and the weight of the wealthy and powerful elite of the Muslim majority who were the real rulers of Iraq.

Avner Meiri
Toronto

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Perspectives

On the trail of Holocaust-looted art

By FERN SMILEY

Austria is in the midst of an inquiry into World War II art acquisitions in its national museums. A recently established commission is scrupulously poring over documents and archives to examine the trail of art during and after the Nazi Anschluss of 1938.

Simon Wiesenthal, speaking in Vienna in March, urged action in the area of recovery and restitution. This effort, seen as contrition – coming to terms with admission of complicity during the war years – is sweeping the art community in every country in the world, surprisingly even those countries outside the 12-year tenure of the Nazi Kunstraub or "spoilage."

Lordship Lane Station, Dulwich by Camille Pissarro.

In Austria's case, the inclination to disclose truth of ownership was not altogether altruistic. Like Switzerland, forced to admit its record of collaboration with Nazi gold, Austria was exposed as having a dreadful record of restitution especially as artwork was concerned. In addition, the acclaimed determination in Austria to restore art to Jewish heirs may be short-lived, as results of a recent claim may suggest.

Last month, in a stunning defeat for the claimants, the Beirat (advisory board to the commission on art restitution) advised the Austrian government to deny restitution of five Gustav Klimt oil paintings to the surviving heirs of Jewish sugar magnate, Ferdinand Bloch Bauer.

In London, prompted by a scathing report by historians of the Holocaust Educational Trust, the British government solidly fixed its will on the inspection of art in Britain's public collections. And in an alarming admission, the National Gallery in London recently admitted that more than 120 pieces of art in its inventory lacked records that could raise the art cleanly above suspicion of being confiscated or looted from Jewish owners during World War II. Since the release of the list, only 10 of its paintings have been cleared as free of Holocaust dealings.

London's Tate Museum is reeling from Britain's first heir/survivor claim, which involved a 19th-century view of Hampton Court painted by a Dutch master. It was documented as originating from a German Jewish collector shot by the Nazis in 1937.

At a recent seminar on Art, Law and the Holocaust, held at the Courtauld Gallery in London, Courtauld director John Murdoch identified several paintings in his gallery's collection that are now under investigation for holding scant or "dodgy" art ownership pedigrees.

Toronto art enthusiasts were able to get a firsthand look at one of these, Camille Pissarro's *Lordship Lane Station, Dulwich*, during the blockbuster visiting Courtauld Institute Exhibit at the Art Gallery of Ontario in the summer of 1998.

In Washington, the newly struck President's Commission on Holocaust Era Assets is mandated to provide the president with the full historical record of U.S. government participation in trade, collection and restitution of the possessions, especially art, looted from World War II victims. In the United States, the State Department Holocaust-era Assets Conference last December provided impetus for the political incentive to address the issue.

Publicity on the lack of due diligence in many art museums has affected the reputations of the finest institutions in the country, including the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Seattle Art Museum and the Boston Museum of Fine Art. Now the commission will be obliged to look at all federal institutions and bequests therein, such as the Smithsonian and the National Gallery of Art. Federally funded private museums may also be scrutinized. At stake also are the contents and collections of federal buildings, military offices and embassies abroad.

In addition, in their pursuit of the accurate historical record, the historians and archivists will be canvassing the the art world in general with respect to art dealings during and after the Holocaust. This effort has begun to spawn important finds including the discovery of long-lost archival records that may affect interpretation of present day property laws.

Ironically, Israel has also been struggling with the issue of victims' claims, as the Israel Museum was recently alerted to a painting that originated from a European Jewish collector whose heirs are now requesting restitution. Pissarro's *Boulevard Montmartre: Spring 1897* was put up for sale in 1935 at a forced "Jew Sale," according to documentation provided by the heir of Max Silberberg, a German Jewish industrialist killed by the Nazis.

In such a climate then, the question arises as to the stance taken by Canadian authorities on cultural property in this country's public holdings. While many countries were represented by heritage or museum officials, the Canadian government was not represented at the Art, Law and the Holocaust seminar.

Granted, Canada's collection does not compare in size or scope with those of Austria or the United States. No Canadian museum has suffered public embarrassment over devastating claims against a work of art – either one in a museum collection or one in a visiting exhibition in a Canadian institution – being brought forward by a Holocaust survivor or heir claiming legal title.

However, as Emily Pocock, the Australian speaker at the Art, Law and the Holocaust conference said, "States can learn from the experience of others, and it would be a mistake [for art galleries], to fail to recognize the continuing relevance of Nazi-looted art. After all, if it can happen in Dunedin, it can happen anywhere."

Do all paintings, sculptures, tapestries and fine art objects in Canadian museums purchased or bequeathed in the last 54 years withstand the scrutiny of art investigators who are not satisfied with missing gaps in provenance? Every collection is subject to investigation by journalists or researchers who uncover discrepancies in ownership histories.

As Boston *Globe* writer Walter Robinson single-handedly and effectively investigated the Museum of Fine Art in Boston, so will some student eventually focus on the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, the Art Gallery of Ontario in Toronto, or Ottawa's National Gallery. Even the Canadian military may yield some art holdings or décor of historical interest, since Allied soldiers were known to pilfer paintings and bring them to home countries as booty. The British messes are presently being scrutinized for holdings that were received in this manner.

Last December, a Canadian delegation attending the Washington Conference on Holocaust-Era Assets formally signed an 11-point voluntary agreement obligating each country to pursue actions that will yield access to archives, to publicize art of dubious provenance and resolve claims in a fair manner.

David Walden of Heritage Canada's cultural movable property branch, who attended the Dec. 4 signing, says that Canada's museum directors have been working on a document, but to date he has not received a final draft.

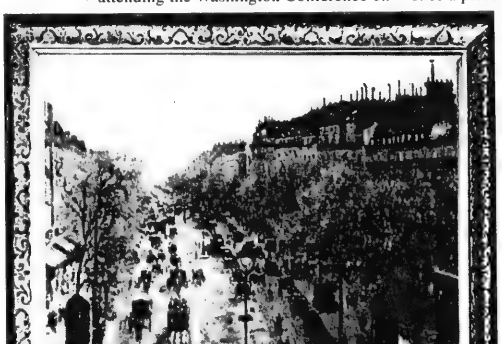
The museum directors operate as a private organization, unrelated to government, he explains. Therefore, there has not yet been a government response that will enable Canada to ensure the integrity of its public art museums and uphold the 11 principles. Indeed, each art institution takes its own approach to the issue, and only as budgets and personnel permit.

The Art Gallery of Ontario has struck an ad hoc committee to review the problems of spoils of war in general, but it has not yet determined the exact nature of the research or personnel required.

"Every country should be examining their own public collections, but especially a country like Canada with such strong ties to Great Britain," warns researcher Stephen Ward of London-based Holocaust Educational Trust.

Contested ownership of art works has already touched one Canadian institution. The 1998 dispute is over a Giorgio Vasari, a 16th-century Italian painter whose *Marriage Feast of Cana* hangs in the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. Although the claimant in this case is not an heir to Jewish victims of plunder, but rather the Budapest Fine Arts Museum, it nevertheless illuminates the problems facing all museums with respect to acquisitions.

The Canadian Jewish Congress has approached museum directors for guidelines under which the institutions will be prepared to act on questions about holdings and Holocaust-era acquisitions. The document being formulated by the Canadian Art Museums Directors organization addresses most of the concerns of restitution bodies in the United States. It lacks, however, a key element for the Jewish community – once a piece is identified as tainted, there is no mechanism for restitution unless a claimant comes forward. There may be priceless paintings identified that have no heirs surviving or informed enough about their ancestors' losses to bring claims forward.



Pissarro's *Boulevard Montmartre*, currently in the Israel Museum.

The pictures will survive; the memory of their Jewish owners during the Holocaust has already been erased. "Heirless works" such as these accentuate the need to reconstruct and remember the history of their unfortunate trail. With a Holocaust museum now under discussion in Ottawa, the government and art institutions have the ability to solve this issue. "Heirless works" could be exhibited in a section of the Canadian Holocaust museum, in a gallery dedicated to education and remembrance, a Canadian gallery of art lost during the Holocaust.

Fern Smiley is researching an art collection lost during the Holocaust belonging to the Toronto heir of Ernst and Gisela Pollack who were murdered in the Holocaust.

Opinions

St. Louis survivors

Before the year 2000 rings in, I want to recall an anniversary of significance. Sixty years ago last spring a ship called the *St. Louis* left Germany with more than 900 refugees from the Nazis.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

All of them had visas for Cuba and they hoped to make a new life for themselves on that faraway island.

But when they arrived, full of hope and ready to take up a new life, they were informed that the Cuban government had cancelled all visas and that the *St. Louis* survivors would be turned away. Only a few who had severe health problems were allowed to disembark, and the rest were forced to continue a journey that has since been entered into the annals of sadness and infamy.

The most natural inclination of the captain of the ship was to land his passengers somewhere in Florida, but the U.S. Coast Guard prevented any such plan from being carried out. So the ship continued northward all the way to Canada and met with equally poor success. While Mackenzie King was shepherding visiting British royalty in Washington, he had no time to be bothered with almost 1,000 Jewish refugees.

On June 17, 1939, the trip of the *St. Louis* ended in Antwerp, Belgium. Ten weeks later Hitler invaded Poland and World War II began.

Since then, many stories have been told about the ship and its journey, but few have traced the exact whereabouts of the survivors, for there were some.

Recently, two researchers at the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, Sarah Ogilvie and Scott Miller, traced the fate of all 937 *St. Louis* passengers. They consulted deportation lists, memoir-books and other resources of Jewish organizations. It was easier, says Miller, to find the dead than the survivors, but in the end a reconstruction of that puzzle emerged.

Contrary to previous impressions, about half of the passengers did survive, says Ogilvie (according to a report in the German magazine *Der Spiegel*). Those who disembarked in France, Holland and Belgium, were caught by the Nazi war machine, but those who found refuge in England – even though they were dubbed "enemy aliens" – did survive, at least most of them.

About 100 of them are still alive, 85 in the United States, a few in Australia, South America and Israel. One lives in France, another in Holland and one has returned to Berlin, Germany. Only 23 names are still on the search list. *The CJN* reported on two survivors living in Canada in the article "Remember the St. Louis" on May 13, 1999. If you know a survivor who lives in Canada, I would like to hear from her/him.

Next time you are in Washington and visit the Holocaust museum you will find an illustrated exhibit entitled The Trip of the St. Louis. If you cannot make it to Washington by plane, train, or car, you might turn on your computer and look under www.ushmm.org.

Perhaps, by the time you read this, there will be additional news about some of the passengers who have been unaccounted for up to now.

Playing Jewish geography

So here I am. Back in the smoky room with the idle chatter and kosher snacks. The 1999-2000 schmoozing season has begun.

The Provinces Jewish Students Federation (APJSF) kicks off the year with their Booze and Schmooze event. Loud music, cheap alcohol and a room full of Jews.

Jennifer Fox on campus in Halifax

It's not what the APJSF does that makes it an interesting group (though their work does make it an important one), but who makes up the organization. The players are different than the typical Jewish student organizations found at McGill or Western.

Two distinct groups make up the APJSF – home and away. Home students are those who reside in Halifax (and surrounding area), as well as all students who hail from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Jewish students from Newfoundland are too few and far between to count as part of the home team. Plus, their flights to the Rock take as long as to Ontario.

Through a process of elimination, the away team is comprised of students not from the three Maritime provinces. Within this category is a very large sub-category – the Torontonians. Or, like myself, those who live close enough to Toronto to declare themselves members of the mega-city. I'll admit it. Saying I'm a Thornhiller sounds silly.

This year, the University of King's College, my quaint little school, finds more Jewish students in attendance than ever before. Not surprisingly, most Jews are from the big T.O. This isn't very different from the demographics of the general King's population, which has a large Toronto contingent.

We, from the most hated city in Canada, are not so affectionately referred to as Upper Canadians. I would like to state for the record that I am not an Upper Canadian. My background isn't British. My parents weren't even born in Ontario. My family wasn't even on this continent the last time Upper Canada existed. It's not as if I go around calling them Acadians.

Back to the Jewish population.

Do the home team members of the APJSF roll their eyes at the 416/905 (the area codes for the Greater Toronto Area – GTA) references? Are they sick of the exclusionary games of Jewish geography that start with "what school did you go to" and end with "do you know so-and-so?" I hope not.

It's not as dire as all that. There isn't an uncrossable gap between those raised in the Atlantic and Eastern time zones. Many students who come from away are already exposed to Halifax whether through relatives or camp. Camp Kadimah has a large non-Atlantic enrolment of campers and counsellors.

There are slight differences. The unrealistic expectations we bring East with us. I moan the loss of good bagels and Jewish deli. I find it endearing that the two Halifax synagogues (which are down the street from each other) are referred to as the Beth and the Shar. Possibly two dozen or so Toronto synagogues would fit under those headings.

More and more young Jews are leaving the comfort and familiarity of the GTA. They hop on a plane or a train and settle in Halifax. There's poetic justice in this. For so many years, the Halifax Jewish community lost its members to Toronto. Now they're enticing some of the away team to switch sides and join them.

The hope is that what started as four years at one of Nova Scotia's institutions of higher learning will become a lifelong devotion to the city of Halifax and its Jewish community. There will be no more home and away. No more us versus them. Only Jews sitting down to a beer in a city they love.

New rabbi in town

There were only two vacant seats in row L of the women's section in synagogue last Shabbat. And on the other side of the mechitzah, I noticed the pews becoming increasingly full.

I listened attentively to the confident and soothing voice of the cantor and the mesmerizing tunes of the choir. At times, my mind would drift with the sound of their voices and the most serene image of summer camp in the fall, with the leaves turning colors, an assertive blue sky and green grass finely cut would subconsciously put a smile on my face. Then suddenly, the rustling of papers and bodies standing as the ark was opened would startle me.

Erica Horn on campus in Montreal

As I joined the congregation and clergy in prayer, my eyes scanned both sides of the mechitzah, noticing the individuals who had chosen to come to synagogue that morning. I was not shocked by my observations, but rather frightened.

The age of the congregation appeared polarized, belonging either to my parents' generation and older (Ma, I'm not implying that you are old) or under the age of 10. Those under the age of 10 weren't actually in the sanctuary, but I had heard and seen them upon entering the synagogue. They are the welcoming committee and then they are responsible for the entertainment in the washrooms.

Realizing that I was one of maybe three young adults in shul, I began to think that the energy of our new, young rabbi might be going to waste until more college-aged students could be attracted to Saturday morning services and other programs organized by the synagogue. In my opinion, despite a certain stigma often associated with my shul, hiring a younger and dynamic rabbi could very well be the first step to encouraging a potential rebirth of synagogue attendance among members of my age cohort.

Having commenced in August, Rabbi Barry Gelman has thus far shown interest in our unique Montreal Jewish community, the vibrancy of the Jewish youth here and the constant improvement of the synagogue. For example, he agreed to hang and talk with students at Sukkahstock (an activity organized for CEGEP students in celebration of Sukkot), and to teach a woman's beit midrash class at Hillel.

I was most impressed by a sermon he gave one Saturday morning on domestic violence. It remains undisputed that shalom bayit or peace in the home is a key tenet of Judaism. However, it is seldom a topic for discussion because people are too afraid to deal with its harsh realities. The rabbi, after stating a few statistics, boldly asserted that domestic violence would not be tolerated in our community, no matter how influential and generous a person might be with his cheque-book or his time. In fact, the rabbi went so far as to say that any individual guilty of such crimes would and should be publicly embarrassed.

The synagogue fell silent. It then became clear to me how valuable the lessons we learn in synagogue are. Admittedly, many of the things we pray for do not relate to our modern lives in Canada, such as praying for rain on Shemini Atzeret (lately, we seem to be receiving enough of it without having asked for it). That should not stop us from attending synagogue.

For those within walking distance from the Shaar Hashomayim, I encourage you to come and see what our new rabbi is all about. I implore you to come listen to at least one of his sermons. They are not overly philosophical or complicated. The diction is simple, the message direct, and well within the framework of our religion.

I hope to see many of my peers this coming Saturday. Oh, and I almost forgot, he hands out candies after services – for those of you with a sweet tooth that should be sufficient to get you out of bed!

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The Kirshner File

Lithuania, the Holocaust and war criminals

For better or worse, Lithuania has been in the forefront of Jewish history for hundreds of years.

On the positive side, the Jews of Lithuania, known as the Litvaks, were instrumental in the formation of three seminal movements: the Enlightenment (Haskalah), modern Zionism and the Jewish Labor Bund.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

On the flip side, Lithuania summons up baneful memories. The Holocaust began in Lithuania with the first mass murders of Jews, a process in which local collaborators were complicit. The participation of Lithuanians in the Holocaust may well have contributed to the fact that approximately 94 percent of Lithuanian Jewry was decimated, possibly the highest murder rate sustained by Jews in Nazi-occupied Europe.

In recent years, Lithuania, a Soviet republic until its declaration of independence in 1991, has had to relive those terrible years.

First, Lithuania has been tarred by reports that it wilfully pardoned war criminals.

Second, Lithuania has been accused of failing to come to terms with its past.

After breaking away from the Soviet Union, Lithuania issued certificates of exoneration to about 50,000 Lithuanians whom Soviet courts had branded as war criminals. Among those pardoned were Lithuanian nationals who had taken part in the slaughter of Jews.

When protests reached Vilnius, the government responded by denying rehabilitation to 1,000 individuals and by revoking some pardons. But then the *New York Times* reported that Lithuania had begun to exonerate war criminals yet again. The Lithuanian Supreme Court suspended rehabilitations and Lithuania's president promised to conduct a thorough investigation.

Lithuania appears to have kept its promise. "The rehabilitations have fundamentally been stopped," said Sol Littman, the Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, in a recent interview.

Two years ago, Ephraim Zuroff, director of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre's office in Israel, lashed out at Lithuania by suggesting that it had not honestly tried to confront its role in the Holocaust. As he put it in a piece in the *Jerusalem Post*: "Not a single Nazi war criminal has ever been indicted, let alone, convicted, in independent Lithuania."

Shortly after his article appeared, Lithuania's prosecutor general indicted Kazys Gimzauskas for his alleged role in the murder of Lithuanian Jews. A former member of the Lithuanian Auxiliary Police (Saugumas), he was stripped of his American citizenship and, subsequently, he fled to Lithuania.

Several months later, Lithuania announced that Aleksandras Lileikis, who had worked under Gimzauskas, would be put on trial. Like Gimzauskas, he took up residence in Lithuania after being stripped of his U.S. citizenship.

Lileikis' trial, which had been scheduled to begin in the winter of 1998, has been postponed three times because of his poor health. On Sept. 13, his trial was adjourned indefinitely.

Last year, Lithuania established an international commission to examine war crimes committed on its soil. Its co-chairman, Emanuelis Zingeris, is the only Jewish member of Lithuania's Parliament.

Yet Lithuania's efforts to come clean fall short as far as Israel's ambassador to Lithuania and Zuroff are concerned.

Sara Ginaite

The envoy, Oded Ben-Hur, who is based in Latvia, caused an uproar last summer by saying that Lithuania has a poor record in prosecuting suspected war criminals. Ben-Hur, who leveled a similar accusation in 1997, claimed that Lithuania might not be able to integrate itself into the new Europe if it dragged its feet on war crimes prosecutions and failed to publicly acknowledge the guilt of some of its citizens.

At around the same time, Zuroff said that the Lithuanian government has ignored the presence of eight war criminals living in Lithuania. As a result, he noted, Lithuania has become "the biggest Nazi haven in Europe."

Lithuania has also ruffled feathers by investigating Jews suspected of committing crimes in Lithuania while in the employ of the Soviet secret police before and after World War II.

One such case concerns Julius Slavins, who settled in Kaunas (Kovno) after his family left Germany following Hitler's accession to power. Now a resident of Bonn, Germany, Slavins joined the KGB in the wake of Germany's invasion of the Soviet Union. After Lithuania became independent, two men signed affidavits charging Slavins with having brutally interrogated them and having signed papers sentencing them to prison terms in Siberia. Lithuania accused Slavins of genocide, and now demands his extradition.

Nationalist Lithuanians, Littman said, seek "equity" in the prosecution of war criminals. In a memo, Littman writes: "They (insist) that the Jewish demand for the prosecution of Lithuanian war criminals be equalized by the prosecution of Jewish KGB agents who, they say, were responsible for shipping thousands of Lithuanian citizens to Siberia from 1940 to 1944."

Littman rejects the parallelism.

"The cry for equity is essentially hypocritical and an ill-designed effort to avoid the guilt Lithuanians should feel for the active part many of them took in the destruction of Lithuanian Jewry."

He makes two points. The majority of KBG agents in Lithuania were not Jewish. Jewish membership in the KGB did not exceed the proportion of Jews in pre-war Lithuania. In 1939, Lithuania was home to 240,000 Jews. The figure has dwindled to 6,000 Jews today.

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Sara Ginaite, a Kaunas-born Jewish economist and historian who has lived in Canada since 1983, believes that the Holocaust has widened divisions between Lithuanians and Jews.

During the Soviet era, the Holocaust was hushed up in Lithuania, observed Ginaite, a wartime partisan who has written two books about Lithuanian Jewry, *The Beginning of the Tragedy of the Jews in Lithuania* and *A Book of Remembrance: the Jewish Community of Kaunas 1941-1944*.

Throughout the post-war period, Lithuanian émigrés claimed that Lithuanians had killed Jews because they had collaborated with the Soviet Union and thus betrayed Lithuania.

In contemporary Lithuania, a more balanced approach has been adopted by such historians as Liudas Truska and Valentinas Brandisauskas, she disclosed.

A cautious person, Ginaite is careful not to condemn Lithuanians en masse. "I don't want to say that Lithuanians are murderers," she said. But evidence exists that Lithuanian policemen rounded up Jews at the behest of the Germans, and that Lithuania's provisional government turned a blind eye to the wholesale massacre of Jews starting in June 1941.

"From early on, Germans were joined by Lithuanian partisans who, in some instances, organized anti-Jewish pogroms on their own. Influenced by Nazi propaganda of equating Jews with Bolshevism, these collaborators in genocide were also motivated by native anti-Semitism, nationalist sentiment and personal motives of greed and revenge. Resentful of Jewish pro-Soviet manifestations while Lithuania was occupied by the Soviets in 1940, Lithuanians remained generally insensitive to the Nazi prosecution of Jews."

Due to such sentiments, she said, the first mass killings of Jews in Lithuania took place in the summer of 1941, aided and abetted by Lithuanians.

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Don't wait to interview relatives

By ZE'EV GLICENSTEIN

"[A] knowledge of one's grandfathers is an excellent introduction to history." – Maurice Samuels.

It is a truism of family history research that you can visit libraries and archives any time you like, either now or next year, but you should not delay interviewing elderly relatives about your family history.

The greatest regret of many genealogists is that they didn't ask the right questions of the right people at the right time. Tombstones often have stories to tell, but they're not nearly as articulate as living people.

Your first choice in conducting family interviews is to determine the right subject. Not everyone will be a fount of knowledge on family matters. The ideal subject is a raconteur with a sharp and honest memory, who is old enough to remember important family events of long ago.

Effective oral history cannot be produced by asking questions on the spur of the moment, without forethought. Prepare for the interview by devising a list of questions.

Here are 10 sample areas of questioning, suitable for a relative born in the Old Country:

1. What towns did the family come from in Europe? What do you remember of your life in these places?
2. Please tell something about your parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. (Try to establish time and place of births, marriages, deaths, etc.)
3. Who came from Europe to Canada? In what order?
4. Why did they leave?
5. When and how did they get here? If by ship, what do you remember of the voyage?
6. On what vessel did they come? Where did the ship dock?
7. Who was the first person in the family to come to Canada/America?
8. Where did family members settle in Canada/America? In what cities and on what streets?
9. Did contact continue with relatives in the Old Country? With whom and for how long?
10. Can you tell or show any stories, traditions, observances, recipes, photos, documents or other objects from the Old Country?

Other lists of questions, in greater detail, may be found in the useful book *Record and Remember: Tracing Your Roots Through Oral History*, by Ellen Robinson Epstein and Rona Mendelsohn. Another good sourcebook for doing oral histories is the classic text on Jewish genealogy, *From Generation to Generation*, by Arthur Kurzweil.

When interviewing an elderly relative who seems to possess much valuable information, don't tire out your subject by attempting to ask all your questions in one visit. Talk for an hour or so; then arrange to come back another day.

Also, try to be a good listener; let your subject talk. Don't interrupt a good story by asking for minor details that can be discovered later.

A technological tip: check the tape recorder intermittently. Too many interviews are lost because a tape jams, an incorrect button is pushed, a microphone connection is faulty, or the batteries go dead.

Epstein and Mendelsohn write that a grandchild often does an excellent job of interviewing an elderly person because of the natural rapport between them. But they warn that parents "can never be completely candid" with their own children because there are always outstanding parent-child issues between them.

"We know of a 68-year-old woman who lives with her 92-year-old mother," they write. "The mother is still complaining bitterly about her daughter's sloppiness and refusal to pick up the clothes in her room. It is very difficult for parents to see children as adults – at any age."

Even so, if you have an inclination to interview a parent about your family history, my advice is to do it immediately. Don't wait.

"Why didn't I ask him (or her) that question while I had the chance?" is a sad but common refrain among genealogists.

Remembering Reb Shlomo

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

On the 16th day of Cheshvan, 5755, the Jewish world lost one of its most famous storytellers, singers and rabbis. Next Monday night marks the fifth yahrzeit of Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, who has left a rich tapestry of story, inspiration and joyous songs. Today, Rabbi Carlebach's legacy.

After you visit a few sites dedicated to "Reb Shlomo," you begin to feel the powerful sense of community and caring the man instilled. Click on a page called Our Rebbe's Most Humble Abode and you are greeted by a picture of the rabbi and this message: "*Where in the world are you now* and *where have you been??* I am *so overjoyed* to see you!!" **[http://www.shamash.org/judaica/rebshlomo/]**.

This large site has links to Rabbi Carlebach's writings and teachings and to the charitable institutions he founded. There are also many moving eulogies to Rabbi Carlebach from strangers, friends, colleagues and Rabbi Yisroel Meir Lau, chief rabbi of Israel **[gopher://shamash.org/hh/judaica/rebshlomo/hesped/]**. For a comprehensive biography, see **[http://www.shamash.org/listarchives/reb-shlomo/log9611]** and the *New York Times* obituary **[http://www.shamash.org/listarchives/jewish-music/941027]**.

The Carlebach community stretches around the world with synagogues and minyanim where followers of the rabbi can feel at home **[http://www.shamash.org/judaica/rebshlomo/crash.html]**. Eventually, many followers find themselves at Congregation Kehilath Jacob, better known as The Carlebach Shul **[http://www.shamash.org/judaica/rebshlomo/shul/mission.html]**. The synagogue has been a New York institution for over 50 years. Rabbi Naphtali Carlebach assumed leadership of the synagogue in 1950. After his death in 1967, it was led by Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach and his twin brother Rabbi Eli Chayim Carlebach. After their death, the congregation continued under Rabbi Shmuel Chayim Intrator.

For an early insight into the Carlebach family and rabbinic dynasty, I recommend the memoir written by Rabbi Eli Chayim Carlebach **[gopher://shamash.org:70/00/judaica/rebshlomo/rebec.txt]**. Even from an early age, everyone knew there was something special about Shlomo. He excelled intellectually but it was his neshamah, his soul, and his love for others that made him remarkable.

If you have a story to share or a feeling to express, you can join the Reb-Shlomo e-mail list. To subscribe, go to **[http://www.shamash.org/help/listoflists.html]**. To view the Reb-Shlomo archives back to 1995, go to **[http://shamash.org/listarchives/reb-shlomo]**.

The most stirring article I came across appeared last year in the *Jerusalem Post* to mark the rabbi's fourth yahrzeit **[http://www.jpost.com/com/Archive/11.Oct.1998/Opinion/Article-3.html]**. In Missing Reb Shlomo, David Weinberg examines the irony that the unconventional Rabbi Carlebach only truly gained true respect and acceptance *after* his death.

"So misunderstood and unappreciated in his lifetime, yet so celebrated and yearned for after death – such was Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach. Who else was prepared to foray into the ashrams, hippie villages and pubs of the 1960s flower-child generation, showering love and acceptance of all? Only Reb Shlomo."

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Recovering Sephardi assets

BY AVI BENLOLO

When I first met Leon Levy last spring, I realized the Sephardi world is headed toward an historical event that would impact on its past and its future. Levy, the national president of the American Sephardi Federation (ASF) is spearheading an initiative to register assets lost when Jews left Arab countries 50 years ago.

An ASF document explains the purpose of this registry is to compile a comprehensive data bank of this important historical information that will be available for researchers, scholars, and descendants for generations to come.

However, it is widely understood that the real use of the registry is to offset Palestinian refugee compensation claims. The list will serve as a counter-claim in the final status talks between Israel and the Palestinians.

In fact, ASF has the full backing of the Israeli government since it is widely known the Palestinians have been compiling their own refugee claims registry for some time.

The registry affects Jews who left countries like Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Yemen, Iraq, Morocco, Lebanon, Tunisia and Syria– leaving behind businesses, homes, bank accounts, and jewelry. Even communal property, like synagogues, schools and hospitals are included in the registry. Estimates of the worth of these assets range in the tens of billions of dollars.

For example, on March 10, 1951, the Iraqi Parliament legislated the confiscation of property of Jews who had renounced their citizenship so that they could immigrate to Israel. This law came exactly one year after the same Parliament passed a law allowing Iraqi Jews to sell their property and make aliya. The net result was that thousands of well-off Iraqi Jews came to Israel penniless.

As a result, ASF and the World Jewish Congress joined to form the International Committee of Jews from Arab Lands. They were charged with disseminating to communities questionnaires in order to quantify the losses.

In fact, some Sephardim began working on restitution for their lost property in 1975 (and prior) with the birth of the World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries. But this effort is widely criticized as not having had the backing of the Israeli government. Perhaps the issue was not as pressing as it is now.

It is quite apparent, however, that this effort would be disconcerting to at least some Sephardim who may feel Israel is settling with the Palestinians at their expense and entitlement to their inheritance. In the end, they come out as losers.

But is it realistic to believe that Third World countries headed by figures like Muammar Qaddafi and Saddam Hussein would ever compensate Jews? Perhaps they will in the future, as nations are forced by leading countries to become more accountable for inhumane actions.

Arab nations, who have been lobbying for Israel to compensate Palestinian refugees for their losses, should also be held accountable for the loss of Jewish property.

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Intellectual history

***God's Funeral, The Decline of Faith in Western Civilization*, by A.N. Wilson (Norton, $42).**

Books
Bernard Baskin

For a century and a half, starting about 1750, England experienced an unprecedented surge of scientific discovery and technological innovation. It was also a time of fierce theological debate and religious dissension. Philosophers, scientists, historians and eminent literary figures vigorously questioned the notion of God and the truth and major dogmas of Christianity.

Charles Darwin's *On the Origin of Species* (1859) caused a furor. It destroyed the central religious position that all beautiful and ingenious contrivances in nature were the benevolent design of an Almighty Clockmaker. They were, he argued, the operation of natural selection – the struggle for life that preserved random hereditary varieties. Moreover, he argued, it was obvious that human beings were descended from lower forms of life.

The great debate around Darwin was perhaps climaxed in the famous confrontation (1860) between T.H. Huxley (Darwin's bulldog) and Bishop Sam (soapy) Wilberforce. The bishop asked Huxley, "Was it through his grandfather or grandmother that he claimed his descent from a monkey?" Huxley retorted that he would prefer to have an ape for a grandfather than a man "possessed of great means and influence, who used his influence to bring scientific discussion into ridicule."

Darwinism, incidentally, was more readily accepted by the Church in England than it was by the rigid Protestant sects of the New World, a pattern that is maintained by the almost complete absence of present-day controversy over evolution in Great Britain, in contrast to the continuing clashes between fundamentalists and secular authority in the United States.

Earlier, the upsurge of geology, especially the work of Charles Lyell, fostered anti-biblical notions, such as the immense age and gradual development of the Earth. Investigations of life processes, inexorably cutting away the shroud of mystery that had singled out life as something outside Newton's mechanistic universe, were deeply troubling to people of faith.

In this perceptive work of intellectual history, the author provides biographical sketches not only of the major figures in the protracted struggle between religion and its opponents, between faith and doubt, but also of a variety of lesser-known, half-forgotten figures. Among them was Charles Bradlaugh, an impassioned professional atheist, who was elected five times to Parliament by his constituency. He refused to take the traditional religious oath and was refused his seat. After five years of heated controversy and debate, he was permitted, at last, to sit legally in the House of Commons.

Wilson makes few references to Jews or Judaism. He relates an anecdote about Martha Freud, Sigmund's wife of half a century, who once explained to a visitor, "You must know that on Friday evenings good Jewish women light candles for the approach of the Sabbath. But this monster – Unmensch – will not allow this, because he says that religion is a superstition."

In *The Future of an Illusion* (1927), Freud's most sustained attack on religion, he singles out his own people for particular mockery. "They have been egotistical enough to want to make themselves not just believers, but God's own special child, his chosen people."

Karl Marx, the author submits, was a "self-hating anti-Semite." That is why he could write, "Money is the jealous god of Israel before whom no other god may exist," and "the God of the Jews has been secularized and become the God of the world."

Wilson concludes that if the 19th-century anti-religionists were to return to earth today they would be astonished by the extent to which religion survives. "Though the influence of religion has undoubtedly diminished, the God idea has not been discarded with anything like the readiness which the Victorians would have predicted."

God's Funeral (the title comes from a poem by Thomas Hardy) is unfailingly informative, rich in insight and anecdote. It is a work that illuminates not just the religious doubts and uncertainties of a previous century, but also something of the prevailing sense of instability and loss of conviction that extends into our own troubled age.

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Largest Holocaust Education Week set to begin Oct. 28

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Organizers are busy putting final touches to the community's 19th annual Holocaust Education Week, which runs Oct. 28 to Nov. 9.

This will be the largest Holocaust Education Week ever, with 110 programs, 36 participating churches, displays in 22 Toronto-area bookstores and a wide array of speakers, academics and performers.

Toronto city council has proclaimed the period to be Holocaust Education Week, and the councils of Vaughan, Richmond Hill, Markham and Mississauga have all endorsed the program.

'Nothing like this anywhere else'

"It's gratifying that so many people want to be part of it," says the program's co-chair, Howard Driman. "There's really nothing like this anywhere else."

The 12 days kick off at the Sephardic Kehila Centre in Thornhill with a program to mark the 60th anniversary of the voyage of the *St. Louis*, the ill-fated ship that carried Jewish refugees fleeing Hitler's Europe, only to be refused entry by several nations, including Canada.

The luxury liner, whose destination was Cuba, returned to Europe on the eve of World War II. An estimated half of its 937 passengers eventually perished at the hands of the Nazis and their collaborators.

The evening will feature Scott Miller and Sarah Ogilvie, research historians at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, who are attempting to trace the fate of all the passengers who were aboard the *St. Louis*.

Other highlights will include lectures from Lewis Mackenzie, the Canadian former commander of UN peacekeeping forces in Bosnia, who will speak Nov. 1 on Exploiting the Holocaust – Lessons from Kosovo; Louise Arbour, recently appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada and the former chief prosecutor of the UN's war crimes tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, who will speak Oct. 29 on modern-day war criminals; and Ron Rosenbaum, author of the widely-acclaimed book *Explaining Hitler: The Search for the Origins of his Evil*, who is slated to speak Nov. 8.

Barbara Rusch, the program's co-chair, says she's particularly proud of the emphasis on the arts this year.

Indeed, the event will feature many films, performances and artistic impressions.

One of them will showcase Margaret Buss, an accomplished actor known for her one-woman productions, in a dramatization of the life of Miep Gies, who protected Anne Frank and her family (Oct. 31 and Nov. 1).

Toronto's Goethe Institute will present an evening of music by Jewish composers, the playing of which was strictly forbidden in Nazi Germany (Oct. 31).

A related program will take place Nov. 7 at Beth Emeth Synagogue on Jewish musicians in Nazi Germany, led by Prof. Michael Kater of York University.

Holocaust survivors, including former hidden children, are an important part of the program, and their recollections will be interspersed throughout the 12 days.

Other highlights:

• Prof. Michael Bar-Zohar, official biographer of David Ben-Gurion, will speak on the Jewish community of Palestine's efforts to rescue European Jews from the Holocaust (Nov. 1, 8 p.m., 272 Codsell Ave.)

• Betty Jean Lifton, a New York author and psychologist, will deliver a talk on Janusz Korczak, the renowned doctor who refused to abandon Jewish orphans in the Warsaw Ghetto (Nov. 1, 8 p.m., 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill).

• Prof. Michael Marrus of the University of Toronto will explore the question of how the murder of European Jews was communicated to the outside world; how, when and by whom it was received; and how it was interpreted (Nov. 2, Holy Blossom Temple, 8 p.m.).

• Also on Nov. 2, Prof. Sara Horowitz, director of the Jewish Studies program at the University of Delaware, will discuss women's memoirs of the Nazi years (8 p.m., 4700 Bathurst St.).

• Sybil Milton, a former senior historian at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, will deliver two talks, one on the economic crimes and consequences of the Holocaust (Nov. 3, 8 p.m. at Pride of Israel Synagogue), and the other on photography of the Holocaust as historical evidence (Nov. 4, 8 p.m., Beth Sholom Synagogue).

The closing program, Nov. 9 at Beth Tzedec Congregation, will feature a debate and discussion on the Academy Award winning film *Life is Beautiful*, featuring two leading American experts.

There will also be three days of pre-Holocaust Education Week programs, and two days of events following.

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JWI set to honor breast cancer survivor

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When Carol Ann Cole, then a two-year breast-cancer survivor, saw pewter "worry hearts" in a Nova Scotia gift store in 1994, she never dreamed that these hearts would lead to an initiative that, to date, has raised $800,000 for cancer research.

Cole, 53, Jewish Women International of Toronto's 1999 Woman of the Year, had lost her mother to the disease just 11 months after they had both been diagnosed.

She saw the hearts – designed to soothe the holder during stressful times – and bought 25 to pass out to cancer patients to hold while receiving treatments. She eventually gave away 117 hearts.

Her idea was so successful, she took early retirement from her executive position at Bell Canada, and sold the hearts full time to raise funds for breast-cancer research.

"I convinced the local manufacturer, Oceanart Pewter, to change the name of the hearts to Comfort Hearts, repackage them, dedicate the project to my mother, and earmark the proceeds to cancer research, and they said 'yes.'

"The Comfort Heart initiative was born. It turned out that the owner's sister was a cancer survivor," says Cole.

The hearts, which are impressed with a thumbprint, sell for $10 – $6 goes to research.

"When someone rubs that thumbprint, it gives them comfort and hope, and serves as a constant reminder that they are not alone.

"They can think of the person that gave them the heart, or of the people to whom they've given other hearts. I send a note with each heart ordered, so there is a personal touch to it.

"If I know someone is having a treatment, or needs a morale boost, I tell them that I'll give my own comfort heart a rub; it helps emit positive feelings.

"There is a lot of power in positive thinking. People dwell too much on the negative. They are happier if they can force themselves to focus on positive thoughts.

It's natural to have a pity party, but people have to eventually think positively. It makes the ordeal a lot easier."

Comfort Hearts, she says, are "one small way to join together in the struggle against cancer and other challenges by gaining strength from each other."

Carol Ann Cole

The hearts can be worn on a chain or ribbon around the neck, or can be used as a keychain. They can also be engraved to commemorate a special occasion.

Cole, who in 1998 received the Canadian Cancer Society's The Terry Fox Citation of Honor, and was listed on *Maclean's* (magazine) honor roll of 12 outstanding Canadians, has also won the Women of Distinction Award from the Halifax YWCA.

"When I was told that I was being honored by Jewish Women International, I felt quite humbled. It is an honor that they have reached out beyond the Jewish community," she says.

Cole will receive the award at the organization's 43rd annual Covenant Breakfast, to be held Oct. 31 at the Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre Hotel. Covenant Breakfast chair is Emma Lieberman.

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were considering a class action lawsuit against Hermann Goering Werke and its successor, Zalzinger AG, which still operates a steel mill in Germany. But the plan came to naught, mainly because the firm has no assets in Canada.

Chandler drew a clear distinction between forced and slave laborers. He said the former were often non-Jews – locals who were rounded up to work farms and to repair infrastructure. Slave labor was comprised mostly of Jews, who were kept as virtual captives and subjected to horrific conditions.

Michael Witti, the Munich lawyer acting for some claimants, vowed that the negotiations would continue until there was an acceptable settlement.

He reiterated his demand for at least $10 billion.

Mel Weiss, a lawyer who represented American survivors, called the offer "shameful" and "a pittance."

The offer "amounts to about $300 million or less in 1940 terms," he said.

"I told the German delegation they have done more harm to the German government and German people than they can ever imagine," Weiss added.

Lawyers representing the plaintiffs had sought an amount in the range of $20 billion – any less, they said, would be insulting.

German officials have called the figure of $20 billion "very far removed from reality."

On the day after the offer was tabled, despite the insistences that the offer was final, the German government announced that further negotiations for the compensation of one-time slave laborers would continue in Bonn Nov. 16 and 17.

Agreement has been reached, however, on one component of a settlement considered important to Jewish groups.

The German companies and the government agreed to draft a letter or statement of moral responsibility that would be sent out with payments from the fund, officials said.

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Holy Blossom preschool principal to pursue 'dream'

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Lorraine Sandler

TORONTO — After 18 years at Holy Blossom Temple Preschool, 17 of them as principal, Lorraine Sandler is channeling her energies elsewhere.

"I am definitely not retiring. I just thought that my chai year was an appropriate time to [leave the school] and pursue my dream."

That dream, says Sandler, is to put together a four-pronged project that will be piloted in two cities. "We will look at curriculum, teacher education, Israel education for teachers and students, and Jewish family education. All these things have to come together for a full spectrum of identity."

She is seeking a foundation to underwrite the project, which is now in the planning stages.

While principal, Sandler says, some ideas had been "fermenting about how vital it is to bring Jewish children into a Jewish educational environment.

"At the same time, [it is necessary] to reach the parents who may not be predisposed to thinking consciously about Jewish education for their children. We want them to embrace Jewish education, and Jewish life, practice and learning for themselves as well."

Early childhood education is a real entry point into Jewish identity, says Sandler. "The children come home with good feelings, and they are able to transmit that joy to their parents, who pick up on it and carry it through into their homes.

"It is very special when these feelings are ignited. We've seen wonderful things happen, such as an increase in temple membership, and parents who are inspired to put their children into Hebrew day school. This has come from watching children learn joyously."

As well, Sandler is running professional development programs for teachers. "I have witnessed how teachers become activated when they are inspired by the importance of their role. In many cases, teachers are caring and loving, but they have vast gaps in their own Jewish education. Teachers have to be secure in their own identity in order to inspire that identity in others. I can see the project realizing that goal."

Sandler, 57, whose husband Alan is president of UJA Federation, has been Federation's chair of continuity and the Israel experience, and is chairing this year's March of the Living. "Everything I want to do requires me to have a lot of energy, so I made the change while I was still young and energetic. I feel people have to know when it's time to let go."

She is leaving the school, she says, with a great feeling of accomplishment. "It has grown from 45 to 172 students, and I believe that I've helped change the face of early childhood education in the city, by setting high standards, and involving the children in a real sense of Jewish life.

Pam Hamovitch, current principal of Holy Blossom Temple Preschool, says that while Sandler was at the school, she brought in a program called Seeing the World through Jewish Eyes. "That has formed the basis for much of our programming. Values such as tzedakah and mitzvot are prevalent on a day-to day basis."

Sandler also had students sing for the residents of Baycrest Centre. Part of the tzedakah money collected went to buy flowers for the residents. "This way, the children actually saw where their tzedakah was going," says Hamovitch.

An endowment fund is being established in Sandler's name to help accommodate children with special needs into preschool.

In her honor, a family fun day featuring entertainment and refreshments will be held on Oct. 24.

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Cancer walkathon to honor Toronto teen

By DAVID SILVERBERG
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — More than 200 friends and family members will walk for cancer in memory of an 18-year-old who died last summer.

The Polly K. Walk for Cancer, a fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society, will take place on Oct. 24, beginning at 11 a.m.

Organizers hope to raise $10,000 from the 12-kilometre event.

The walk will go from Newtonbrook Secondary School at Yonge and Steeles to York University, and then back to Newtonbrook.

Polly Kishinevski attended both these North York schools and was about to enter her second year at York in the general arts program.

Kishinevski died on July 22 (Tisha b'Av) from a rare form of stomach cancer. She is the youngest person in medical history to have died from this type of cancer.

Kirill Zaretsky, 23, Kishinevski's former boyfriend and a York University philosophy major is the principal organizer behind the event.

It will be a full day event. A yard sale will follow the walkathon in the cafeteria at Newtonbook, Zaretsky said. All proceeds will go to the Canadian Cancer Society, in Kishinevski's name.

"It's going to be a big day," Zaretsky said. "There will be the yard sale, a raffle, a silent auction to win autographed sports memorabilia and two tickets to the show, *The Wizard of Oz*."

He also adds there will be henna tattoos and refreshments.

Zaretsky and 12 volunteers have placed 50 tzedakah boxes around Toronto to "raise awareness about Polly and cancer," he said.

"Cancer can affect anyone, rabbi or layman," Zaretzky said, and he wants everyone to realize this.

One of Kishinevski's close friends, Joy Young, wrote in a recent public letter: "...one of Polly's smiles could grab the attention of all those who surrounded her ...Polly was a very special person who touched so many people. She will be missed greatly."

Kishinevski's hobbies included singing – which was her passionate love. She sang at assemblies during her years at Fisherville Junior High and was an active participant in the annual Newtonbrook musicals.

Zaretsky recalls that Kishinevski once recorded a tape of her music to make her ill grandfather feel better.

Discovered recently was a letter Kishinevski wrote to God on Aug. 24, 1998 — almost a year before her death.

She wrote that she had the gift to "bring joy into the lives of those who lacked it, to bring wisdom to those whose eyes needed to be opened and to bring love to those who needed to be loved."

"No 18-year-old should die in vain," Zaretsky said. "We are doing this so people won't forget her."

For more information, contact Kirill Zaretsky at pager number 416-721-5660 or e-mail yu177298@york.ca.

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Coast to Coast

Nizkor Web site faces uncertain future

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — An extensive educational Web site that has played a significant role in debunking Holocaust denial faces a tenuous future, unless further funding is secured.

Ken McVay, founder and director of the Nizkor Project (www.nizkor.org), said last week he has sufficient funding to last only until January.

"Even though there has been some very strong support from a few very generous people, it hasn't been enough," McVay, 59, said in a phone interview from his home on Vancouver Island, B.C.

He is in the process of determining the site's commercial value, although he said it is not currently for sale and he does not foresee shutting it down.

McVay has listed the site on www.GreatDomains.com with an "asking price" of $500,000, based on the size of Nizkor and the amount of traffic it attracts.

The site receives about 9,000 hits a day, said McVay. It has grown from 27 pages in 1995 to almost 5,000 pages, including the entire transcript of the trial of Adolf Eichmann, he added.

McVay is proud to have those transcripts, the product of 18 months of negotiation. "I know that the Holocaust deniers, who absolutely revile this site and me, refuse to talk about the Eichmann trial. They can't lie about it now."

The job is never-ending, said McVay. Among his current projects, he is working on making documentation from the Nuremburg trials available.

Although McVay says the years of devoting himself to Nizkor have left him weary, his tone of voice – and the fact he recently spent four consecutive 20-hour days on the project – belie his claim. "Of course I care," he asserted. "I never stop caring. I don't know what I'd do without [Nizkor]. It's my life."

McVay believes that only a "small and very dedicated group of people" do care.

He guesses that of the estimated 100 to 300 million Internet users in the world, only about 100 are actively involved in fighting racism on the Net.

Nizkor began when McVay, a non-Jew with a long-standing interest in World War II, encountered Holocaust denial on the Internet in the early 1990s. He was angered by the bigotry he perceived.

"I'm still angry," he said. "It makes me angry that there are very few people in the world who give a damn about this."

A native of Santa Clara, Calif., McVay grew up in a middle-class neighborhood where, to the best of his knowledge, racism didn't exist. In high school, about half his friends were not white. "We never thought about it," he said. "Maybe I was just naive."

Although McVay had read extensively about World War II, he knew little about the Holocaust per se. "I had just enough background to know that [Holocaust denial] was crap, but I didn't have a clue why it was crap."

McVay made it his business – his obsession, actually – to learn the truth, and show it to the rest of the world.

"That's the beauty of the Internet," he said. "Most people exposed to the venom of Holocaust deniers do not have the time or resources to check the so-called facts they provide." The Net, he noted, has given him access to prosecutors, historians and community leaders who have provided Nizkor with testimony and answers.

Over the years, McVay has developed a worldwide network of dozens of volunteers to help him access, translate and post material.

The League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada administers the Nizkor Fund, through which donations to support the Web site can be channeled.

Women and Holocaust focus of Web site

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — More than 46,000 hits have been recorded on the first Web site dedicated exclusively to the issue of women and the Holocaust.

The site was founded almost two years ago by Judy Weissenberg Cohen, who was born in Hungary in 1928, and lost about two-thirds of her family in the Holocaust.

It is dedicated, she says on the home page, "to all those women who were murdered while pregnant; holding little hands of children or carrying infants in their arms on the way to be gassed; in hiding; to the mothers who gave their children to be hidden, many never to find them again; or as fighters in the resistance, in ghettos, forests, partisan units. And to the lives of those few who survived and bravely carried on."

Cohen spoke recently at the opening meeting of the Child Survivor/Hidden Children committee of the Holocaust Educational and Memorial Centre of Toronto, UJA Federation.

"To understand the Holocaust completely, we have to know about the gender specific problems of women. They have a particular story to tell. Women did not necessarily suffer more than men; they just suffered differently," she said.

Over the years, said Cohen, who is chair of the Holocaust Memorial Centre's speaker's bureau, she had come across several books about women and the Holocaust. However, as she began researching the topic on the Internet, she was "saddened by the glaring omission of the topic. I thought it would be interesting to bring the issue to a much larger audience."

With the help of Jeff Freedman of B. Webb and Associates, who at no charge, did the bulk of the technical work, and with recent help from Cohen's son Jonathan, they put together a site that contains the works and reflections of various writers.

"It was designed to be low key. There are no commercials, and we will not hook up with any advertisers. This is a modest venue. I am in the midst of inquiring about receiving funding," she said.

She also seeks the contribution of articles, scholarly essays, personal stories and book reviews.

It is a slow process, Cohen said, "but we are making inroads, especially among students. Our aim is to reach as many young people as possible. It is a one-issue Web site, so with the number of hits we've had, there is obvious interest."

She recently won an award from the Jewish Agency for Israel for her site. The Web site address is www.interlog.com/~mighty or you can e-mail Cohen at mighty@interlog.com.

Scene in Ottawa

By G.K. SIMCOE

They're back! The 36th Parliament began its second session with all the pomp and circumstance associated with the speech from the throne. And although the very presence of the new governor general gave a nod to the multicultural character of contemporary Canadian society, there was nothing in the text that spoke directly to any "Jewish" concerns. That was to be expected, but in discussion with some parliamentarians who ought to know, there appears to be no "Jewish" agenda, even from the perspective of the Jewish community!

Of course, concerns about Israel and the bilateral relationship are ever present. And one supposes that the usual laments about Nazi war criminals in Canada, a dedicated Holocaust museum and Swiss bank reparations will probably surface from time to time. However, a real and timely agenda seems to be absent , and as the saying goes: "use it or lose it" (the Jewish political influence).

Thus, as an unsolicited public service to Jewish institutions, we have assembled a sampling of issues, accounting for jurisdictional differences, that they might consider pursuing over the course of this Parliamentary sitting.

• *Jewish Holidays*: There is currently no protection for Jews who wish to observe religious holidays. The consequences and penalties are both arbitrary and varied since the labor codes do not address the issue in any systematic or comprehensive way. If a Jew wants to observe his or her holiday, pressure should be exerted to provide reasonable accommodation.

• *Jewish Schools*: Although education is a provincial mandate, there are some charter issues that have never been pursued. Chief among them is the entitlement of children with special needs to the same support services provided in the public school system.

• *Passover Food*: Every year, problems arise – and not just in Quebec – with the importation of Passover food that is not bilingually labelled. It would be nice if the community was pro-active in seeking a permanent waiver of the relevant regulations in an effort to avoid a last-minute crisis in the month before Passover.

The point here, is that there is no shortage of issues – big and small – that could be pursued in the political sector. Admittedly, these are rather parochial matters. But if these aren't the kind of concerns uppermost in the minds – and on the agendas – of Jewish communities, what are?

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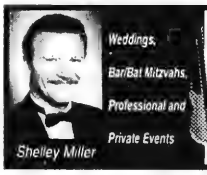
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Outremont Chassidim 'harassed,' tensions rise

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The simmering tensions between Chassidim and other residents of Outremont are again reaching a boiling point, with some Chassidim saying they feel harassed because of repeated trivial complaints against them.

They charge that the police are not taking their complaints seriously enough, yet apparently following up on complaints levelled against them.

In a rare public appeal, a spokesperson for the community, Jack Hartstein, has gone to the media to air grievances.

B'nai Brith has also received "an enormous" number of calls from Chassidim, asking for its intervention, said Raphael Lallouz, community relations director of the organization.

B'nai Brith has been investigating the situation and has received assurances from the commander of the police station serving Outremont that he will look into specific complaints from Chassidim that police officers unfairly handled certain situations.

The troubles appear to be confined to one district of Outremont, the area around Lajoie and Du-Rocher Avenues, and the great majority of the complaints filed with police have come from one person, Céline Forget.

In March 1997, Forget sued the Amour Pour Israel Congregation, of the Vishnitzer community, for violating zoning bylaws by operating a synagogue in a building at the corner of Lajoie and Durocher designated for residential use. Forget, who moved into Outremont about four years ago, lives in an apartment above where the synagogue was located.

Just days before the case was to be heard in Quebec Superior Court last June, the congregation moved out of the building to a temporary location on Van Horne Avenue, ending a decade-long dispute.

However, that has not brought peace in the area. Hartstein said numerous complaints have been made to the police against Chassidim for the slightest infractions of noise, parking or littering regulations. There have been objections to sukkot and to the completion of an eruv. He complained of verbal abuse against Chassidim, and even their children.

There have also been incidents of a chassidic man being shoved on the street and another being shot with a pellet gun.

The community admits it has engaged in some minor retaliation, such as throwing eggs at Forget's car or pouring glue into her lock.

Last December, she told the media that she had been the victim of several threats and acts of harassment. A patrol car was sent in every morning and night to escort Forget in and out of her apartment.

As a result of the community's complaints, Commander Robert Sauvé of Station 36 on Mount Royal, which covers Outremont, has instructed officers to take full reports and bring to his personal attention any incident in the area involving Chassidim.

"Tensions are rising and we don't want it to go higher than that," he said.

The police, B'nai Brith and the Chassidim are continuing to meet to calm the situation, although all agree there is no clear solution.

Outremont city councillor Sydney Pfeiffer, an Orthodox Jew seeking his third term in the Nov. 7 election, said harassment and intimidation are not words that are too strong to use to describe what some Chassidim are experiencing.

"[Forget] uses every opportunity she can to make their life difficult," he said. The police are in a 'damned if you do, damned if you don't' situation. If they don't respond to her complaints, she can file a complaint against them, he said.

"I think this thing will just have to take its natural course, and die out...The city can't do anything. Hopefully, someone in the Québécois community will take her aside and say this is not doing anyone any good."

Alex Werzberger, a Satmar Chassid and head of the chassidic community council, described what's going on as "rabble-rousing." He is concerned that a climate is being created that may lead to violence. "Agitating can bring out the baser nature of people."

Werzberger said there is a perception that the police at the rank-and-file level have a "bias" against the Chassidim in this dispute. He points to the charging of Chassidim for throwing eggs "that hit no one," but a police officer's not taking a report when another Chassid was shoved and had his payes pulled on the street.

However, he warned that the situation should not be "blown out of proportion" and is confined to a small area. "I live a block away, and I don't see anything."

Polish Jewish database created

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — More than a half-million birth, marriage and death records of Jews in over 130 towns and villages in 19th-century Poland are now indexed on the Internet.

Jewish Records Indexing-Poland (JRI) is the work of about 400 volunteers in different parts of the world, co-ordinated by Montrealer Stanley Diamond.

Diamond founded the project a couple of years ago to provide a previously unavailable tool to those embarking on genealogical research. "It's a valuable first step in finding clues to locating family records" amid the massive archives scattered throughout Poland, he said.

The work is just beginning, he said, and new entries are being added all the time. The goal is to eventually enter all of the millions of existing Jewish vital records for thousands of Polish towns and villages.

The records, dating from 1808, the start of the Napoleonic era, are a treasure trove for genealogists, Diamond said. Records were thorough and meticulously kept, and have been carefully preserved. They remain remarkably intact, despite the passage of time, wars, and other upheavals of the region.

Diamond estimates that 80-85 percent of Jewish records have survived.

The JRI database does not contain the actual records.The site allows for searches by names, towns or provinces, as well as by years of the records.

The site's address is www.jewishgen.org/jri-pl

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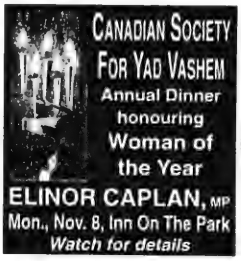
By Miriam Herman



DEADLINE REMINDER

What's New and About People deadlines: Monday, Oct. 25 is deadline for Nov. 4 issue and Monday, Nov. 1, is deadline for Nov. 11. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 391-1836, fax 391-0829.

Saturday, Oct. 23

MOROCCAN DIARIES

The Sephardic Network of UJA presents the documentary film *Moroccan Diaries: About the King* by **Jacques Bensimon** (in French only), 9 p.m. at Magen David Congregation, 10 McAllister Ave. Reserve. 635-2883, ext. 107.

A THREEFOLD CORD

Rabbi William H. Lebeau of the Jewish Theological Seminary addresses Beth Tzedec Congregation on the theme A Threefold Cord Is Not Easily Broken-A Three-Generation Strategy for Preserving Tradition in Our Conservative Jewish Communities Into the 21st Century.: From the pulpit – Being a Jewish Optimist; following kiddush – Is Peace So Wonderful? and during Seudah Shelisheet – Weaving a Jewish Tapestry.

SINGLES MINDED

Bloor JCC and First Narayever Congregation evening of Jewish learning for Jewish singles with **Rabbi Michael Skobac**. Havdalah service and dance to Klezgrass music of Beyond the Pale at First Narayever, 187 Brunswick Ave.

SOIREE MUSICALE

Etobicoke Study Branch of National Council of Jewish Women Soiree Musicale, 7:30 p.m., Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Toe Tapping Time featuring the Smile Co. For tickets 633-5100.

A WORLD WITHOUT HATE

YWCA of Greater Toronto presents Working Toward a World Without Hate, Speakers **Joan Grant Cummings** from NAC and **Karen Mock** from B'nai Brith. 7-10 p.m., OISE, 252 Bloor St. W. **Anna** 961-8100, ext. 363.

Sunday, Oct. 24

OHR SOMAYACH

Children build their own rocket while learning about the science of rocketry and adults hear **Rabbi Yechezkiel Grysman** speak on Planetary Influence on Life: The Jewish Perspective. 10 a.m. to noon, Ohr Somayach Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave. W. Pre-register 905-886-5730.

SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Givatayim Chapter, Toronto ORT, scholarship luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Baycrest Terrace, 55 Ameer Ave. Entertainment by Chai Singers. Reserve 787-0339 or 223-9234.

SINGLES BRUNCH

At brunch for singles 35 plus, Dynamic Singles of Adath Israel Tribute Show to the World's Greatest Singers with musician **Alan Gaensbauer** and vocalist **Brian Roman,** 11:30 a.m. 635-5340.

MULTICULTURAL CLASHES

Entertainment and Cultural Connection and Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood feature **Laurie Robinson** talking about Experiences of a WASP in a Jewish Milieu-Culture Clash-Relating to a Multicultural Community, 8 p.m., synagogue.

DRAMA, DISCUSSION

Beth Tzedec Hesed Committee afternoon of drama and discussion as Awareness Project Players of the Bernard Betel Centre present two original plays. 2 p.m. Beth Tzedec.

STUDY PROGRAM

Downtown Jewish Community Council, Downtown Jewish Community School study program with **Elliott Malamet,** Birth and Birth Rituals from a Jewish Perspective, 10 a.m., Bloor JCC. 924-6211.

BB SINGLES LODGE

B'nai Brith Friendship Singles Lodge speaker Frank Dimant, executive vice-president, B'nai Brith Canada. 7:30 p.m., 15 Hove St.

ONE POTATO, TWO POTATO

One Potato, Two Potato, a play by **Aviva Ravel**, presented by Downtown Jewish Community School in co-operation with Bloor JCC , 1:30 p.m., UTS (S.E. corner Bloor and Spadina). 924-6211.

Monday, Oct. 25

BAYT 18TH ANNIVERSARY

Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation anniversary dinner, guest speaker **Dore Gold**, Israel's Ambassador to the UN.; honorees **Larry** and **Sue Zeifman**, presentation of BAYT Community Leadership Award to **Lorna Jackson**, mayor of Vaughan. 905-886-3810 - ext. 600.

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MALE AND FEMALE
Male and Female, God Created Them series with **Carl Ehrlich** continues with Forbidden Love (Genesis 38). 8 p.m., Adath Israel Congregation. 635-5340.

Tuesday, Oct. 26

CURRENT AFFAIRS
Together (B'yachad) evening for singles and couples with **Erika Biro,** current affairs commentator, 7:30 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation. **Bernice** 905-882-0866.

SMALL MIRACLES
Small Miracles-The Power of Good Deeds with authors **Yitta Halberstam** and **Judith Leventhal**, 8 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation, 613 Clark Ave. W.

ELDERLAW
National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, and Older Women's Network present Living with Peace of Mind – ElderLaw – Knowing and Protecting Your Legal Rights with ElderLaw lawyer **Boris Freesman**, 1-3:30 p.m. Council House. RSVP 633-5100.

WOMEN AND PRAYER
Beth Tikvah Sisterhood series, Conservative Judaism in the 21st Century opens with Women and Prayer, with **Rabbi Adina Lewittes,** 8 p.m.

LUNCH AND LEARN
Cult Guarding the Jewish Community with **Rena Schochet** has been switched to Lunch and Learn at the Wagman Centre. 11:30 a.m. **Mara Swartz**, 785-2500, ext. 2275.

HEALTHY AGING
A talk on the debilitating effects of stroke and other forms of cognitive impairment with **Dr. Gordon Winocur**, 7:30 p.m., Baycrest Centre. **Jordana Berger** 785-7500, ext. 2035.

CHUG TANACH
Chug Tanach meets at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 8 p.m., studying Jeremiah, Chapter 2. Presenter **Harold Dessen.** Text in Hebrew, discussion in English.

Wednesday, Oct. 27

HADASSAH BAZAAR
Hadassah-WIZO 75th Annual Bazaar – A Gem of a Sale, with **Mayor Mel Lastman** officiating at the ribbon cutting ceremony. Bargains for the whole family. 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Automotive Building, Exhibition Place. 630-8373.

HEALING PROJECT
Toronto Jewish Healing Project study evening with **Rabbi Steven Saltzman** speaking on a Path to Healing—Psalm 8—What are we that you are mindful of us?

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Genealogical Society of Canada meeting, Jamaican Jewish Genealogy in the Big Picture of the Jewish World, speaker **Dr. Anthony "Tony" MacFarlane.** 8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

ANGELA'S ASHES
Harriet Morton reviews the book, *Angela's Ashes* , sponsored by LAF – Lively After Fifty, the new Jewish Women International of Canada group for women 50 plus. Reserve. **Lucy Alt** 667-8474 or JWI/C 630-9313.

Thursday, Oct. 28

LE CHAIM – TO LIFE
Develop a Lifestyle Into the Millennium. Le Chaim – To Life, **Dr. Joel Levy,** Wellness Program, York University, presented by Chaim Shalom at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue 7:30 p.m.

JEWS, MONEY AND POWER
Prof. Derek Penslar concludes the series, Jews Money and Power in Modern History, with Has Zionism Solved the "Jewish Problem?" 7:30 p.m., Beth Tzedec.

And What Else Is New

READ HEBREW CANADA
As part of the National Jewish Outreach Program's campaign to teach Jews to read the Hebrew language, Pride of Israel Synagogue is hosting Read Hebrew Canada, a 5-week Hebrew Reading Crash Course led by **Rabbi Robert Rhodes**, Mondays, 7:30 p.m., starting Nov. 1. 226-0111.

UNIQUE JEWISH LIVES
Shaarei Shomayim Congregation autumn lunch and talk series on Shabbat following services: **Seymour Epstein,** Toronto Board of Jewish Education, A Jew in North Africa and Siberia: My Years With the Joint Distribution Committee, Oct. 30; and **David Novak**, Jewish Studies Program, University of Toronto, Personal Reflections: From Pulpit Rabbi to Professor of Jewish Studies, Nov. 20. RSVP. **Jo** 789-3213 ext. 208.

BEGINNING HEBREW
The Downtown Jewish Learning Council offers Beginning Hebrew Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Instructor **Nirit Gruber.** 924-6211.

COFFEE, TEA AND TORAH
With **Rebbitzen Loretta Tanenbaum** for singles of all ages, Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., through to Nov. 24 at Beth Tzedec Congregation. **Marlene** 781-3514, ext. 34.

MEMORY & REFLECTIONS
As part of Holocaust Education Week, poet **Donia Blumenfeld Clenman**, who survived the Warsaw Ghetto, speaks on A Scroll of Remembrance: Memory and Reflections, Friday, Oct. 29, 8 p.m. Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kenilworth Ave. Service 7:30 p.m. 694-7942.

THE BIBLE AND WOMEN
Ongoing course with **Rebbitzen Loretta Tanenbaum,** Wednesdays 10 a.m. at Beth Tzedec Congregation. Register with **Marlene** 781-3514, ext. 34.

JF&CS GROUPS
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Osteoporosis Support Group, Nutrition and Your Bones – Facts and Fallacies with **Lily Mayer**, dietician, North York General Hospital, Branson Division. **Joan** ext. 126.

Flu Vaccine Clinic with **Dr. Al Green**, family physician, Wednesday, Oct. 27, 8:30-10 a.m. Make appointment. Wellness Desk ext. 131.

Humor in Foot Care with **Dr. Neil Naftolin**, podiatrist, Thursday, Oct. 28, 1:15-2:15 p.m.

Casino Rama Thursday, Nov. 18. Sign up at Ticket Sales Desk. For information **Barbara Zigler** ext. 134.

Israeli Club Etrog: Do you speak Hebrew? Join club members Tuesdays at 7 p.m. for movies, lectures, dances, sing-a-longs, bingo. Oct. 26 is a movie. **Anna** ext. 110.

Movie, *Waking Ned Divine* , Sunday, Oct. 24, 2:30 p.m.

BLOOR JCC

Bloor Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 924-6211.

The Downtown Jewish Learning Council and the Michael Bernstein Chapel at the Bloor JCC Lunch and Learn, **Prof. Reena Basser** discusses Israeli Literature at the End of the Millennium, Thursday, Oct. 28, noon to 1 p.m. at Bloor JCC.

Seniors Club: Thursday, Oct. 21, 2 p.m., Medicines and Their Uses: Do You Know What You're Putting in Your Mouth? Pharmacist **Jack Pinkus**. Thursday, Oct. 28, 2 p.m., Letters From a B'nai Brief: The Voices of Immigrants Struggling to Survive in America in the Early 1900s, **Judy Weinryb**, Senior's coordinator.

BATHURST JC

Bathurst Jewish Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. 636-1880.

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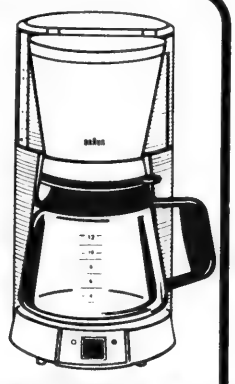

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Humanitarian award to be presented at Hadassah convention

By DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — A newly created humanitarian award will be presented by Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Canada at its next national convention.

The theme of the convention, which is being organized by a committee of over 80, is Dor L'Dor – Generation to Generation.

On Nov. 13, at the Saturday Night Gala, the humanitarian award will be given posthumously to Chiune Sugihara, who served as the Japanese consul general in Kaunas (Kovno) Lithuania in 1940.

Sugihara was responsible for saving thousands of Polish and Lithuanian Jews by issuing Japanese transit visas, against the explicit orders of his government.

With the visas, the Jews were able to travel by train to Moscow, then on to Kobe, Japan. Some remained there, others continued on to China and various other countries.

Sugihara and his wife, Yukiko, risked their personal safety to help the refugees.

The Japanese government dismissed Sugihara from his diplomatic post, ending his career and causing him and his family financial hardship.

For many years, Sugihara never spoke of his actions during the war, until, in 1969, he was located by an Israeli Embassy official who had been saved because of one of the visas.

Sugihara was awarded Israel's highest honor as Righteous Among the Nations by the Yad Vashem Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, as well as many other honors for his heroic efforts.

The humanitarian award will be accepted by Sugihara's son, Hiroki at the Gala.

The Israeli and Japanese ambassadors to Canada will be present, as will many representatives of the Canadian political establishment.

Allan Marshall, of Montreal, whose mother and grandparents were saved by Sugihara, will be present at the Gala to tell his family's story. He will be bringing with him his infant daughter who represents yet another generation which would not exist if not for Chiune Sugihara.

Herb Gray, deputy prime minister of Canada, will be the recipient of the 1999 Canadian Award, given to citizens who have displayed exemplary humanitarian qualities.

Gray has been a member of Parliament, representing Windsor West, since 1962 and has worked extensively as a minister and as an MP in a variety of portfolios.

Gray is a member of the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue in Windsor and of Machzikei Hadas Congregation in Ottawa. He is an active participant in the Jewish community.

Numerous individuals throughout the convention will be honored, beginning with the Friday night Shabbat dinner on Nov. 12 featuring Rabbi Elyse Goldstein of Toronto as keynote speaker.

On that evening, the family of the organization's first president, Lillian Freiman, will be honored and multi-generational Hadassah-WIZO families will be recognized.

Several events will be open to the public, including the Nov. 13 luncheon at which Women of Achievement Awards will be presented to eight distinguished Canadian women.

Former Conservative cabinet minister Flora MacDonald will speak on behalf of the honorees who include The Honorable Justice Beverley McLachlin; Immigration Minister Elinor Caplan; Heather Reisman, president and CEO of Indigo Books and Music; author Anne Michaels; Celia Franca, founder of the National Ballet of Canada; Alison Smith of CBC Newsworld; and education policy activist Ruth Goldbloom.

Reuven Feuerstein, Director of Hadassah-WIZO Canada Research Institute in Jerusalem and professor of psychology at Bar Ilan University will be a featured speaker at the Youth Services Program.

Feuerstein will discuss his research work with children and youths suffering from severe learning disabilities.

Ronald Lauder, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, President of the Jewish National Fund in the United States, international businessman and philanthropist, will receive the Rebecca Sieff Award at the closing Sunday luncheon.

Various workshops on such topics as fundraising and motivational speaking will take place, and there will be a poster session illustrating and describing Hadassah-WIZO's projects and success stories in Israel.

The 36th annual convention will take place at the Westin Hotel in Ottawa from November 11-14.

For further information, contact Marion Mayman in Ottawa at 613-820-4975 or Lily Frank, National Executive Vice-President at 514-937-9431. Individuals and families of individuals whose lives were saved by Chiune Sugihara are invited to contact Mayman.

Coast to Coast

Lawsuit launched against Air France over prayers

By DAVID LAZARUS
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — A Montreal Jewish businessman has launched a $150,000 lawsuit against Air France and one of its employees for allegedly trying to stop him from saying his morning prayers on a Paris-bound flight from Montreal.

According to documents filed Sept. 30 in Quebec Superior Court, Michael Chernack, says in the early morning of April 25, about two hours before landing in Paris, he was standing and praying in a small alcove towards the rear of the plane.

He alleges that chief steward Joel Corneloup told him: "This is an airplane and not a place for occult practices."

After finishing his prayers and returning to his seat, Chernack spoke with Corneloup, who allegedly told him that the "policy" of Air France, is not to allow prayers on its aircraft.

Air France lawyer Gilbert Poliquin told *The CJN* that Air France will deny the charges, saying it has no such policy against praying and that the incident was the result of a misunderstanding on board.

Chernack, 45, a Hampstead resident who imports textiles from Europe and the Far East, contends in the court document that the way he was treated amounts to religious discrimination and it was "a clear contravention" of his rights.

"What happened...was intolerable and a gross violation of his fundamental right to practice his religion without fear of physical or verbal threats and abuse," the document says.

In an interview, Chernack, who describes himself as "observant," said he was appalled by the steward's behavior.

Chernack said the incident took place while most passengers slept; he deliberately tried to avoid disturbing them by standing in a small alcove towards the rear of the plane so that he did not block the aisles.

He said there were no security issues since both the non-smoking and fasten-seat-belt signs were not illuminated.

He said he recited his prayers in an "inaudible" manner at about dawn, when Corneloup told him a "very harsh and threatening way" to return to his seat.

Because he was in the midst of prayer, Chernack said he could not respond. Corneloup demanded again that he return to his seat, and again there was no response from Chernack; Corneloup then proceeded towards the front of the plane, Chernack recalled.

He said he feared for his personal well-being and quickly finished his prayers before returning to his seat. The court documents state that he feared Corneloup would "physically remove Plaintiff's prayer shawl and phylacteries and force him back to his seat."

The court documents accuse Corneloup of acting in an "extremely rude, aggressive and threatening manner."

The lawsuit is "a point of principle that has to be made," Chernack said. "Once he [the steward] said it was policy [not to allow prayer], he made it a rights issue.

"I think a statement has to be made to all airlines. It's really something they shouldn't get away with. The message has to be made."

Air France's Marc Laforge, who was interviewed on the radio about the incident, indicated that Chernack may have been blocking the aisles or should have notified a flight attendant about his intention to pray. Laforge also said that Air France had no policy barring prayer.

Laforge reportedly stated that Chernack was asked to return to his seat because breakfast was about to be served and that the steward apologized when he discovered Chernack had been praying.

Chernack, however, adamantly denies ever blocking any aisle or receiving any apology.

As for having to notify an attendant about praying, Chernack said:

"If they say you can pray but have to ask, then there is a policy. It doesn't make much sense."

Besides which, Chernack contends that Corneloup explicitly told him there was a policy prohibiting prayer.

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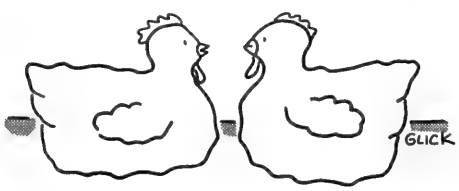

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CORRECTION:
Please note that page 32 of the Holocaust Education Week Brochure, should read Sunday, November 14, 1999.

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Holocaust Education Week is coordinated by the Holocaust Education Week Committee, Holocaust Education & Memorial Centre of Toronto, UJA Federation

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On Campus

Student interest in Birthright Israel soars

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Applications for free trips to Israel are flooding in from young people across Canada, says the executive director of Birthright Israel Canada.

"They're coming in fast and furious," Elizabeth Sokolsky says.

Birthright Israel, an initiative of Canadian philanthropist Charles Bronfman and his American colleague Michael H. Steinhardt, offers Jewish young people ages 18 to 26 a trip to Israel with all expenses paid except travel insurance and spending money.

This inaugural program is a partnership of philanthropists, Jewish communities nationally and the Israeli government.

Last week, Israeli Finance Minister Avraham Shochat authorized $70 million US over five years for the program, which had been supported by the previous government as well.

In February, about a thousand university-aged Jews will leave from across Canada. They will be chosen by lottery.

A specific number of spots has been designated for each community: Toronto has 325 spots; Montreal 200; Vancouver, 70 and Winnipeg, 30. The others will come from smaller communities.

Applications are multiplying as the Oct. 21 deadline approaches. Participants chosen will be notified by Nov. 15.

Sokolsky's staff receive calls from across Canada, as they answer queries to 1-800-567-ISRAEL.

"When we walk in every morning, it ranges from 50 to 70 calls on the voice mail. We're having an incredible time keeping up. The phone is ringing every day," she says.

The centre has hired a part-time employee to help enter applications into its database.

Jeremy Zacks, president of the Jewish Student Federation (JSF) at York University, has also observed the magnitude of student excitement about the trip.

Students confront him in the university halls, in the JSF office, even at home, by phone, wanting more information about the trips.

Not that he minds, he says.

Between 20 and 30 people visit the JSF office every day with inquiries about the trips, and as a result, many have become interested in joining the organization.

"They're coming in and realizing what the JSF has to offer," Zacks says.

Advertising splashed across campus helped generate interest in the trips. "Israel For Free" banners were hung at parties, ads were placed in the campus newspaper and flyers were posted across the university.

Zacks now carries trip applications in his knapsack and fields calls from anxious applicants wondering how many applications the JSF has received.

Young people from unfederated communities across Ontario that don't have a strong local infrastructure, have been designated 45 spots, says Michael Soberman, director of community services at Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, which serves these small communities.

Based on the number they have received, he expects that there will be three or four times as many applications as designated spots.

Campus and community staff across the country report that news about the project is reaching the uninvolved and unaffiliated Jews who were the target population of the initiative.

Gabe Meranda, executive director of Vancouver B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation, noticed this when 55 people attended a Birthright Israel information night at the University of British Columbia.

"Fully 85 to 90 percent of that crowd we'd never seen before," Meranda says.

Ruthie Saragosti, co-ordinator of Montreal's Israel Experience Centre, has seen the same trend.

Applicants are "very nearly skewed towards kids who did not go through the private Jewish day school system or have not had significant involvement in the organized Jewish community," she says.

The applicants' main concern is that they won't be chosen for the trip, she adds. As of last Wednesday, the Montreal centre had already received 310 applications.

"We've created almost this monster – everyone is talking about it and now everyone's getting nervous about not getting on the trip," Saragosti says.

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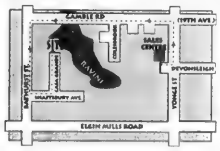

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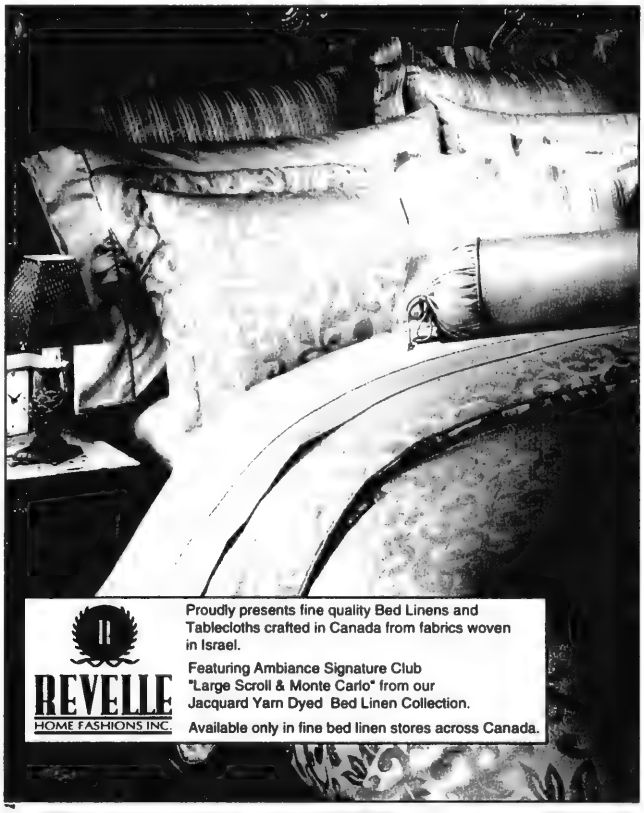
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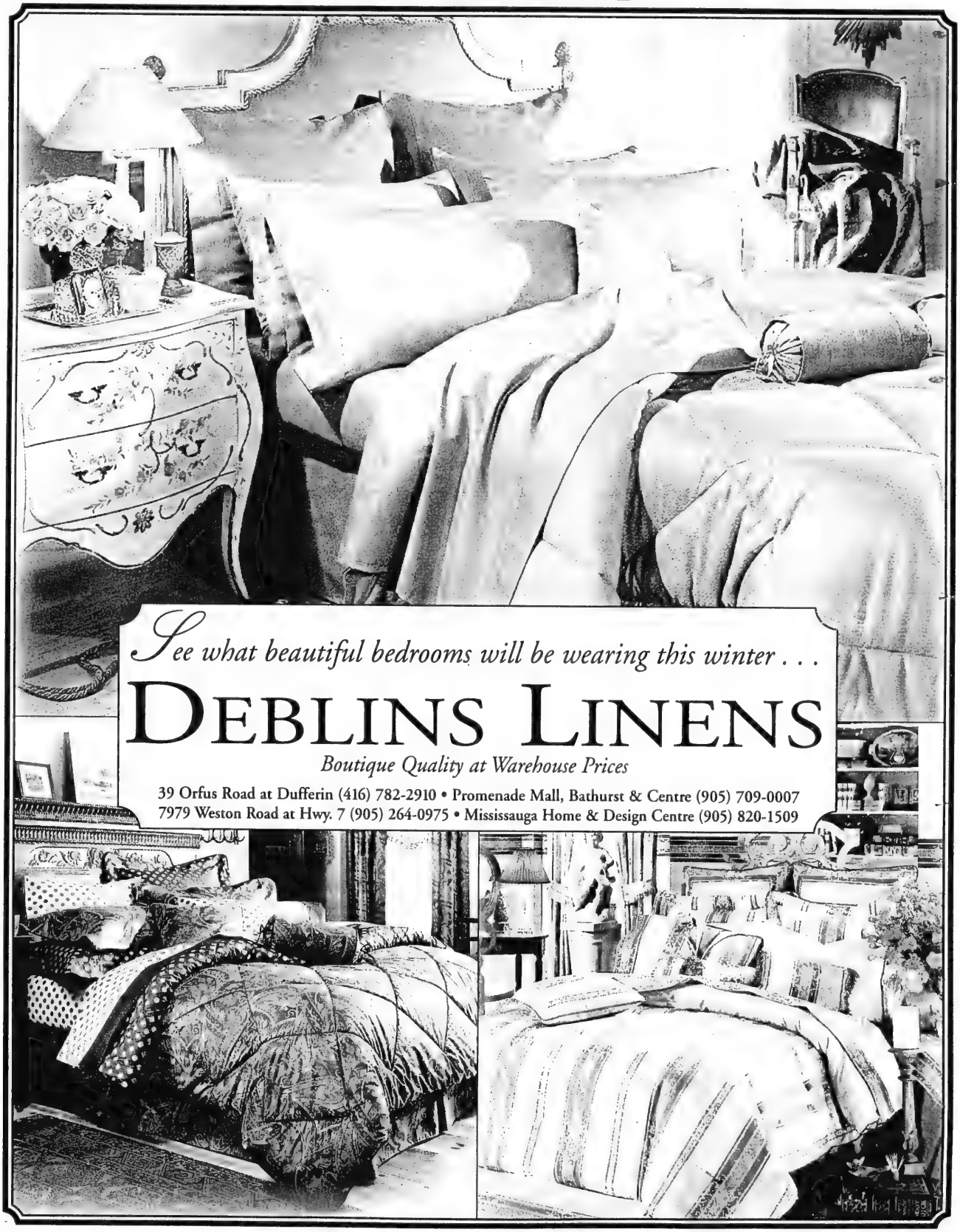
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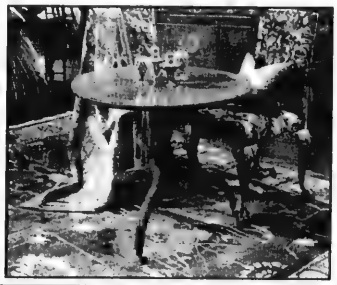

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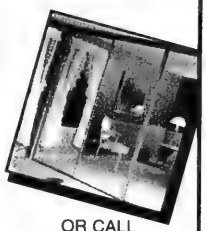

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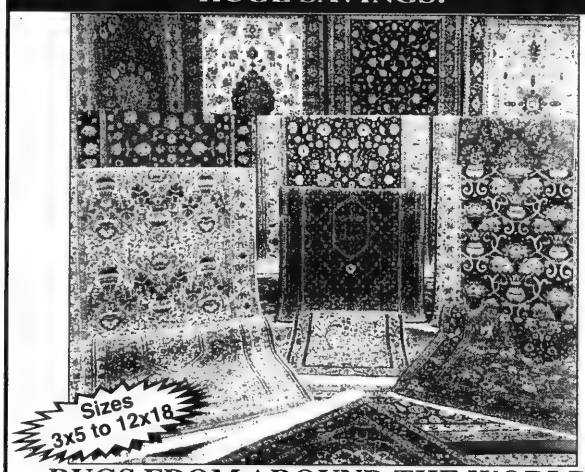

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And this commitment to lasting quality is recognized by the industry. It has earned Vogue the exclusive "Excellent" rating from the Ontario New Home Warranty Program for superior after-sales service.

Currently, Vogue is building an Enclave of 41 detached homes on lots with 50-foot frontages, in the Wilshire neighborhood of Thornhill. These homes range from 2,600 to 4,600 square feet; prices start at $419,000.

Having worked in Thornhill for about 25 years, the Greenbaums know the community well, and have a long record of involvement and participation. And the Enclave will be an integral part of this community.

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If you'd like to learn more about The Enclave in Thornhill, come and visit the Vogue Development Group's on-site model home and sales office at 30 Concord Road. Take Centre Street west from Bathurst to Concord Road, then turn north on Concord. The office is open from 1 to 7 p.m. on weekdays, and noon to 6 p.m. on weekends; call (905) 763-4111.

You'll find other Vogue building sites in the Bayview Hill and Yonge/Carrville areas of Richmond Hill, and several in-fill locations in central and north Toronto. For information on these homes, call (905) 886-8500.

Artist's impression of one of the new home models available in the Enclave in Thornhill

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Barak favors economic separation from Palestinian 'entity'

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JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ehud Barak has been leaning toward economic separation between Israel and the Palestinian entity to be established as a result of the final status talks. But after receiving plans for three possible economic arrangements from Finance Minister Avraham Shochat last weekend, Barak is considering a free trade agreement.

Shochat and his director-general, Avi Ben-Bassat, presented the alternatives in Barak's office. During the discussion, Barak claimed that both sides have an interest in economic separation: the Palestinians, because of their desire for greater independence from Israel, and the Israelis, because of their concerns over security and crime prevention.

The question, according to Barak, will be the nature of the fence between them. The prime minister said his working assumption is "that the fence will be as friendly as possible and will allow for political, security, and economic co-operation."

The first alternative proposed by Shochat was to have a customs union that would allow the free movement of goods between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, as well as uniform indirect taxes and customs duties and reciprocal determination and calculation of taxes.

The second proposal – the one favored by Barak – foresees an economic separation that would allow for the potential taxation of the movement of goods, various indirect taxes and the possibility of trade agreements between the entities and a third party.

The last proposal would establish a duty-free zone for local goods, with the potential for indirect taxation at different rates, and different duty rates and trade agreements with other countries.

Elder statesman dies at 90

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Burg was known for his moderate and conciliatory approach and was not pleased at the sharp turn rightward the National Religious Party took after his retirement from politics.

Shimon Peres, one of Burg's few rivals for political longevity, said Burg "was aware of the contradiction between a faith that tends to reject compromise and a state that is obliged to make compromises."

Prime Minister Ehud Barak said a conversation with Burg "was always an intellectual challenge of the first order." He said Burg had been privileged to see his son, Avraham, become speaker of the Knesset.

Avraham Burg, who spoke last, noted that most of those present were taking their final leave of a public personality, but for him and his family, "this is a farewell from our own private dearly beloved. Shalom to you and thank you for being such a wonderful father to us. The great tree that propped up our home has been cut down."

Kurt Rothschild, chair of world Mizrachi and president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, attended Burg's funeral in Jerusalem.

Contacted in Jerusalem, he told *The CJN*: "There was an overwhelming feeling of great loss by all shades of public opinion here.

Burg with UN Secretary General Kofi Anan [RNS/Reuters]

There was not a single negative voice on Dr. Burg, who was considered one of the fathers of the forming of the State of Israel and a pioneer in its progress. A man of great tolerance, a man of great understanding for and by the entire spectrum of the population."

Jack Kahn, president of Mizrachi Canada described Burg as "one of the true great leaders of the State of Israel. He was also a great leader for the Mizrachi movement.

"Even at the age of 90," Kahn said, "Burg was still travelling to many countries on behalf of the State of Israel. He came to Canada on many occasions. His last visit was just over a year ago, in May 1998.

"For Mizrachi, he was a great leader and a great unifying force to the entire community. Dr. Burg was accepted and revered by all streams and all factions and was able to unify us and bring us together."

He will be remembered "for his passion for Jews, not just in Israel but all over the world. He embodied all the wonderful features of a man dedicated to the unity of klal Yisrael, to the unity of the Jewish people and to the centrality of the State of Israel as the Jewish homeland."

With files from Simone Joseph.

Allies were aware of Auschwitz in 1942

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killed, and continues: "The five million Jews who may still be alive in Nazi-occupied territory are threatened with total extermination under the terms of an official order by Hitler calling for the complete annihilation of Jews in Europe by 31 December 1942."

It went on to inform Roosevelt that "centres have been established in various parts of eastern Europe for the scientific and cold-blooded mass murder of Jews.

"Polish Christian workers, eyewitnesses, have confirmed reports that concrete buildings on the former Russian frontiers are used by the Germans as gas chambers in which thousands of Jews have been put to death."

The memorandum also specifically informed Roosevelt: "The slaughter of trainloads of Jewish adults and children in great crematoriums at Ozwiencim [Auschwitz] near Krakow is confirmed by eyewitnesses in reports which recently reached Jerusalem."

The document was discovered by doctoral student Barbara Rogers at the British Public Record Office when she was researching the British government's response to the Holocaust.

"This is the only document to prove beyond question that the British government and President Roosevelt knew the true role that Auschwitz-Birkenau played in the Final Solution at the time," she said. "The question is, why didn't they disclose it?"

Several explanations have been offered for Britain's apparent attempt to conceal early information about Nazi atrocities against Jews: The British were concerned that the release of information would compromise their successful code-breaking operation, which allowed them to intercept German communications; they feared a flood of emigration by European Jews to Palestine; and they were anxious to avoid a popular backlash if they were perceived to be fighting a "Jewish war."

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Honourable Mentions for my moniker were: *Cool Hand Cuke, Dillenium, Baby Dill Spice, Dilly Brinowitz, Dilly The Kid* and *Strubinsky*.

The Strub family really had a great time looking over all the entries. The year has been full of celebrations and finally giving me a name will be a lasting tribute to what Sophie and Michael Strub started back in 1929.

Another exciting 70th Anniversary initiative has been the launch of the Strub's web site. It's a place where we can share some of the fun trivia and recipes I've collected over the years. The Strub web site contains full contest results and will soon feature a North America *Pickle Store Locator*.

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Syrian president reported to be in poor health

By ALUF BENN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Syrian President Hafez Assad's health has recently deteriorated, although he still rules the country, the chief of IDF intelligence, Maj.-Gen. Amos Malka, told the cabinet last week. Malka did not provide a medical diagnosis of Assad's illness.

According to Malka, some think that Assad does not wish to open negotiations with Israel because of his illness; he fears that Syria would find itself in a dangerous situation if the talks drag on. He is, therefore, willing to start a dialogue only if his demands are met in advance.

Malka added that Assad was awaiting the recovery of his foreign minister, Farouk a-Shara, who underwent open heart surgery last week, to examine the possibility of renewing talks with Israel. However, Syria is only willing to make peace "on its own conditions," which, according to the intelligence evaluation, include an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights to the June 4, 1967 lines; security arrangements with an element of symmetry; continued Syrian control of Lebanon; and U.S. financial aid.

According to Malka, the harsh stance presented by Syria as a condition for renewing the talks with Israel has several causes:

• Assad cares about his personal prestige and does not wish to appear as giving in to Israel.
• Syria is competing for the leadership of the Arab world and must maintain its national pride.
• Syria fears undermining its interests in Lebanon.

Malka said that the Syrian regime is stable, and that Assad's son, Bashar, has a good chance of succeeding his father, "but as is always the case in the Arab world, everything is subject to change." According to Malka, the power struggles between Bashar and the factions loyal to Rifat Assad, the president's brother, "are under control" and do not endanger stability in Syria.

Participants in the meeting understood from Malka's report that he believed it impossible to reach a separate arrangement in Lebanon independent of an overall agreement with Syria.

Prime Minister Ehud Barak promised the ministers that programs for the army pullback from Lebanon will be presented and discussed in the next cabinet meeting.

Chief of Staff Shaul Mofaz spoke on strategic threats to Israel. He said the main threat is posed by ground-to-ground missiles, mainly from Syria.

Rabin's assassin excommunicated

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM – A group of 54 Orthodox rabbis in Israel has excommunicated the assassin of Yitzhak Rabin.

Last Thursday's ruling, which came prior to the fourth anniversary of the Nov. 4, 1995 assassination, bars Jews from visiting Yigal Amir in prison, talking with him or writing to him. Prison personnel and Amir's family are exempt from the edict.

A statement issued by the rabbis declared their "shock and disgust at [Amir's] impertinent attempt to present such a heinous murder as if it were done in the name of the Torah and in the service of the people and land of Israel."

At his trial, Amir refused to express regret for his actions, saying they were justified by Jewish law. Amir is serving a life sentence for the murder.

The rabbi who initiated the action, Rabbi Naftali Rothenberg of the Har Adar settlement, said he expected more rabbis to sign the document. He added that all ethnic groups and streams in religious Zionism are represented among the signatories.

The paper said rabbis from five Jewish settlements were among those who signed. Jewish settlers were some of the strongest opponents of Rabin's peace efforts with the Palestinians.

Rabbi Binyamin Lau, nephew of Israel's Ashkenazi chief rabbi, Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau, also signed the decree.

The ban will remain in effect until Amir, who is Orthodox, repents for the assassination.

Amir's mother derided the decree.

"My son is alone in a jail cell. With whom is he to conduct a minyan?" Geula Amir said.

"It's a joke. Nobody listens to the rabbis," she added.

The Week in Israel

Oct. 11

• Prime Minister Ehud Barak approved building 2,600 new apartments in West Bank communities.

• Israel barred entry of 26 Irish and Romanian Christians it suspects are members of an apocalyptic group. Officials feared the group had planned to commit a millennium-related act of violence.

Oct. 12

• Citing the terms of an agreement between Israel and the Palestinians, the Supreme Court ruled against a trial for the mastermind of the 1985 hijacking of the cruise ship *Achille Lauro* in which wheelchair-bound Leon Klinghoffer was killed.

Oct. 13

• Settlers agreed not to block the evacuation of 12 outposts the government has declared illegal. Barak originally called for the dismantling of 15, but lowered the number after settlers agreed to back off of earlier threats to fight the action. Justice Minister Yossi Beilin said the compromise had set a precedent. "This is the first time that settlements will be removed by agreement with settlers, not in confrontation with them," he said.

Oct. 14

• Khaled Zuabi of Nazareth, an Israeli-Arab lawyer, was elected to the second most important position in the Israeli Bar Association.

• The Palestinian Authority apologized to Israel for an incident last weekend in which Palestinian police detained and beat three Israeli soldiers on leave in Bethlehem.

Oct. 15

• Security officials released 151 Palestinian prisoners. Among them are 10 members of Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

• The driver of the bus that overturned last weekend in the north, killing 16 people and injuring about 40 others, lacked sufficient experience and training to cope with the road conditions he encountered, according to a commission of enquiry.

Files from JTA and Ha'aretz

Greek shul rededication marred by no-worship order

By JEAN COHEN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

ATHENS — The historic Etz Hayim Synagogue that was destroyed during World War II, was rededicated last week on the island of Crete.

But the festive ceremonies were marred when a local Greek official asked that Jews refrain from worshipping at the synagogue.

The request came in a letter from the head of the prefecture of the port city of Hania, G. Katsanevakis, asking Greece's Central Board of Jewish Communities to "do away with the religious ceremonies" at the synagogue because no Jews currently live in the city.

In 1944, the 300 Jews living in Hania were deported to Auschwitz, but died when an Allied bomb sunk the transport ship. Their deaths ended a more than 2,000-year Jewish presence on Crete.

The president of the central board, Moses Constantinis, reacted angrily to the letter from Katsanevakis, and gave the immediate and very clear reply that in no way would the religious portion of the dedication ceremonies be cancelled.

In his letter, Katsanevakis said that although he does not object to the restoration of the synagogue, no religious services should be held there.

He cited a 1938 law that a house of worship cannot operate unless there are 50 worshippers. Katsanevakis wrote the letter in response to an invitation from the central board to attend the ceremonies.

In an interview with a local television station, Constantinis described the law as "fascist," noting that it was created during the reign of dictator John Metaxa.

Hania's Bishop Irineos, who sided with Katsanevakis in opposing the services, contacted the Ministry of Religion and Education to enlist its support in their cause.

But Religion Minister Gerassimos Arsenis backed the Jewish community and sent a warm message that he asked be read during the dedication ceremonies, which went ahead with the participation of Greek officials and Jewish communal leaders from Greece, the United States, Europe and Israel.

Torah scrolls were installed in the synagogue as part of Shabbat services and the official opening was held the next day. It included a service in memory of the Jews of Crete.

According to tradition, the synagogue was originally a Venetian church that was destroyed by pirates. It was given to the Jewish community in 1645.

The synagogue, which will be used as a centre for cultural events, is now the only monument testifying to the Jewish presence in Crete. The first mention of the Jewish community of Crete, one of the oldest in Greece, dates back to Alexander the Great.

In 1996, with the support of the World Monuments Fund, Greece's Jewish community launched a campaign to restore the synagogue.

The New York-based Ronald S. Lauder Foundation and the Greek Ministry of Culture were among those giving funds for the restoration project.

Fresh water reserves discovered

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Reserves of fresh water equaling some 10 percent of Israel's present annual consumption have recently been discovered in coastal and mountain aquifers.

The reserves, constituting some 150 million cubic metres of water, would allow for a significant increase in the quantity of fresh water that Israel pumps from its aquifers without exceeding the "red lines" for overuse. This would ease the water crisis that the country is experiencing.

Some of the new reserves, however, are known to be unrenewable.

Water Commissioner Meir Ben Meir said that since he hadn't been as panicky as others in the past, he was not yet euphoric about the new discovery.

"When we receive the full results, we'll act accordingly," he said.

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Power of attorney may not protect your Florida assets

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
CJN Staff

TORONTO — A legal expert on power of attorney advises people to prepare for the future.

Power of attorney is the written authority for someone to act on your behalf in the event of an illness or accident, Thornhill-based lawyer Barry Fish explained.

"A will protects you if you die. You're not protected if you're incapacitated."

Fish stressed that you should only give power of attorney to someone with whom you have "a loving and trusting relationship." He said there are various types of power of attorney in Canada – procedures differ in Quebec – and people with assets in Florida should be aware that power of attorney in Canada is not necessarily applicable in that state.

He recommends an encompassing power of attorney over property rather than one that is limited in any manner. As well, he points out that many powers of attorney are drafted in such a manner that they are contingent on proving mental incapacity, which is often is difficult to prove.

If someone with power of attorney tries to sell a mutual fund or stock, a clerk or registrar of the stock may not accept the power of attorney contingent on incapacity, Fish said. "If it's a physical ailment like ALS or multiple sclerosis, power of attorney contingent on incapacity will be challenged."

A legal delay can be costly, he added. "If someone can't sign because of the physical disability of getting to the office and they're holding mutual funds that are dropping in value, how can they sell?

"Investments are time-driven. When you want to bail out in October, you're not going to be happy to have the transaction completed in June. That's why you want the power of attorney to flow quickly without question. That is one of the benefits of encompassing power of attorney."

Fish said that if someone in Ontario is diagnosed with "mental incapacity" and there's no power of attorney, the government steps in to take over management of all assets, including businesses, until the family files a detailed management plan with the office of the Public Guardian and Trustee for approval. Over and above the inconvenience, applicants must also pay a $400 fee, he added.

Fish has drafted encompassing power of attorney kits, as have other lawyers who specialize in this area.

To avoid government intervention, Fish said, assets should not be specified in a power of attorney document. "The only way the government will back off, is if the power of attorney is over all your assets. That's why we've described the document as encompassing."

In Quebec, where encompassing power of attorney is not applicable, there is a legal distinction between power of attorney and a mandate, which are two different documents, Fish noted.

"To be covered in Quebec people should get both. Power of attorney cannot survive the onset of mental incapacity, while a mandate is contingent on mental incapacity."

Should someone become incapacitated in Florida, it's necessary to have a document called durable power of attorney, which appoints a representative to look after a family member's affairs. It's similar to an encompassing power of attorney, Fish said.

The durable power of attorney also allows you to appoint a representative to consent to medical treatment. This document is also necessary for access to Florida assets, should a person become incapacitated, he noted.

"Without it, families will need to get a court-appointed representative to look after your property there."

Fish cautioned, however, to take care not to inadvertently revoke documents applicable in Canada while protecting assets in Florida.

ZANY MUSICAL REVUE

The Phantom of the Opera, Monica Lewinsky, Julio Iglesias, Kate Smith, Willie Nelson, and a host of other look-alike celebrities sang, danced and delighted those who attended the three sold-out performances at a fast-paced musical review presented recently by the Seniors Performing Group.

The amateur group of 24 60-plus women and one man (he plays the piano), had the audience at Earl Bales Community Centre singing, laughing and showing their appreciation for the variety show. Dedicating the performance to the International Year of the Older Person, the second annual Zany Musical Review, which was written and directed by Dorothy Little, was an example of what seniors can accomplish and how much enjoyment they have in working together.

Shirley Katz, administrative coordinator of the Seniors Performing Group and the MC for the show—who did a Judy Garland impersonation— said enthusiasm is the prime requirement for the members. "We have become more enthusiastic than ever and the bond between the members has become stronger."

Pictured here are Edith Abrams [left] as the Phantom of the Opera and Muriel Scanlon as Christine. *[Cynthia Gasner]*

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Film explores girl's split identity

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Judging by *Emporte-Moi* (*Set Me Free*), Lea Pool is a filmmaker of formidable talents. This coming-of-age movie, set mainly in Montreal in 1963, glides over the surface of its topic without taking a single fall.

Emporte-moi, now playing in Toronto, is autobiographical. It is inspired by Pool's own life as the child of a mixed marriage.

It revolves around Hanna, a quiet but feisty 13-year-old girl trying to find her footing in a perplexing, sometimes cruel and brutal world.

Karine Vanasse [left], seen with Charlotte Christeler, shines in Emporte-Moi, now playing in theatres.

Torn between her immigrant father's Jewish background and her Quebecois mother's Catholic faith, Hanna suffers from a split identity.

David Cohn, her Polish dad, is a struggling poet who can barely eke out a living, and he gets upset when his children show no interest in Israel.

Hanna's mother, a worker in a leather coat factory whose relationship with Hanna and her older brother Paul is much closer than that of her husband's, patiently puts up with his periodic rages.

Emporte-moi, which Pool dedicates to her mother and daughter, goes to great lengths to highlight the emotional and spiritual chasm separating Cohn from his family.

After Hanna returns from her grandmother's house in the country, Cohn asks, "Did she make you say grace?"

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BBC doc From Bitter Earth examines Holocaust art

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

The Holocaust produced a peculiar genre – drawings, paintings and woodcuts of the unprecedented horrors the Nazis inflicted upon European Jewry.

Jewish artists in ghettos, concentration camps, hiding places and deep forest glades recorded these atrocities for posterity. More than 30,000 of their works survived.

They painted, drew and etched in a variety of styles ranging from expressionism to impressionism. Their works had a single quality in common. They were uniformly sombre, as befitted their subjects.

This little-known facet and footnote of the Holocaust is thoroughly explored by a dark BBC documentary, *From Bitter Earth – Artists of the Holocaust*, scheduled to be broadcast by Vision TV on Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 9 p.m.

Some Germans were in fear of these intrepid artists, for they knew they could expose Nazi crimes to the civilized world.

As a result, many of the artists were ruthlessly murdered, even as thousands of their drawings and paintings came through the war unscathed.

Other Germans, however, exploited the artists for their own ends. At the Terezin concentration camp, for instance, Jewish artists were pressed into creating cheerful murals to fool a naive Red Cross inspector.

In this sorrowful film, artists who lived through the Holocaust recall those bitter, hellish days with a mixture of indignation and resignation.

One woman, fortunate enough to have been given space for a studio, had a conversation with a German officer one day.

As they discussed the finer points of art, German policemen rounded up and deported a batch of Jewish children while their parents were at work.

"You can't imagine the crying and the shouting," she said, referring to the parents' response.

More often than not, the artists had difficulty finding paint, brushes, paper and pencils.

But somehow, they scraped together the necessary materials and produced an unrivalled record of man's inhumanity to man.

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'Degenerate' art collage on display

By HEATHER SOLOMON

MONTREAL — His art would have been considered "*Entartete Kunst*, modern works that the Third Reich branded decadent and destroyed," says artist John A. Schweitzer.

Happily, however, Schweitzer's current series, 24 collages under the umbrella title The Arcadian Suite, are intact and on display in the gallery of Toronto's Goethe-Institut, 163 King St. W., Sept. 22 to Oct. 30.

The Montreal artist's career has encompassed everything from making art to writing to curating to dealing in art, a skill he honed in '80s when he owned his Galerie John A. Schweitzer.

That was also the decade when he began to create collages in the vein of his "spiritual father," the American abstract expressionist, Robert Motherwell, he says.

Lately, Schweitzer's visually arresting compositions of paper ephemera are combined with found objects like wood and broken porcelain.

The Arcadian Suite is based on the 24 *Roman Elegies* written by German poet-novelist-playwright Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, poems published as a lyrical cycle by Goethe's friend Friedrich von Schiller in 1795, which relate both Goethe's passion and his disappointment during a return visit to a decaying Rome.

Schweitzer draws parallels between Goethe's Rome and 20th-century civilizations in decline.

Parallels

Schweitzer titled the series The Arcadian Suite, in reference to the spoiling of what Goethe once considered an idyllic setting – Arcadia in the Greek Peloponnesus was a shepherd's haven used by poets in their writings as a symbol of innocence and virtuous living.

The series is Schweitzer's homage to his favorite literary giant who was born 250 years ago this year.

The artist reads Goethe in High German and delights in demonstrating the writer's relevance today through his own visual oeuvre, completed over a two-year period.

Schweitzer found his medium as a collage artist ideal for the subject, because Goethe held back four of his more risqué elegies (they were released in 1914, 82 years after his death) in an act of self-censorship.

Schweitzer points out that collage is also an act of censorship and even concealment. The artist purposefully employed censorship on his creations through overlays and by working his collages to the size and color of two dozen existing frames. These he acquired at tag sales or from rummage. Some are gorgeous. Some are kitsch.

He tossed the frames' original contents except for one, a needlepoint of a Eugene Delacroix portrait of a woman that Schweitzer designates as Faustina, a Goethe heroine.

He overlaid the needlepoint with a shard of decayed wood at Faustina's throat to suggest the rape of Rome and modern civilization. A black serpentine line, the snake, symbolizes Goethe's themes of desire and decadence, and a $10,000 Monopoly bill alludes to the mistress Goethe kept.

In another collage, the salvaged lining from a 1930s trunk found on a Paris street coaxes thoughts of Goethe's trip from the dark north to sun-filled Rome, as do the stripes on flattened shopping bags, denoting the journey from points A to B.

Schweitzer also incorporates personal mail via stamps, stationery and envelopes that suggest travel. He adds meaningful marks to the collages in acrylic.

Young actor puts on glowing performance

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Sensing that Hanna and Paul couldn't care less about a radio report which describes the latest armed clash pitting Israel against Syria, he lashes out. "Damn gentiles!" he shouts. "Why aren't you interested in the land of your ancestors?"

To any viewer, the answer is self-evident: Hanna has not been raised with a Jewish consciousness. She attends a French Catholic school, and uses her mother's surname, Riel.

Hanna, however, is sensitive to racist slights. A classmate, having accused Jews of being self-pitying, calls Hanna a "damn Jewish bastard." Unfazed by the verbal onslaught, Hanna rips into her by bringing up the subject of Nazi concentration camps.

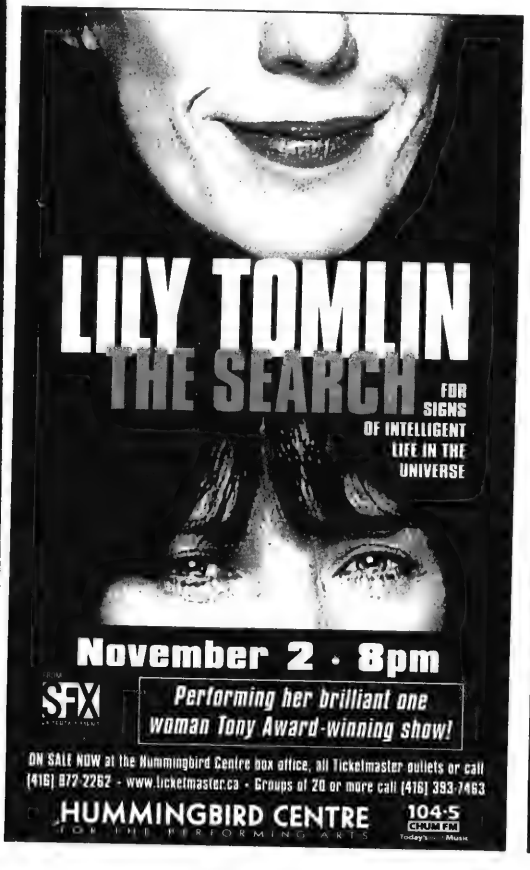
For all its allusions to Judaism, Israel and the Holocaust, *Emporte-moi* largely dwells on Hanna's development as a strong and assertive person. It also focuses on her friendships with Paul, an empathetic teacher (resembling a character in a Jean-Luc Godard film who inspires Hanna), and a sensual girl named Laura.

Deftly directed by Pool, *Emporte-moi* coaxes a glowing performance from newcomer Karine Vanasse, who plays Hanna. Vanasse, who lights up the screen, has a smile which can melt icebergs.

She is ably supported by Miki Manojiovic, the father; Pascale Bussieres, the mother; Nancy Huston, the teacher; Alexandre Merineau, the brother; and Charlotte Christeler, the friend.

The film is beautifully shot, with the best scene being the one in which Hanna connects emotionally with her mother on a skating rink. It is a masterful moment.

In her capable hands, Pool's movie is a piercing portrait of a precocious teenager who learns that freedom and responsibility are inextricably intertwined.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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

AGO PRESENTS ART OF CHARLOTTE SALOMON

The Art Gallery of Ontario is preparing to import Life? Or Theatre?, an exhibition of 400 gouaches produced by Berlin-born **Charlotte Salomon** between 1940 and 1942; Salomon died in Auschwitz in 1943 at the age of 26. Likened to a visual diary, the gouaches "read like a series of story boards for a film."

The show was organized by the Jewish Historical Museum and the Royal Academy, London. It is scheduled to be at the AGO April 14 to July 9, 2000.

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Forbidden Music: As part of Holocaust Education Week, the Goethe-Institut and New Music Concerts present Degenerate Music: Forbidden Composers in Nazi Germany, featuring works by **Hanns Eisler, Kurt Weill, Paul Hindemith** and **Arnold Schoenberg** in performance. Adults $20. Oct. 31, 8 p.m. (Introductory lecture, 7:15). Harbourfront Premiere Dance Theatre. 973-4000.

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The Drama of Jewish Romance: Two upcoming plays deal, in different ways and intensities, with the theme of Jewish marriage and intermarriage.

•From Oct. 21 to 31, Encore Entertainment presents **James Sherman's** romantic comedy *Beau Jest*, which focuses on a Jewish woman who invents a Jewish boyfriend in order to please her parents.

Featuring **Liz Best, Mario D'Alimonte** and **Marion Hirschberg**. Directed and produced by **Merle Garbe**. Ford Centre, Studio Theatre. $20 ($18 matinees). 733-0558.

•The Scarborough Players perform *Greetings*, by **Tom Dudzick**, a comedy in which a Catholic man brings his Jewish fiancée home to meet his parents at Christmas. Runs various dates in December. $12. 396-4049.

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Literary Notes

• Torontonian **Susan Stern** has written a new book, *Awakening Your Life Skills: A light-hearted, pragmatic and humorous approach to leading a less stressful life*. A wine and cheese launch party is scheduled for Oct. 20, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Nicholas Hoare Bookstore, 45 Front St. E. RSVP to Shirley Garfinkel, 665-2259.

• This week **Ruth Mather** received a Certificate of Commendation from Heritage Toronto in honor of her contribution to the city's past. Mather is author of the warm-hearted reminiscence, *The Doctor's Office – A Secretary's Memoir*.

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TVO Highlights: TVOntario's upcoming schedule includes the following programs of special interest:

• On Nov. 11 and Nov. 14, Camera on Canada presents *Charlie Grant's War*, focusing on the little-known story of a Canadian diamond merchant's successful efforts to save hundreds of Jewish lives during World War II. Described as "a Canadian Wallenberg," Grant survived the war and died in Toronto in 1980. Made in the 1980s, the film was written by **Anna Sandor** and directed by **Martin Lavut**.

• Sunday Nov. 7, 7 p.m. **Richard Ouzounian** interviews Toronto theatre impresario **David Mirvish**.

• Monday Nov. 29, 10:30 p.m., the documentary *The Power Within — Healing Through Prayer* is a multi-denominational look at how prayer can improve health. Produced by the Anglican Church, the film includes testimony from **Rabbi Ronald Weiss**.

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Film Debated: **Roberto Benigni's** Oscar-winning film *Life Is Beautiful* provoked a wide range of esthetic questions about the representation of the Holocaust in art. For example: Is it appropriate to treat the Holocaust in comic form?

The closing program in this year's Holocaust Education Week (Oct. 28 to Nov. 9) brings together two experts on the Holocaust in cinema, **Prof. Stuart Liebman** of the City University of New York, and **Prof. Judy Doneson**, author of *The Holocaust in American Film*. Liebman and Doneson hold diametrically opposed views about Benigni's film, which they will voice in the program titled Life Is Beautiful: Debate and Discussion.

Nov. 9, 8 p.m. Beth Tzedec Congregation, Toronto. Admission free. This is one of many programs in the 10-day event. For more information, contact the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto, 635-2883, ext. 301.

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Arts Briefs

• Stand-up comedian **George Carlin** appears at Roy Thomson Hall on Oct. 28, 8 p.m. $32.50 to $59.50.

• **Lily Tomlin** performs her award-winning Broadway play *The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe*, at the Hummingbird Centre, on Nov. 2, 8 p.m. $35 to $75. 872-2262.

• **Yehudi Menuhin's** collection of some 40 musical instruments and bows goes on the auction block at Sotheby's of London on Nov. 16. Born in 1916, the revered violinist died in Berlin last spring.

•In conjunction with Holocaust Education Week, the Morris Winchevsky School presents a screening of *Photographer*, a 76-minute portrait of the Lodz ghetto. Holocaust historian Paula Draper introduces the film. Free admission. Saturday Oct. 30, 8 p.m. 585 Cranbrooke Ave.

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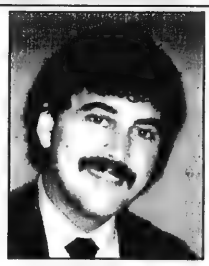
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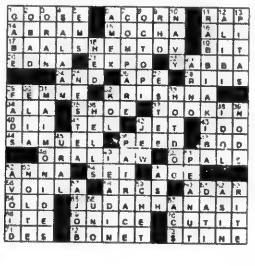

Play brings Yiddish icons to life

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The stars and the songs that turned Yiddish Theatre into the forerunner of today's smash musical shows on Broadway are coming to Toronto.

On Second Avenue, the Saidye Bronfman Yiddish Theatre of Montreal production that played to sold-out houses in Montreal and Vienna, is at Leah Posluns Theatre Oct. 30 and 31, with a gala reception on opening night in aid of Yiddish studies at the University of Toronto.

The cast of 31, a crew of 25, a vanload of scenery and props, and seven musicians will be here for only three week-end performances, because the actors have to be back at work on Monday morning. (They all have day jobs.)

Created by Zalman Mlotek and Moishe Rosenfeld, *On Second Avenue* brings the icons of Yiddish Theatre alive – Avraham Goldfadden, the father of Yiddish Theatre, played by Sam Mitnick, Menashe Skulnik, Molly Picon, Jenny Goldstein, Mihel Rosenberg, and the dance team of Siegel and Schwartz, among many others.

It is a tuneful recital of the history of Yiddish theatre from the taverns of eastern Europe in the 1890s to the days when it finally flickered out in the theatres of New York, Toronto and other cities.

In a way, the company founded by Dora Wasserman and now directed by her daughter, Bryna, is enjoying a homecoming. Many of the cast have close relatives here. Helen Zukerman and Eda Zimler, the partners of Olive Eye Productions, which is bringing *On Second Avenue* here, have special ties. Zukerman's late husband, Barry, was a performer with the troupe, as was Zimler, who had Dora Wasserman as a teacher.

The cast has members of two generations in it, including Aron Gonshor (who plays Menashe Skulnik) and his son, Benji. Miriam Samuels keeps the narration flowing as the doyenne, Ida Kaminska.

Since each scene has a costume change, so many sets are needed that it will take 16 hours, from 8 a.m. to midnight, for the "techies" to mount the production at Leah Posluns. This includes building a scaffolding above the stage so that the seven-piece band led by Max Sherman can play without overpowering the singers.

Though *On Second Avenue* is mostly in Yiddish, those who are Yiddishly challenged will have the benefit of surtitles in English.

Bryna Wasserman said it was her mother, Dora, who taught her the best way to get things done was to go out and do it, obstacles or no. Her mother, who is in a wheelchair, is coming to Toronto with the rest of the company.

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Michelle Heisler, Sam Mitnick and Karen Karpman are part of a cast of 31 in On Second Avenue, a recital of Yiddish Theatre history.

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Arts & Travel

Little kids just love the singing, strutting cowboy

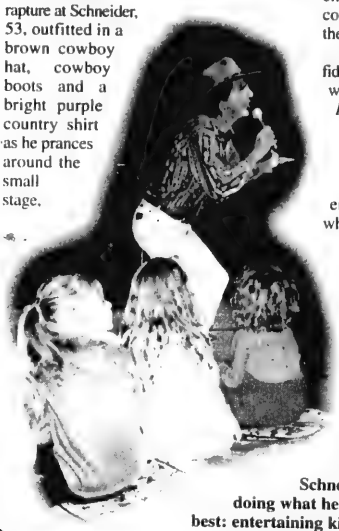
By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Bob Schneider struts across the stage like a cowboy.

Pursing his lips together, Jim Carrey style, he contorts his face into a ridiculous grin.

And the kids love it.

About 15 preschool and elementary school children stare in rapture at Schneider, 53, outfitted in a brown cowboy hat, cowboy boots and a bright purple country shirt as he prances around the small stage, stopping occasionally to strum his guitar.



Bob Schneider doing what he does best: entertaining kids. [Simone Joseph photo]

One particularly delighted youngster throws back her head and starts to giggle.

On this Sunday afternoon in the brightly-lit Solar Stage Children's Theatre in North York, Schneider is practising a craft he has honed for 18 years – entertaining children.

The songwriter and musician was performing numbers from his most recent children's album *Country Kiddie Boogie*, a collection of children's songs with a western theme.

The album combines boot-stomping, fiddle-racing songs like *Sing a Country Song*, with soulful, mellow tunes like *Listen to the Raindrops*.

Some songs have obvious messages. *Be-Believe In You*, for example, assures children they can achieve if only they believe in themselves. *Give a Little Cuddle* encourages kids to cuddle or pat a friend who is feeling blue.

His performances include young background singers dubbed the Rainbow Kids because of the multi-ethnic nature of past performers. The groups sometimes include children with developmental or physical disabilities.

Rainbow Kids are chosen from schools in the cities where Schneider performs.

"It's rewarding and fulfilling... I've had the opportunity to work with all kinds of kids," Schneider says.

The experience of being a Rainbow Kid or being chosen to sing in front of an audience often boosts children's self-esteem, Schneider says.

"I met parents years after, saying ...this kid had just come from Germany or something, and he was very upset, he wouldn't speak, he had no friends; and from that experience [being a Rainbow Kid], he just blossomed. That's happened a lot," Schneider says.

Schneider began writing songs for children when he worked as a teacher's aide at a North York summer school in the late '70s.

Most of the students were in English As A Second Language (ESL) classes or had come from countries where the English dialect is different, he says.

Instead of singing traditional songs with them, like *Old Macdonald Had A Farm*, he made up songs with the kids.

One of his most successful and well-loved songs, *Listen to the Water*, was created on a field trip that summer.

The class was walking near a stream, which Schneider thinks was the Don River.

Another teacher's aide asked whether he knew any songs about the water, but he didn't have his guitar.

"For some reason, I just sang 'Listen to the Water' – it just came right out," he says.

When they got back to the classroom, Schneider asked the children what they had seen by the waterside and incorporated their observations into the song. Together, they also made up actions.

The song has been so popular that Schneider continues performing it at all his shows, says his manager, Hallary Dworet, who has co-written some of his songs.

After that summer stint, Schneider was asked to help teach children in ESL programs twice a week in the fall, writing songs with them to help them learn English.

Parents and teachers started asking for his music on tape and Schneider decided to record the songs, many of which he had created with the children.

"It became clear from the feedback I was getting from teachers and parents there was something pretty special going on with what I was doing. All the stuff I do with kids is original music," he says.

This creative approach to songwriting paid off: In the early '80s, Schneider won a Juno award for his second album *When You Dream A Dream*.

Since then, he has produced five albums and now entertains in concert halls, schools and malls, and sometimes at conventions and corporate parties.

Schneider often performs in the United States and he will be touring California schools for three weeks.

He will return to Canada for more concerts, Dworet says, but the dates are not yet set.

When he does come back, he will undoubtedly once again captivate his audience as he has done at the Solar Stage, where his performance comes to an end with *Just Friends*, the last song in his album.

The children are now quiet. Schneider sings softly: "Sharing a daydream/ Sharing a song/ Makes you feel happy/ Makes you feel strong."

He approaches the audience and gives the children high fives.

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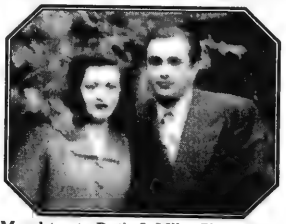
Happy second birthday Marc Eisen from grandparents Paula Bernstein, Myriam & Jaime Eisen of N. Miami Beach, great-grandfathers Nathan Garnick and Abe Bernstein.

Trudi Mondrow graduated on the dean's honor roll from York University in June with a degree in psychology and religious studies. Mazel tov from her proud family.

A surprise 80th birthday party was given by Florrie Kay for her husband Ralph. Family and friends joined in the celebration.

Esther & Cyril Finklestein announce the engagement of Ron to Robin Bercovitch. Grandparents Jack & Claire Cohen, Harry & Leona Finklestein; great-grandmother, Lena Brown.



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Lusette & Stan Shapson, Gail & Joe Forberg announce the engagement of Dara to Howard. Grandparents are Sima & Dave Forberg and Katie Shapson, Montreal.

Barbados: A wonderful place for tans, beaches — and synagogues?

By HENRY SREBRNIK
Special to The CJN

Very few Jewish visitors travel to Barbados in order to see a synagogue, no matter how old or lovely it is.

When the winds begin to swirl snow into foot-high drifts and temperatures fall below zero a few months from now, it will be the tropical sun, white sandy beaches, and the excellent food and entertainment at posh hotels, that beckon the winter-weary tourist to this lovely Caribbean island.

However, as any guide book will indicate, there is also much to explore, on land and in the warm turquoise waters that surround the island.

For those who want to rent a car to see the sights, the whole island is just 34 kilometres long and 23 kilometres wide and the roads, while sometimes poorly marked, are paved.

Pay a visit to Harrison's Cave, where a little train transports you underground through a maze of caverns, springs and waterfalls, encased by crystallized limestone created over thousands of years.

Visit Welchman Hall Gully, a fascinating primeval rain forest with 200 species of tropical plants. Tour the Barbados Wildlife Reserve at the northern tip of the island, with its Barbados green monkeys, tortoises, and other animals and birds. Join an island safari and hang on for dear life as your Land Rover hurtles through sugar cane fields and up the steep cliffs along the rugged and mountainous eastern side of the island.

Go diving, swimming and snorkeling while cruising on a catamaran sailing out of Bridgetown harbor. And journey in the 65-foot long Atlantis submarine out to the coral reefs where, at 150 feet below sea level, the ocean teems with marine life, including sea turtles, barracudas and all types of colorful tropical fish.

But even if you do little else but bask in the sun, don't pass up a visit to the synagogue in the heart of Bridgetown, the bustling, pleasant – and very safe – capital of this democratic and vibrant country.

Inside the Nidhe Israel Synagogue.

Located at Synagogue Lane, near James Street and Magazine Lane, the current building dates from 1833. It replaced an earlier structure, built in the 17th century, which was destroyed by a hurricane.

A Jewish community has been a part of Barbados since 1654, when Sephardim arrived in this British colony after fleeing Recife, Brazil, following its recapture from the Dutch by the Portuguese (and their Inquisition). They brought with them their skills and knowledge of cane sugar culture and became prominent members of the island's commercial class.

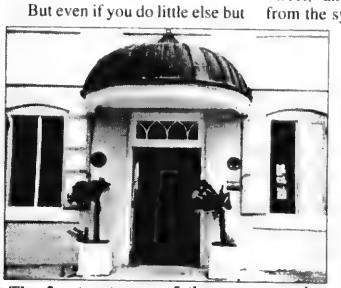
David de Mercado developed a new type of sugar mill which catapulted Barbados into the world market as a leading producer of sugar and rum. One of the main thoroughfares in colonial Bridgetown was named Jew Street. Still an important shopping venue, it is now called Swan Street, and is located a block from the synagogue.

But by the early 20th century most Jews had left Barbados for greener pastures and the synagogue fell into disrepair and was finally sold. In 1934 the Torahs were sent to Bevis Marks, the Spanish and Portuguese synagogue in London, the beautiful chandeliers were sold to a Delaware museum, and the furniture was auctioned off.

For the next 50 years the building would house offices. It was finally acquired in 1982 by the Barbados National Trust, which resolved to rededicate the structure as a Jewish house of worship as well as a museum.

Restoration of the synagogue began in the mid-1980s, and the Barbadian postal authorities issued a set of four commemorative stamps to mark the occasion. The refurbishment of the interior is not yet complete: On the day we visited last spring, workers were still painting and putting some finishing touches on the walls.

The exterior is, however, finished, and an outside stairway again leads to the women's gallery upstairs, in a style typical of West Indian Sephardi synagogues. Some of the headstones in the two cemeteries adjoining the synagogue are over 300 years old, with inscriptions in Portuguese as well as Hebrew. For any Jewish traveller to Barbados, the Bridgetown synagogue is well worth the extra effort.



The front entrance of the synagogue in Bridgetown, Barbados.

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Bone marrow donation information meeting planned

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jeffrey Bornstein and Jason Rosen don't seem to have much in common.

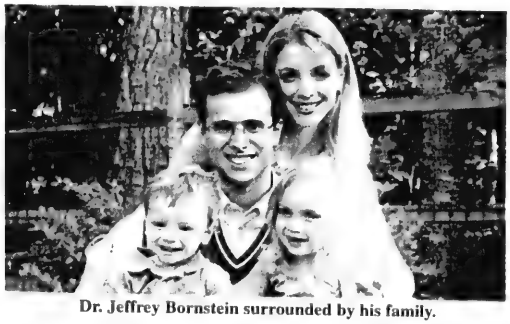
The Montreal-born Bornstein is a doctor, married, with two children. Rosen is a university student from Toronto.

But the two men have a serious medical problem in common. Both have leukemia, and they both need a bone marrow transplant to survive.

Once again, members of Toronto's Jewish community are being asked to come out to be tested as potential donors for Bornstein, Rosen, or any other person who may need a bone-marrow transplant.

Those interested in helping are asked to come to Beth Tikvah synagogue on Oct. 25, at 8 p.m. for an information meeting about the National and International Bone Marrow Registries, and to learn more about bone marrow donation itself.

Jason Rosen



Dr. Jeffrey Bornstein surrounded by his family.

After the meeting, those who wish to be tested will be given appointments at MDS Labs, which has offices throughout the city. Results will be given to the Canadian and international bone marrow registries.

This procedure is different from what was done at previous mass screenings when attending an information meeting was not mandatory. The procedure changed because a noticeable number of people called to come for the second round of tests had changed their minds about being donors.

The information meeting is being held under the auspices of Jewish Women International (JWI) and Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Lynn Sokoloff, a member of the national executive of JWI, and a former neighbor and friend of the Bornstein family when she and her family lived in Montreal, is co-ordinating the screening.

When she heard about Bornstein – he grew up with her son – she knew she had to do something concrete to help.

"It was a friend helping a friend. I realized it could strike any of us or our loved ones," she recently told *The CJN*.

There has already been a screening in Montreal – at Congregation Beth Tikvah in Dollard-Des-Ormeaux – which drew 2,300 people, Sokoloff said.

Bornstein, 29, is a transplant hepatologist. Members of his family have been tested, but are not suitable donors. Without a bone-marrow transplant, he may die in three years and with it, he has the chance for a normal life.

Jason Rosen, 20, was supposed to start studying political science at Concordia University in Montreal. Instead, he is in the hospital, enduring his second round of chemotherapy. He, too, needs a bone-marrow transplant if he is to survive acute myelogenous leukemia.

His aunt, Marsha Rosen, spoke about Jason. "He is such a sweet person, always smiling. He is the apple of his parents' Allen and Marilyn's eyes, and his sister Jessica's too."

Jason likes music, going to the family cottage, communing with nature, golf and swimming. He loves his dog, a golden Lab named Cato.

Ironically, the father of the young man who was supposed to be Rosen's roommate also needed a bone-marrow transplant. Through the International Bone Marrow Registry, a donor was found for him in the Netherlands.

For more information, call Sokoloff, 905-881-1337; Jewish Women International, 416-630-9313; or Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 416-221-3433.

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About Nutrition

By LISA WEINBERG

Q. I always hear people talking about getting more vitamin C in their diets. Where is vitamin C found and what does it do?

A. Vitamin C is an antioxidant that may have protective properties against cancers, cataracts and heart disease. The recommended amount for adults daily (RDA) is 60 mg.

Here are some foods that are very good sources of vitamin C: red pepper – 4 ounces contain 215 mg; 1 cup orange juice – 125 mg; 1 cup apple juice – 105 mg; 1 cup fresh strawberries – 85 mg.

Q. I have an 11-month-old son and I know I should be helping him make the transition to table food, but I am unsure about which foods are still unsafe for him at this age?

A. By their first birthday, children should be fully on table food. Here are the foods that you have to worry about: Honey should not be introduced until the first birthday because of a risk of food poisoning in small infants. Food must be cut up properly to eliminate the risk of choking (i.e., grapes, hot dogs, etc.) Do not give large peas, nuts, popcorn, or other similar foods until about age three.

The only other food group to watch is nuts. Most pediatricians suggest waiting to introduce nuts until age two, although the Canadian Pediatric Association says it's safe after one (not whole nuts though due to choking risk). Unless you have a family history of food allergies, all foods are safe to introduce at this stage.

Lisa Weinberg is a registered dietitian/nutritionist, specializing in pediatric and adult nutrition in Toronto. If you have any nutrition questions, send them to The CJN.

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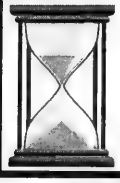

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Rabbi's task is to build bridges within Israel

By RABBI DOW MARMUR

The inclusion of Meimad, the small left-leaning Orthodox party, in the list headed by Ehud Barak in the last Israeli elections was an imaginative attempt to persuade religious Israelis to vote for the political centre.

Profile

Barak's victory obligated him to find a place in his cabinet for Rabbi Michael Melchior, the leader of Meimad, even though the party's impact on the Israeli electorate seems to have been small.

To make room for the newcomer, while keeping other coalition promises, Barak had to expand his cabinet. But he had no real portfolio to give to Rabbi Melchior, so he took him into his office and made him, *de facto*, Israel's first minister for Jewish Affairs.

It is a most welcome move. Though by all accounts, Rabbi Melchior has neither staff nor budget, his brief is to liaise with Diaspora Jewry and to build bridges within Israel between all streams and denominations in Judaism.

It is high time that the government of Israel paid attention, even in this modest way, to the relationship between Jews and Jews. In the long run, it is likely to be more decisive for the future of the Jewish state even than peace between Jews and Arabs.

Rabbi Melchior is sensitive to the challenge. What programs may not be able to achieve, his personality and passion may accomplish. Few, if any, Israeli politicians have such intimate experience of both Israel and Jewish life in the Diaspora.

As a brilliant graduate of Yeshivat Hakotel, one of the prestigious institutions of higher rabbinic learning in Israel, and as a meticulously observant Jew, Rabbi Melchior is rooted in Israel and has the necessary credentials in the Orthodox community.

As a champion for human rights in Israel and elsewhere, he is respected by secularists with whom he has co-operated in many campaigns. As an intelligent and mature human being he knows how to get along with people of all faiths and none.

Perhaps his greatest asset is his appreciation of non-Orthodox religious movements. Though he strongly disagrees with them, he understands them and accepts their leaders' integrity and commitment to the Jewish people.

He learnt it, as Isaac Bashevis Singer would have put it, "in his father's court." For until his retirement a few years ago, his father, Bent, served as the chief rabbi of Denmark for more than three decades. Himself an Orthodox Jew, he knew that the small community in his country needed an open approach, especially when it came to conversion of non-Jewish spouses.

Michael Melchior

Rabbi Bent Melchior had succeeded *his* father, Marcus, as chief rabbi. Like Marcus in his time, Bent is today a commanding presence in Danish public life. His is a liberal, deeply religious voice in the nation's debates. He is a staunch and effective defender of Jews and Judaism. But he has also been a passionate critic of reactionary politics in Israel, where many members of his family have settled and where he himself had fought in the 1948 War of Independence.

Rabbi Michael Melchior became the spiritual leader of the Jewish community in Oslo even before he was ordained, and he has retained that position until his election to the Knesset this year. Though for much of that time he has lived in Israel, he is close to his congregation and respected by the Norwegian public.

Rabbi Michael Melchior has participated in many momentous events that linked Norway to the Jewish people, including Elie Wiesel's receipt of the Nobel Peace Prize and the compensation the Norwegian government recently granted its Jewish community for the devastation caused by the Nazi Quisling regime during World War II.

One can only guess that he must have been around at the time of the Oslo accords that gave new impetus to the Israeli-Arab peace process.

His family has not only a distinguished rabbinic record. Many of its members have also been active in political life in Israel and Denmark. Thus his late uncle, Werner David Melchior, worked for many years for Israel's Labor party; his uncle Arne Melchior is a member of the Danish parliament and a former cabinet minister.

Rabbi Michael Melchior seems to have learned much from both the rabbis and the politicians he grew up with. Though only a short time in office, he has already made prudent pronouncements that repudiate the Orthodox demonization of Reform and Conservative Jews. He has also shown great sensitivity to Diaspora concerns about the resurgence of anti-Semitism. And he has made important personal contacts with non-Orthodox spokespersons in Israel and elsewhere.

However, in politics in general and Israeli politics in particular, it is not enough to be qualified and well-intentioned. Given the clout of other forces in the Barak cabinet, it is by no means certain that Rabbi Melchior will be allowed to do his job.

The question is still open whether his appointment is an expedient way of pacifying Meimad or a serious attempt to build bridges in an effort to prevent further fragmentation in the Jewish world.

Hence the importance of Diaspora pressure on Barak not to write out of the script he is now crafting for Israel in the next century one of the brightest and most original members of his cabinet. Hence also the need for Minister Melchior to get to know Jewish communities everywhere. Canada should be high on his list of countries to be visited soon.

Rabbi Dow Marmur is senior rabbi of the Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto. He has known Rabbi Michael Melchior since Melchior's childhood.

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THE PHOENIX RISES
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Heat turned up in Tel Aviv; beat Maccabi 126–91

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — There was no miracle here in Israel – at least not last week, when the NBA's Miami Heat defeated Maccabi Tel Aviv by a score of 126-91.

The exhibition basketball game was the first between an NBA team and an Israeli team in the Jewish state since Maccabi Tel Aviv defeated the Washington Bullets in 1978.

The high point for the home team came in the first half, when Maccabi tied the score 36-36 in the middle of the second quarter.

The nearly 9,000 spectators packed into the Yad Eliahu stadium were on their feet.

But Heat coach, Pat Riley, returned superstars Tim Hardaway and Alonzo Mourning to the court, and from then on, the only question was what the margin of the Heat victory would be.

The Heat outshot its hosts 55 percent to 35 percent, and outrebounded them, by 66-32. In the final quarter, Riley sent in his bench players, which slightly evened out the game.

'We beat a good team'

At a postgame news conference, Riley said Miami played well, considering that it was an exhibition game.

"We beat a good team, but we had more talent," Riley said. "All we kept hearing before we came was that the Bullets had come here and lost," he added, referring to the 1978 match.

Riley said he was impressed with Maccabi's Nate Huffman, who scored 14 points and pulled down 11 rebounds.

Asked if he thought Huffman had NBA potential, Riley said, "He's just a bit raw, but he's big, smart, mobile and can shoot."

Maccabi coach Pinni Gershon seemed relatively pleased as well.

"It's not so nice to lose by such a wide margin, but it's not terrible. This is one of the best teams in the NBA and could win the championship," he said.

"We saw the differences between the NBA and Europe," but we had a "good performance and the crowd enjoyed it," Gershon said.

Before the game, there was a moment of silence to honor Ted Arison, the Israeli American businessman and founder of the Heat, who recently died in Tel Aviv at the age of 75.

Ted Arison

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Olympics conflicts resolved

By RUTH KAHANE GOLDBERG
Special to The CJN

SYDNEY, Australia — Unable to change the Sydney 2000 Olympics closing ceremonies scheduled for Rosh Hashanah, Australian Jewish officials have ensured Jewish athletes the right to pray instead of play.

Rosh Hashanah services for athletes and officials will be held at the Olympic Village Multi-Faith Centre as part of a compromise struck with the Olympic organizing committee.

"It was totally inflexible about moving the date of the final ceremonies," says Amanda Gordon, head of the Sydney Olympics Jewish Organizing Committee (SOJOC), vice-president of the New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies and member of the multicultural advisory committee to the Sydney Olympics Organizing Committee (SOCOG).

"There is now a general understanding of the importance of Rosh Hashanah replacing the lack of understanding" originally shown, she said.

The appeal to SOCOG for religious consideration began in 1993 when Oct. 1, 2000 was announced as the date of the final ceremonies.

Rabbi Mendel Kastel, Jewish chaplain to the Sydney Olympics and assistant rabbi at the Great Synagogue, says services will be provided for the Israeli team and Jewish athletes and officials from around the world.

They will be held in the Multi-Faith Centre to be built at the Olympic Village, in a large common hall to be equipped for services by the Jewish community. On-site accommodation will be provided for the Jewish chaplain.

In carrying out his role, Rabbi Kastel plans to have a member of his chaplaincy team on duty over the entire Olympic-Paralympic period. An emergency disaster plan has been developed; there are plans to build a sukkah in the Olympic Village.

Sydney synagogues will host Olympic visitors for Rosh Hashanah, and Rabbi Kastel says that the Great Synagogue, a historic landmark located in downtown Sydney, is considering an additional service to accommodate Olympic visitors.

SOJOC is planning a drop-in welcome centre to be run by B'nai Brith. The centre will provide tours of Jewish Sydney and sell kosher meals. It will be situated at the Hakoah Club in Bondi Beach which operates a major Jewish recreation centre. SOJOC also plans to help visitors arrange kosher homes for Shabbat, Rosh Hashanah and Sukkot.

The SOJOC web site at www.join.org.au/sojoc is currently conducting a survey to find out the needs of potential visitors to the Sydney Olympics.

"We are opening up the Sydney Jewish community to the world," says Gordon.

Israel draws Denmark in soccer playoff

By JOSEPH SERGE
Arts and Travel Editor

Although Israel's soccer team lost to the much superior Spanish side 3-0 recently, it had enough points to qualify for the playoff round for the 2000 European Cup.

Israel finished second in its group, behind Spain and will now face Denmark in a home/away playoff. The winner advances to next summer's tournament to be held in Belgium and Holland.

Although Denmark won the European Cup in 1994, they haven't been very consistent since then. They beat the Italians in Naples, but in a recent exhibition match they only drew Iran.

Although most betting odds favor Denmark, [they are a technically superior team] don't count the Israelis out. They have done well in the qualifying so far, and have been impressive at home.

Israel will host the first of the two games at the National Stadium in Ramat Gan on Nov. 17. The return match will be played on Nov. 21.

The Inside Back

ספרותנו

מאת: יעל זליגר

רומיה ומרבד הקסמים; סיפורי סבתא או סיפור על סבתא...

כמה נחמד לקרוא סיפור שאינו מתיימר להיות בבחינת ספרות זו או אחרת אלא סתם כך, סיפור על סבתא כשהיתה קטנה. ובאמת, כבר מזמן לא היו לנו סיפורי סבתא מוצלחים. ומתי בעצם נכתבה ספרות עברית לילדים מתוך רצון אמיתי לדעת ולזכור חיים שהיו בכפר בפולניה, או ברוסיה או עיראק? על פי רוב, מה שתואר היה שלב העלייה מהנכר והקליטה בארץ ישראל אך לא ממש סיפורים אותנטים על החיים "שם".

מבחינה זו, הספר שלפנינו הוא ייחודי. רומיה ומרבד הקסמים הוא סיפור שסופר לסופרת שמחה סיאני על ידי הוריה חנה וויוסף. שמחה סיפרה אותו לילדיה איריס ואודי והם מספרים את הסיפור לארבעת ילדיהם.

ובכן, רומיה היא ילדה טובה שנולדה בתימן, אחות לששה אחים. רומיה הקסימה את כולם. היא גדלה והיתה לילדה יפה ועליזה. היא גם היתה חרוצה ואהבה לקום מוקדם בבוקר ולעזור לאמא בעבודות הבית והמשק. אך לרומיה היתה בעיה אחת רצינית; היא היתה חסרת סבלנות ונוהגת שלא להקשיב עד סוף המשפט. כך למשל, יום אחד אמרה אמא לרומיה למהר ולטאטא את החדר לפני שאבא ישוב מבית הכנסת ולגרש את הזבובים. אלא שרומיה לא הקשיבה לסוף, ולא שמעה את סיום המשפט: "את הזבובים" והחלה מגרשת את סבתא חנה שישבה על המחצלת ורקמה. כמובן שסבתא חנה נדהמה ונעלבה. ביום אחר אמא בקשה מרומיה להוריד את הכביסה מה... ולא סיימה את המשפט וכבר רומיה מזנקת להוריד את הכביסה מהחבל. אלא שהכביסה עדיין היתה רטובה והאם בעצם רק בקשה להסיר את הכביסה המקופלת מעל למחצלת. לאחר עוד כמה ארועים דומים ומביכים, מזהירה האם את רומיה; "רומיה, אם לא תלמדי להקשיב - יהיו לך הרבה מקרים לא נעימים, ולא רק בבית."

יום אחד, זמן מה לפני ראש השנה, הביא סבא יוסף מתנה יקרה ביותר; מרבד קסמים. ההתפעלות היתה רבה. סבא הסביר שאת המרבד ארגו משפחת שבזי, וצריך רק לפרוש את המרבד על הקרקע, לקפל את הפינה הימנית ומרבד הקסמים מתרומם לו וטס בשמים... ובעוד הסבא מדבר, מיהרה רומיה לשבת על המרבד, ולקפל את הפינה הימנית ולקול צחוקה המתגלגל, התרומם המרבד והחל לטוס לגבהים והרוח ליטפה את תלתליה השחורים של רומיה. את צווחתו של הסבא "לא שמעת את ההסבר עד הסוף... לא שמעת איך מורידים את מרבד הקסמים לקרקע" אכן רומיה כבר לא שמעה.

שעות ארוכות חלפו ורומיה נדהמת משלל יופי המראות הנשקפים מלמעלה. היא חשה חופשיה ומאושרת "כמו הצפרים שלוו אותה במעופן." עבר היום והשמש כבר החלה שוקעת ואז עלה בדעתה של רומיה שהגיעה העת לשוב לקרקע אלא שלאסונה היא מבינה שאין היא יודעת כיצד לרדת. את קריאותיה איש לא שמע והיא בוכה וזועקת אך ממשיכה לרחף באוויר. כבר חושך מסביב, העטלפים המפחידים נתקלים בה ומרבד הקסמים נע מצד לצד כמו סירה בים סוער. מרוב עייפות נרדמה רומיה ואם חשבתם, קוראים יקרים, שכאשר תתעורר, יקרה איזה נס או שסתם היה זה חלום - טעות. כדרכו של סיפור סבתא של ממש, רומיה ממשיכה לרחף בין שמים וארץ.

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1 tsp cinnamon	1 cup raisins
1/2 cup chopped walnuts	1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries
raw sugar	

Mix well and spoon into cupcake tin, filling to the top. Smooth the top with a spoon and sprinkle a little sugar on top. (Note: They will be very thick and will rise only slightly.) Bake at 425°F for 18 minutes. Cool. Yield: 8 muffins.

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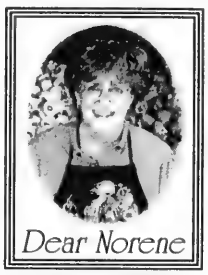

By NORENE GILLETZ

A frequent question I am asked is "Will it freeze?"

Here are some simple guidelines to post on your freezer door for reference. Read the manufacturer's manual for general information.

Your freezer saves you valuable time in meal preparation and shopping. When you entertain, much of the work can be reduced if you prepare and freeze in advance.

Freezing preserves food in its most natural state but doesn't improve quality. Stock up when prices are low or certain foods are in season. Rotate frozen foods, using the oldest ones first. Although foods may be safe to eat if frozen past the recommended time, taste or texture may be affected.

Wrap foods well before freezing to prevent them from absorbing odors. Use heavy-duty freezer bags, or double-wrap with heavy-duty foil. Squeeze out excess air, as it dries out foods. Avoid surprises – mark packages with contents, quantity and date frozen.

Make double or triple batches of recipes for future meals. Freeze in portions suitable for your family. Pack extra single portions for unexpected company or for quick kid-sized meals. Smaller packages of food freeze and defrost faster than larger ones.

Here's a great trick! Line your casserole dish with heavy-duty foil. Prepare the desired food and freeze it in a foil-lined casserole. When frozen solid, lift the wrapped food from the casserole. Now your casserole is free for everyday use!

When needed, place the frozen food back in the original casserole to defrost. Reheat it in the microwave or oven.

Foods stored in the freezer compartment of the refrigerator cannot be stored as long as foods in an upright or chest freezer because the door is opened more often.

If there's a power failure, don't panic – and don't open the freezer door or precious cold air will escape. If the freezer is fully stocked, contents will remain frozen for at least two days; if half-full, at least one full day. If power remains off longer, place dry ice on top of food.

Frozen food that is completely thawed should be used as soon as possible. If there are still some ice crystals, it can be refrozen, but there could be a change in texture. If frozen raw chicken or meat is defrosted, cook it; then you can refreeze it. Cookies, cakes and breads can be refrozen even if completely thawed. So freeze with ease!

Norene Gilletz, a Canadian author of kosher cookbooks, gives lectures and cooking demonstrations throughout North America. Submit cooking questions to The CJN *Contact Norene at goodfood@gourmania.com*

Crossword Puzzle

The Canadian Jewish news

Sages and Scholars

By Matt Gaffney and David Bianco (QSyndicate@aol.com)

Across

1 Mother of nursery rhymes
6 Oak of the future
11 Beastie Boys' genre
14 Sarah's husband, at first
15 Coffeeshop order
16 Ring name
17 First Hasidic Jew
19 Smattering
20 Novelist Ferber
21 World's Fair
22 First word of Fred Flintstone's cry
24 Common conjunction
26 Uncouth type
28 Muckraker Jacob
29 Woman of Quebec
32 Hare ___
34 In the manner of
35 Nike offering
37 Gave shelter to
40 502, in Ancient Judea
41 ___ Avivan
42 El Al property
43 Wedding day words
44 Labor leader Gompers
46 Ancient Hebrew unit of measure equal to 6 cubits
47 Physique
48 *Talmud* source
50 Semiprecious stones
52 Tolstoy character
54 Ready
55 Wisdom comes with it
56 "There you have it!"
58 Semicircles
60 Winter month
64 ___ City (part of Jerusalem)
65 He organized and compiled the Mishnah
68 Suffix with Manhattan or Israel
69 In reserve
70 "___ out!" ("Stop!")
71 ___ Moines
72 Lisa of "The Cosby Show"
73 "Goosebumps" author R. L.

Down

1 Comic Kaplan
2 Book before Jon.
3 Algerian port
4 Hello in Aleppo
5 Printing measures
6 NYSE rival
7 Be a smart shopper
8 They have eight arms
9 Greek consonant
10 Army rival
11 He developed the exegetical method of the Mishnah
12 Defendant's defense
13 Mediterranean breads
18 Common contraction
23 Florence's river
25 Lipton competitor
27 Lauder of perfume
29 Rubik's Cube and the hula hoop
30 *On the Waterfront* director Kazan
31 Developer of the 13 Principles of Faith
32 ___ *Nidre*
33 It's often kosher
36 ___ Kitchen (section of New York City)
38 Billy of pop
39 Says yes without speaking
42 Wandering ___ (plant variety)
45 ___ Mountains (divider of Europe and Asia)
46 Business world struggles, collectively
49 Intro
51 Snickers ingredient
52 Dodge
53 Streisand's "The Prince of Tides" costar
55 Baseball bat wood
57 "Get ___" (Silhouettes hit)
59 Letter after *zayin*
61 Orthodox Jews living in Israel
62 "A ___ 'apple'"
63 Brith Milah, for exa...
66 Popular card game
67 Anti-smoking gr...

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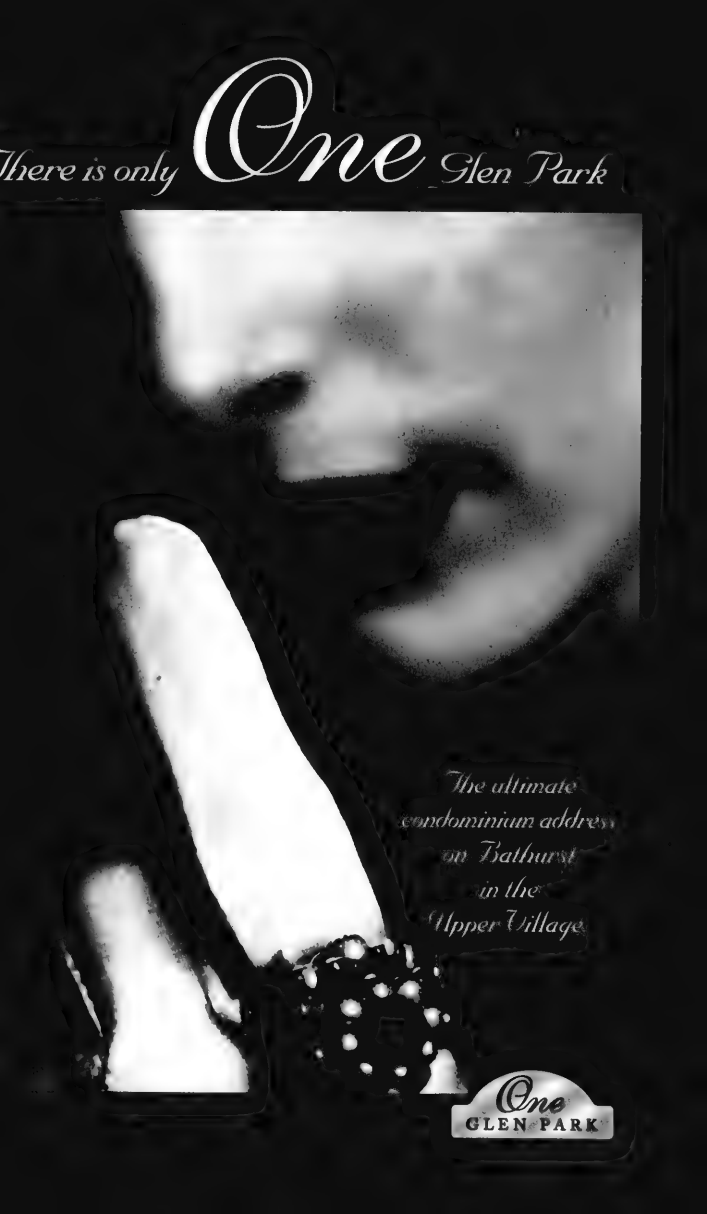
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Legacy of Rabin murder: Israelis are still coping

Young and old made their way to Yitzhak Rabin's grave in Jerusalem and to Rabin square in Tel Aviv last week on the fourth anniversary of the assassination of the former prime minister. Israel's Prime Minister Ehud Barak and his wife Nava place a stone on Rabin's grave on Mount Herzl. In the photo on the right we see a young woman seated near the memorial plaque at the spot where Rabin was gunned down in Tel Aviv. *Please see editorial on page 8.*
[RNS/Reuters and Isranet photo]

'When you meet face to face... all the stigmas are wrong'

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Four years after the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, Israelis are still grappling with the social chasm the murder revealed.

In an effort to heal some of those rifts, secular and religious youths attempted, if only for a day, to seek out what unites them.

As commemorations began last week, hundreds of high school students met in a "dialogue tent" set up in the Tel Aviv square where Rabin was slain.

The images of ponytailed secular teens exchanging words with their religious counterparts provide some signs of encouragement that the gaps separating Israelis might one day diminish.

"We still may not agree, but perhaps we understand that the dismantling of settlements may be incredibly painful for one side, while making another side happy," one participant told Israel Radio.

Four years later

"When you meet face to face, you realize all the stigmas are wrong," Aviad, a 17-year-old student from a religious school in Haifa, told the Israeli daily *Ma'ariv*.

Israel's national day of mourning for Rabin, following the Hebrew calendar date of the assassination, began last Wednesday with a candlelighting ceremony at the presidential residence.

Other events included a state memorial ceremony at his grave at Mt. Herzl in Jerusalem and a special Knesset session.

The anniversary was marked as settler leaders began dismantling several settlements in the West Bank, sometimes facing opposition from younger, more militant settlers.

Four years ago, in the weeks preceding the slaying, settlers launched large-scale protests across Israel against turning over any West Bank territory to the Palestinians.

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CANADA

Abella Named Chair

TORONTO — Justice Rosalie Abella of the Ontario Court of Appeal has been named the first James R. Bullock Visiting Chair in Canadian Studies at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Abella will deliver public lectures at the university's Halbert Centre for Canadian Studies and the law school, as well as meet with members of the academic and legal communities.

Skinheads Sentenced

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region, has commended a judge for imposing harsher sentences than those recommended by the Crown in the sentencing of six neo-Nazi skinheads last week. The accused received jail terms ranging from 15 months to three months for beating up several non-racist skinheads. The sentences were up to five times longer than those suggested by the Crown.

Councillor Loses Bid

VANCOUVER — Vancouver's only Jewish city councillor has been ousted from his party's slate in the Nov. 20 municipal elections. Alan Herbert lost his bid for renomination when he failed to win the support of the Non-Partisan Association (NPA).

Israel Caravan '99

TORONTO — The Canadian Zionist Federation, in co-operation with Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, is announcing Israel Caravan '99, a travelling musical and education program from Israel. It will go to Kitchener-Waterloo, St. Catharines, Kingston, London, Windsor and Toronto from Oct. 30 to Nov. 3. Admission is free. The Toronto event will take place Oct. 31 at the Bathurst Jewish Centre from 7:30 to 9 p.m. For details, call 633-3988.

Milt Lewis Honored

HAMILTON — Prominent local lawyer Milt Lewis has been named to the Hamilton Gallery of Distinction. The presentation of an award will take place at a Nov. 10 dinner at the Hamilton Convention Centre. Lewis is a former strategist and organizer for the Liberal party, and a one-time president of Beth Jacob Synagogue.

ISRAEL

Immigrant Was Spy

JERUSALEM — An immigrant from the former Soviet Union was convicted last week of spying for the KGB. Valery Kaminsky pleaded guilty to providing the KGB with classified information he culled from his son, an Israeli soldier, and in his work as an airplane maintenance technician at an air force base between 1976 and 1993.

TV Host Tortured

JERUSALEM — A Palestinian talk show host spoke out on Israeli television last week after Palestinian security forces held him for 20 days because a guest on his program denounced Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat. Maher Dasuki said he was blindfolded, tortured and called a collaborator during his prison stint.

WORLD

Widow Wants Papers

NEW YORK — Oskar Schindler's widow is claiming the contents of her late husband's suitcase, which a German newspaper began publishing last week. Emilie Schindler, who was estranged from her husband after 1958, told the German newsweekly *Stern* that she would fly to Germany from her home in Buenos Aires in the next few days to claim the papers. The *Stuttgart Zeitung*, which is publishing the papers, said it plans to donate the papers to Yad Vashem.

Joint Team Set Up

ROME — The Vatican and Jewish leaders have agreed to set up a team of Jewish and Catholic scholars to review published Vatican archival material relating to World War II. The move, announced last week, stops short of complying with long-standing Jewish demands that the Vatican open its wartime archives to outside researchers in order, among other things, to clarify the actions of wartime Pope Pius XII.

Article 'Anti-Semitic'

TOKYO — The Simon Wiesenthal Centre is calling on advertisers in Japan's second largest weekly magazine to pressure the publication to retract an anti-Semitic article. The Oct. 15 article in the *Shukan Post* stated that "Wall Street Jews" were behind an American company's Sept. 28 takeover of a Japanese credit bank, adding that the "Jewish financial clique" will "eat up" Japanese taxpayer money.

Auschwitz Anniversary

LONDON — Britain is planning to make the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz an annual Holocaust remembrance day. The first such commemoration is expected to occur Jan. 27, 2001.

Shul Vandalized

PARIS — Vandals set fire to a synagogue in a Paris suburb after damaging the shul's Torah scrolls. The incident took place in a suburb that has a large population of North African Jews.

Lauder Foundation Launches Three New Schools

VIENNA — Three new Jewish education facilities operated by the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation have been inaugurated in central Europe, marking further milestones on the road to a Jewish revival in the region.

Senior politicians joined schoolchildren, parents and teachers, Jewish community members and representatives of world Jewry at the ceremonies Oct. 10 to 12 in Berlin, Vienna and Warsaw.

Lauder himself, who established his foundation 12 years ago, attended events in all three cities. The foundation started with one school in Vienna with only about 100 pupils, and has grown to serve 7,800 schoolchildren in 15 countries.

"This is the realization of a dream that I had over a decade ago," Lauder said at the Oct. 12 ceremony in Warsaw that dedicated a new, expanded campus for the Lauder-Morasha school.

The ceremonies kicked off Oct. 10 with the opening of a new teacher-training and resource centre in eastern Berlin. On Oct. 11, a dedication took place for a state-of-the-art campus for the Lauder-Chabad school in Vienna, which will serve some 400 students, many of them recent immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

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CJC urges action on school health services funding

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Education Minister Janet Ecker promised to "move forward" on the Ontario government's commitment to extend health services to children who are not in public or separate schools.

The issue is being considered by three government ministries, Ecker said, but she did not give a firm date for its implementation, aside from the comment that she doubted there would be any action before August of next year.

Ecker was speaking to the executive of the Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress, and her promise came only after pressure was exerted by Keith Landy, Ontario region president.

"We want action and we expect results," Landy said in introducing her.

"The premier unlocked the door and you left it open," said Moshe Ronen, national CJC president.

"As I understand it, you have gone further than any Ontario government up to now."

Ontario Education Minister Janet Ecker with CJC Ontario region chair Keith Landy.

Though she responded favorably to Landy, she had bad news for about 50 members of the Jewish Day School Committee who crowded into the room.

Committee members asked that the Ontario government end its discrimination in failing to fund Jewish and other independent schools while giving financial aid to Catholic separate schools.

Ecker said she supported the government's decision to give financial help to the Catholic schools and gave no indication that any assistance would be forthcoming to others. "I worry about the fractionation of the school system."

On the other hand, the minister said her department would give close attention to a brief from Congress asking that a total of $6.5 million be allotted for health services for exceptional children: $3.7 million for 11,000 students in the Jewish Day School system, $1.5 million for 71 students in She'arim and $1.35 million for 50 students at Zareinu.

But she said it was "a complicated issue," pointing out that a total of 91,000 children attending independent schools, including the Jewish ones, are involved.

The minister faced a large sign at the back of the hall reading: "Fair Funding For All," and several signs held by students. One read: "Catholics, 100 percent, and Christians, Jews, Muslims and Sikhs, none. Is it right?"

Another read: "Stop religious discrimination by Ontario government." Standing under the sign, Georjanne Burke and Aviva Weiss of Ontario Parents for Equity in Education Funding (OPEEF) asked for a reversal of government policy.

"Some students are more equal than others," protested Wayne Levin, founder of OPEEF.

Osama Ghanim, principal of the Isna Islamic School, and M.D. Khalid of the Islamic Society of North America, were present.

Noting that the Ontario government is the only one in Canada that provides no funding for Jewish education, Igor Ellyn asked if that would be corrected by Aug. 14 of next year when international Jewish jurists meet here.

"I don't know if our action on health services will be ready by then, but I respect where you are coming from," Ecker replied.

Making a plea for students attending Zareinu, Gail Cadsky, whose grandson is at the school, said it costs $25,000 a child, and only two of the school's parents can afford the fee.

"Are you going to let us down?" she asked.

"Nobody wants these children to drown," the minister said. "Health services are only a step. I can't say where we go from here. I can't say yes or no."

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The fallen classic

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Over the years, through the tender-hearted yarns spun playfully by writers such as Roger Angell and Roger Kahn and W.P. Kinsella, the game of baseball has become enveloped in a gauze-like curtain of nostalgia and whimsy.

It is however, considerably more difficult these days to wax lyric about the professional game of baseball. After the strike of '94, many fans have grown distant from the teams, the owners and the players. Teams are increasingly seen by their fans as nothing more than temporary stops along the investment curves of owners and players; owners as hypocrites; players as mercenaries.

Indeed, for some, it may be more appropriate to refer to the World Series as the fallen classic.

Canadian baseball fans are experiencing our own particular angst right now.

Supporters of the Blue Jays worry that favorite sons Carlos Delgado and Shawn Green will refuse to accept the multi-year, mega-million dollar contract that the team will offer and as a result be traded far away into the hated colors of another team and into the rueful territory of "what-might-have-been" and "if-only."

Supporters of the Expos worry whether there will be a team at all next year in Montreal.

But, though the professional game of baseball may have alienated somewhat the affections of many fans, the game itself, that is, pure baseball uncluttered by the inverted values of the entertainment world, still deserves respect.

In that sense I agree with the Angells, the Kahns, and the Kinsellas who have written and continue to write fondly about the game, who, in one form or another have all contended that the game can be viewed as a metaphor for life.

In some ways, it is not too far a stretch to say that baseball replicates life. There are indeed many "lessons" about baseball that apply in equal measure to life.

A layman's cursory reflection yields at least six such lessons:

• *Baseball is not played against the clock.* The clock may become a factor in the game, but the outcome of the game never depends on the clock. Baseball allows the player to extract the full experience of the game without regard to the ticking down of minutes or the dying of seconds. Just as in life, individuals who work or "play" against the clock, deprive themselves of the essence of the activity in which they are involved.

• *The focus is on the individual* to "make the play," to drive in the run, even though forces are arrayed in opposition and a number of key circumstances are not in his or her total control.

• *But team effort is also vital.* An individual neither plays nor lives in isolation. What one does "on the field" always affects one's "teammates" too, and what others on the team do, affect the individual player.

• *Baseball can be played by everyone* regardless of size, gender, race, ancestry, place of origin, color, citizenship or creed.

• *There is always tomorrow* – except of course, at the very end of the season. One must wisely learn the lessons of defeat and humbly accept the rewards of victory. There is room neither for despair nor for complacency. Just as in life, baseball usually offers a second chance.

• *One should never give up.* For as we have been told about baseball countless times, "the game's not over till it's over."

To properly bid goodbye to the baseball season, I reproduce a poem by Canada's award-winning poet and baseball poet laureate, Shel Krakofsky. Very few writers capture as sweetly and as poignantly as Shel Krakofsky the really true messages common to both baseball and life.

–MBD

How to Call a Home Run

my wife cups hands over Friday candles
when I discover how to call a home run
without the repetitive and tiresome
going...going...gone!

there is no resonance
in the masquerading mediocrities
like the wooden call of
it's high…it's deep…good bye!

dramatic and magisterial
the home run is more nuanced
a ball that travels
to the other side of physical

the only sport that rewards
a journey beyond the bounds
past familiar horizon
triumph arrives with a ball at rest

as Dalia spreads whispered benedictions
across the field
a larger blazing ball
descends to Sabbath repose

I make the perfect call
Sunset, I sigh, a home run is
Sunset

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PRAYING THEIR 'OUTPOST' WON'T BE DISMANTLED
These young men conducted their early morning prayers last Tuesday on a rocky West Bank hilltop known as Hill 804 to protest the dismantling of the "outpost" there. [Reuters/RNS photo]

Toronto ORT launches mentoring program

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The first ever, after school, non-denominational, multicultural mentoring program in the Toronto area will be launched on Oct. 28, by Toronto ORT.

George Berger, president of Toronto ORT, said that with an increasing demand for people to be computer literate, job candidates need the skills that will be taught in the program to win even the most rudimentary entry-level jobs.

The establishment of the project was announced at Toronto region's ORT Canada's 25th Golden Circle Luncheon honoring communal volunteer Libby Dwor of Port Colborne, Ont., and Toronto.

The luncheon was held recently at the home of Hinda and Allan Silber.

Toronto ORT formed a partnership with The Bank of Montreal and IBM Canada, and will be working with six local Jewish social service agencies on the new project directed at children from families living below the poverty line.

Twenty-four students in grades 6 to 9 will take part in the pilot project. The three components which make this a unique program include a computer for home use; student-mentor matching; and one evening a week, a study skills and computer technology lesson.

In accepting her citation, honoree Dwor said, "Life has been good to me. I was fortunate to have had such a wonderful devoted husband for 43 years, four fabulous children and their equally fine mates, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren – many who are here today. I take none of this for granted."

Dwor has devoted her life to volunteerism and philanthropy in the fields of health and education, locally, nationally and internationally. She is a recipient of the Ontario Citizen Volunteer Award.

Dwor and her late husband, Richard, developed two projects in Israel – a sports complex in Tzur Nathan and a cultural centre in Kfar Menachem.

Dwor, who moved to Port Colborne in 1936 as a bride, spoke of her memories and the numerous Jewish and community projects she has been involved in over the years. Dwor has served as president of the Port Colborne General Hospital Auxiliary, as a member of the executive board of the United Israel Appeal of Canada Women's Division, and as a board member of the Community Concert Association.

In presenting the award to Dwor, Ruth Druxerman, who co-chaired the luncheon with Helen Marr, praised Dwor for her involvement in ORT and "for enriching many lives, strangers whose names you do not know but whom you have given the gift of education that works."

More than $85,000 was raised at the sold-out Golden Circle Luncheon.

Libby Dwor and George Berger, president of Toronto ORT. [Cynthia Gasner photo]

The money will support the ORT Young Women to the 21st Century project which will provide scholarships for young women pursuing careers in math, science and technology at ORT high schools in Israel.

Kathleen Crook, president of ORT Canada told of the need for a skilled and educated workforce in Israel. "Young women are being targeted to meet this demand."

Luncheon speaker, Heather Reisman, 51, founder, president and CEO of the Indigo Books, Music and Cafe chain, presented her perspective of women, in the past and where they are today.

Describing herself as "an optimistic spirit," she outlined developments for women through the '60s and '70s when women struggled for equality in the workplace and at the same time, tried to retain a complete commitment to the family. With women making difficult trade-offs, she suggested that in this generation, more discussion should be encouraged.

Others participating in the program included, Jehudi Kinar, consul general of Israel; Elinor Caplan, minister of immigration and citizenship; and Dwor's son, Mark.

Markham Lubavitch planning to honor Latinsky's memory

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

Sheryl Latinsky

TORONTO — The Chabad Lubavitch of Markham Sisterhood's annual Women Make a Difference event this year will honor the memory of Sheryl Latinsky.

The event will be held Nov. 2, at 8 p.m., at the synagogue, 83 Green Lane in Thornhill.

The guest speaker will be New York lecturer Miriam Swerdlow, who will speak on Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus, How Do We Get Along?

There will also be a fashion show by Chadwick's of Bayview Village. Decadent desserts and door prizes will round out the evening.

Previous honorees include volunteers from Zareinu and Bikur Cholim, and children of survivors.

Latinsky, 43, was killed in an automobile accident in September. She was a founding member of Chabad Lubavitch of Markham who remained very active and involved. She also volunteered for Reena and for the Starlight Theatre.

A widow, Latinsky is survived by her two children, Leonard, 18, and Raymond, 15, her father, Morrie Hackner, and four sisters.

A dedication booklet is being prepared in her memory. For information about the booklet or the event, call the shul, 905-886-0420.

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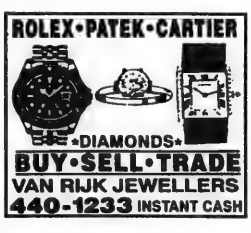

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Torah Ethics Program launched by Orthodox Caucus

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — More than 400 people jammed the sanctuary of Beth Jacob Congregation in North York for the recent launch of the Torah Ethics Program of the Orthodox Caucus.

Speaker Rabbi Jacob Schacter, spiritual leader of the Jewish Centre in New York, and incoming dean of the newly established Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik Institute in Boston, slammed people who believe that rebuking or humiliating others is acceptable as long as one's intentions are good.

"If someone hurts another, it is like putting a hand in fire," he said. "God doesn't want to hear your excuses or justification."

One of the best-known biblical stories dealing with this issue is that of Channah, the mother of the prophet Samuel, who for many years was unable to have a child with her husband Elkanah. Elkanah's other wife, Pnina, who was blessed with many children, teased and taunted Channah unmercifully.

Pnina, Rabbi Schacter explained, was a very good person, who acted as she did *l'shaim shomayim*, for the sake of heaven. "She wanted to help her. She knew that if Channah really davened [out of desperation and pain], God would respond to her prayers."

While that is in fact what happened, and Channah went on to have several children, Pnina suffered a terrible punishment. For each child Channah bore, one of Pnina's died.

The bottom line is that the holiest of purposes doesn't mean anything if one doesn't have *kevod haberiyot*, sensitivity and understanding.

The Talmud is replete with such examples, the rabbi said. He cited the examples of Korach, who questioned the authority of Moses and Aaron, and Bilaam, the evil prophet who was told by God through his (Bilaam's) donkey not to curse the Jewish people. When Aaron's wooden staff magically flowered and Korach's stayed bare, the people were shown the staffs not by Aaron, but by his son.

"You have to think of the dignity not only of a great scholar, but of a low-life like Korach," Rabbi Schacter said.

Similarly, immediately after the donkey prophesied to Bilaam, it died. Rabbi Schacter, describing Bilaam wryly as "not a nice guy," said God killed the donkey "so that the world wouldn't say that this is the animal that bested Bilaam in an argument."

Perhaps the most dramatic example was the story of Kamtza and Bar Kamtza. Bar Kamtza was invited in error to a feast given by his sworn enemy...The enemy insisted Bar Kamtza leave, even though he offered to pay for his meal, or for the whole feast, to avoid being humiliated.

Bar Kamtza, in a rage, went to the Roman emperor, and told him how to destroy Jerusalem. "God took the side of Bar Kamtza and destroyed the *bais hamikdash*, because of Bar Kamtza's *bousha* (humiliation)," Rabbi Schacter said. "That's how awful that kind of behavior is considered."

In the weeks before Rabbi Schacter's speech, the Torah Ethics Program Committee sent study guides and discussion ideas on *kevod haberiyot* to schools, shuls, organizations and individuals in the city. The rabbi said he deliberately chose to focus on different aspects of the topic in his presentation.

The Orthodox community in North America has made great strides in improving its relationship with God, Rabbi Schacter said. What it must focus on now, he said, is improving "sensitivity to one another, those with whom we interact, and especially with those we don't."

DEPUTY PM GUEST OF HONOR AT ELINOR CAPLAN DINNER

From left, at the first annual Elinor Caplan dinner – a fundraiser for the Thornhill Federal Liberal Riding Assocation – are Robert Kaplan, former federal cabinet minister; Herb Gray, Canada's deputy prime minister; Carol Lou Spiegel, dinner co-chair; Caplan, Canada's minister of citizenship and immigration, and her husband Wilf. Caplan is being honored as Woman of the Year at an upcoming Canadian Society for Yad Vashem event.

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Thanks A Million

Last week was one in a million for UJA Federation thanks to a series of successful Super Sunday and Super Week telethons.

It all began when over 350 volunteer campaigners contacted 2,500 donors in one day raising more than $700,000. By the end of the week, an additional 1,000 contributors brought the week's telethon tally up to over $1 million, pushing the annual campaign well over the $24 million mark. That figure includes $1.5 million of increased contributions over last year.

Many community members showed their enthusiasm by saying "Hi UJA...I'm answering the call" and increasing their gifts from last year. Their names were entered into a draw for two round trip tickets to Israel.

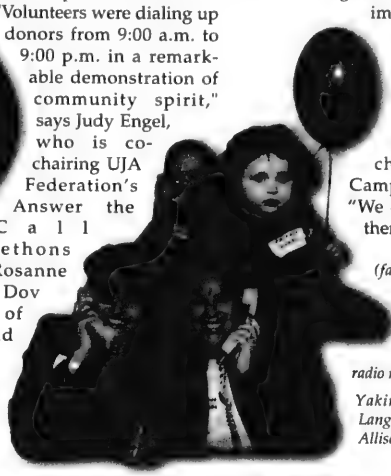
"Volunteers were dialing up donors from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in a remarkable demonstration of community spirit," says Judy Engel, who is co-chairing UJA Federation's Answer the Call telethons with Rosanne Ain and Dov Altman. The next set of telethons will be held November 7-10.

Super Sunday drew community members of all ages, including some as young as five, who helped out with everything from sorting pledge cards to passing out snacks.

"It's great to see so many kids and students and young adults pitching in," adds Ain. More than 100 Young Leadership volunteers took over the last shift of the day keeping the momentum going until the very end.

"The phenomenal turnout of young adults shows there's a tremendous interest in raising funds for the community," notes Corey Gurevitz, Chair of UJA Federation's Young Leadership Fundraising Steering Committee. "I was very impressed with the energy in the room," adds Michael Long.

"Thanks to a great telethon committee, our volunteers, many of whom were first timers, felt very appreciated," adds David Engel, who is co-chairing UJA Federation's Campaign 2000 with Mel Wolfond. "We couldn't have done it without them."



(far left) UJA Federation Telethon Co-Chairs (l-r) Rosanne Ain, Dov Altman and Judy Engel.

(above) Jonathan Fine announces an early morning total on a live CFRB radio remote broadcast.

Yakira Begun with grandmother, Janice Langer. Below - Sarena Koschitzky (l) and Allison Himel .

Photos: Big Dipper Communications

Barrett Deposits Banking Advice

Matthew Barrett is now living and working in the U.K., but the former head of the Bank of Montreal is still offering the Canadian government blunt advice about the country's banking industry.

"I care passionately about the future of Canadian banking," Barrett, Chief Executive Officer of Barclay's PLC in London, told an audience of leading UJA Federation contributors, during a recent visit to Toronto. The event, at the Royal Ontario Museum, was co-chaired by Greg Wolfond, Paul Godfrey and Neil Nisker.

Barrett, who accepted the prestigious position at Barclay's after 37 years at the Bank of Montreal, expressed concern about Canadian banking in what he expects to be his last speech in Canada for some time.

"I am concerned for the future of Canadian banking because I have seen such a substantial amount of investment in its past and because I bear some responsibility for putting it on our national agenda," explained Barrett.

In response to the Canadian government's veto of his proposal to merge the Bank of Montreal with Royal Bank earlier this year, Barrett cautioned Ottawa not to ignore the winds of change sweeping through the global economy. Demographic shifts, advanced technology and deregulation, says Barrett are dramatically altering the financial sector, making it more challenging for Canadian banking institutions to remain competitive.

"Everywhere, governments understand that creating financial companies able to compete internationally is the only way to preserve a national industry. Except apparently in Canada," said Barrett. "I can only hope and trust that the legislation the government is now preparing will deal with issues of industry ownership and regulation that are growing more urgent day by day."

"Last year, many people in effect said that financial services are so important they can never be allowed to change. I would reply that they are so important that they must change."

Barrett added that decisions pertaining to banking are "best made by management and shareholders."

(l-r) Greg Wolfond, Matthew Barrett, Neil Nisker and Paul Godfrey.

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Advice, best left unsaid

Nelson Mandela, the former president of South Africa is one of the most recognized figures in the world, an icon for the downtrodden, an inspiration for the oppressed, living proof that strength of will can subdue the will of strength and that the human spirit may indeed be destroyed but never defeated.

But, being only human, Mandela's information is not always accurate; nor is his judgment always sound; nor is his advice always correct. This was evident last week as he spoke to leaders in Israel and in Gaza.

Mandela was on his first ever visit to the Middle East. Prior to Israel and Gaza, he had stopped in Syria, Iran and Jordan. And of course he felt compelled to counsel the government of Israel on a range of difficult issues.

On the prospects for peace: "There will be no peace until Israel withdraws from all the territories which it won from Arabs in 1967," Mandela proclaimed, echoing the maximalist views of the Arab world. "No one has dared to attack you since the 1967 war," he incorrectly told Israel's foreign minister David Levy.

On the 13 Iranian Jews locked away in prison: Mandela offered that their arrest stemmed from Iranian fears of an "American-Israeli conspiracy." When reminded by Levy that the charges were baseless and without any foundation in truth, Mandela flippantly responded: "Maybe they need a good lawyer."

On the process of making peace. "If the only alternative is violence, we will use violence," he told the Palestinian legislative assembly in Gaza. Of all the remarks, this was the most egregious.

It was uninformed. Yasser Arafat has already, at the White House, with the president of the United States as his witness, publicly disavowed resort to violence as a way of resolving the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

And it was retrograde. It sets the clock back to pre-Oslo days. It confers legitimacy on the bloody tactics and the destructive strategy of the peace rejectionists, who have always maintained that the only alternative is violence.

It would have better advanced the prospects for peace in the region if the advice by the former president of South Africa had been left unsaid.

Fourth yahrzeit

Last week, on the 11th of Cheshvan, Israelis and Jews throughout the world remembered the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. On that fourth yahrzeit, Israeli society appears to have coalesced around the centre, determined, or perhaps more accurately, resigned to the fact that some form of territorial compromise is the best long-lasting solution to the question of coexistence with the Palestinians. And despite seemingly intractable internal divisions, many Israelis are determined to coalesce around the centre in this regard as well, to bridge the gaps somehow and to seal the societal fissures.

We in the Diaspora must assist Israelis – and ourselves as well – to achieve that result in whatever manner we can.

CAPTIVE IN IRAN

The government of Iran still holds the following members of the Jewish community as prisoners. Each is a universe of life and existence unto his own. And each has a name. Let us not forget them.

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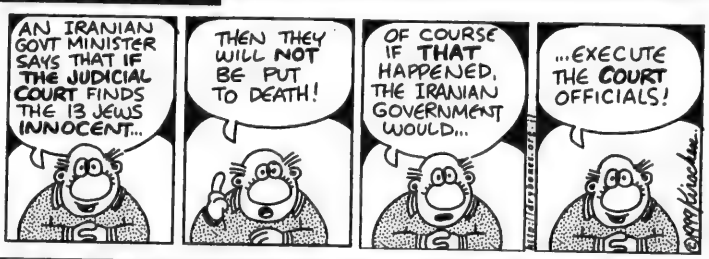
AN IRANIAN GOVT MINISTER SAYS THAT IF THE JUDICIAL COURT FINDS THE 13 JEWS INNOCENT...
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Readers give reasons for objecting to column

The commentary by Ron Csillag in the Oct. 14 issue of The CJN *on the general media's coverage of the tragic death of Moshe Nussbaum evoked a strong reaction among some readers, who took offence both with how it was written and that it was written.*

The opinion expressed by the writer was a personal one. But it was certainly not his intention to offend anyone. Nor, of course, was that the intention of The CJN.

We apologize to any of our readers whom we offended.

The editor.

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There are two issues that your columnist Ron Csillag does not seem to understand. The hype surrounding the unfortunate death of Moshe Nussbaum was in many ways no different than the unfortunate death several months ago of an Eastern Orthodox priest killed by a car fleeing from a police pursuit or the current investigation of the murder of a young Sri Lankan girl. This is the nature of the media.

The second issue is the trivialization of Nussbaum and of the Orthodox community. A man who was instrumental in founding three major Toronto schools and one large shul "was not a prominent member of the Toronto Jewish community?" And who, pray tell, is a prominent member of the Toronto Jewish community according to Csillag?

The cavalier dismissal of a very dynamic and significant part of the Jewish community as "a very small, closed, low-profile and inaccessible part of the city's Jewish population: the ultra-Orthodox, far-right Agudah movement," is more a reflection of a bias of some members of the broader Jewish community, and specifically of Csillag, than an accurate reflection of any fact.

S.A. Meller
Toronto

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Yes, I am a member of the "very small, closed, low profile, inaccessible, ultra-Orthodox, far-right, Agudah movement" and very proud of it.

How dare you besmirch the memory of a person whom you did not know personally, so tragically plucked from our midst, whose aristocratic stature and noble character included everything a human being has to represent, created in the image of God. How many of your "Huge range of affiliations – representatives," can be compared to this exemplary leader of our community. May he rest in peace.

L. Amsel
Toronto

I found the recent article "Moshe Nussbaum: Media Star" by Ron Csillag profoundly disturbing.

The utter lack of sympathy and respect for a person who dedicated his life to Jewish continuity and Jewish tradition and died under tragic circumstances was truly revolting. Nussbaum was very far from being, as Csillag described him, the pillar of a very small, closed, low-profile and inaccessible part of the ultra-Orthodox, far-right Agudah movement.

Rather, he was part of a constructive force in modern Judaism that is reaching out selflessly to Jews of all levels of observance in order to prevent the spiritual holocaust that is currently reflected in intermarriage rates of over 50 percent in the U.S. Reform community and the establishment of messianic christianity as the fourth largest "movement" among Jews.

If there is substantive evidence that any other Jewish force besides normative Torah observance has been able to ensure Jewish continuity through several generations, I would like Csillag to provide this information credibly instead of denigrating individuals who have distinguished themselves through a lifelong dedication to progressive and successful Jewish causes.

David Yevick
Toronto

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I am not a member of Agudah Israel, nor did I ever have the honor of meeting Moshe Nussbaum, of blessed memory. Yet I found the article by Ron Csillag ("Moshe Nussbaum Media Star") deeply offensive.

I actually agree with Csillag that the media dwells too much on unnewsworthy events in the lives of the rich and famous, but those are the facts of life. If the national media recognized the importance of quiet, retiring Nussbaum to the Jewish community, and hence to Canada, it should be lauded for its refreshing exercise of good judgment, not excoriated for daring to describe an "ultra-Orthodox" Jew as a "prominent member of the Toronto Jewish community."

Moshe Sober
Toronto

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I was dismayed to read Ron Csillag's article in which he questions the "newsworthiness" of the tragic death of Moshe Nussbaum. How mean-spirited and petty to begrudge Nussbaum's contributions to the Jewish community. Just because he dedicated his energies to one segment of the Jewish community does not diminish the respect he deserves for his vision, commitment and self-sacrifice. True, there is no overall "leader" in the Toronto Jewish community, but one would be hard-pressed to find a more accomplished "pillar" in any of our many community segments.

Andy Rechtshaffen
Toronto

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Perspectives

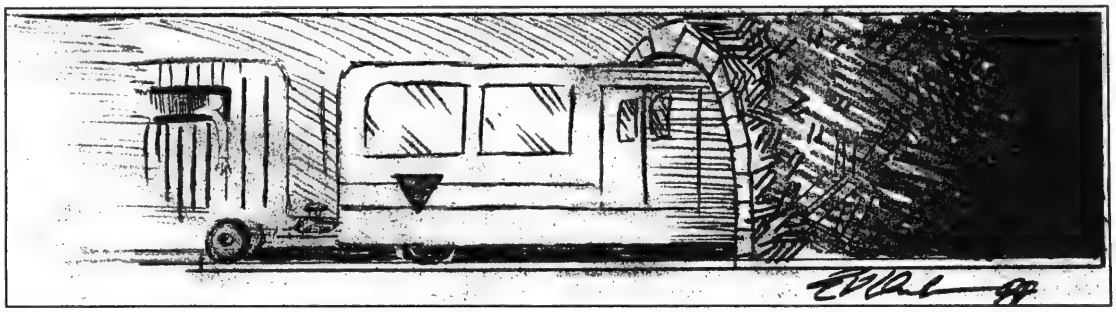
'The truth will come out'

By APRIL SHOUR LAUFER

Justice, justice shalt thou pursue, that thou mayest live... (Deuteronomy 16:20)

He got up out of bed slowly and carefully so as not to disturb his wife. He slid his feet into his slippers. As quietly as he could, he closed the door to their bedroom. It was 5 a.m.

He went to the kitchen table and picked up the newspaper. Just as he had for the past two months, he sat down and looked over the familiar articles. He leaned his head against the palm of his left hand. He was tired, but inside of him there was a kind of nervousness that made it impossible for him to rest. As he turned the pages of the newspaper, he tried to make sure he did not make a sound. He didn't want his wife to know that he had had yet another restless night. She had awakened on many a morning to find him at the kitchen table with his scalding tea in one hand, glasses on the bridge of his nose, as he peered at the words of the newspaper.



The words that he read disturbed him. How many times had he read such stories? A man accused of involvement in the death of 500 Jewish inmates, 1,000, 10,000. The numbers didn't matter.

And now 50 years later. Legal technicalities. Semantics. "Alleged" war criminals. Witnesses deceased or too ill to testify. The prosecution of those accused of war crimes had not been successful. And if, perhaps, found guilty now? "Possible" deportation.

Was this justice? Was this all? It was like going back 50 years. People didn't want to hear the stories then, and now it was time to forget and let old men die in peace. But for some, there would never be peace.

As he read the paper, he listened with half an ear, waiting for the sound of the morning paper being slapped against the veranda door. He was anxious to see what else had been written. Somehow the reporters' words describing the trial weren't quite right. Where was the outrage? Where was the sorrow? Where was the shock? He examined the words carefully, as if he was seeking some truth.

The newspapers were filled with the most awful stories. Wars seemed to ravage the planet. Had the horrors of war somehow been diminished?

Not for him. He remembered every day of his five years in Auschwitz. He remembered the sights, the smells. He was awakened nightly by the memories, the tears. The cries were his own.

But where were the lessons that were supposed to be learned? Where was the justice sought?

An hour later, his wife entered the kitchen. She looked over at him. He didn't raise his eyes from the newspaper. She wanted to tell him not to go to the court that day, just as she had wanted to tell him every day for the past two months. She didn't. After almost 50 years of marriage, could she insist he not go?

Though he could see perfectly well with his glasses, he sat with the newspaper up close to his face. Looking at him she had the sense he was searching for something. She was afraid for him, but she understood that there was some force pushing him.

They had both suffered so much. Lost so much. They had found each other after the war, and they had left Europe, come to Canada and built a new life and a new family. But the pain of those years, of the loss of their parents, brothers, sisters, weighed like stones in their hearts. The ache was forever. The memories never vanished.

When he returned from the trial at the end of the day looking older and frailer, he would turn to his wife and say, "The truth will come out."

She started the kettle again. He put his glasses down on the table and got up. He shuffled by her as she stood at the sink, and she wanted to offer him some words of comfort, but she didn't know them.

"I'm going to shower."

And she, not turning from the sink, sighed quietly. What could she say?

Why now? Why had he suddenly decided to go to this trial? He wasn't going to the court in order to testify. He was going there just to be there. To look at the man accused of collaborating with the Nazis. She knew of his sleeplessness. Torturing himself because he insisted on attending the trial. Fifty years. Who was left to say what had happened? Who believed the memories of old men?

She heard him finish the shower. A few minutes later he came into the dining room with his prayer book in his hand and tfillin wrapped around his arm. He wasn't a religious man, but ever since he started attending the trial, he had put on his tfillin and said the morning prayers. She thought that maybe it gave him the strength he needed to make the trip downtown to the courthouse; to sit, to listen to the testimony.

He was dressed in his best suit. She offered him a sandwich for the day. She had wrapped it carefully so that he could put it in his pocket unobtrusively. He left, saying, "I'll be home for supper." He said it as if it was just a workday. And he walked out the door.

He took the bus and then the subway to the courthouse. He didn't enjoy the subway ride. It was too noisy. The clanking and occasional screeching of the wheels jarred his nerves. Sometimes the train would stop between stations and there might even be a momentary darkness. He would find himself start to perspire and his breathing would quicken.

The first time the subway had stopped unexpectedly, he had had a moment of sheer panic. Sitting there in the darkened tunnel, he suddenly felt as if he wouldn't be able to escape; he could hardly catch his breath. He had been afraid that he was having a heart attack. Then, when the train finally started up again he concentrated on trying to breathe slowly, and soon, with much relief, he found he was breathing normally.

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Every day. Every day the memories were there to seize him. And hold him. And every day he fought to remember all the things that he had to be grateful for. He couldn't help it that now, when he should simply be enjoying his grandchildren and spending time with his wife, he had to be in court. He had to. "The truth will come out," he repeated to himself. It was 50 years, but it was not over.

He was 76 years old. As he sat in the courtroom, listening to the testimony of other old men, he wondered what he was doing there. What was he expecting? A gesture, a word, a cry of despair, a sigh of remorse? Something that might take away the nightmares, that might ease his pain.

The man accused said he was innocent. But what else? What would he say? Who had ever admitted to his crimes? And who was left to say the truth? Whose memories did the prosecution seek? "Old men, tired, weary, old men," said the defence counsel.

He sat in the courtroom staring at the back of the head of the accused. There was a difference of only two years between them. The accused wore a suit that was almost the same color as his own. He imagined that the accused looked a little more portly than himself. He sighed as he recalled missing some of his indulgences. His diabetes and years of stomach trouble had caused him to lose 25 pounds.

They were both old men. But one had been the victim.

He went home at noon that day. There were no more witnesses to be called. Two were in hospital and one couldn't make the trip to the courtroom due to illness. No more witnesses.

He took the subway home thinking of the last two months in the courthouse. He was sad, and he felt a headache coming on. He had not had any real expectations. He just had to see for himself, to be there.

And what was it that he had been seeking? Justice?

When he arrived home he found that his wife had left him a note that she had gone out with her sister-in-law, she would be home by 3 p.m. He took a washcloth and ran it under cold water, hoping it would soothe his headache. He lay down in his bed and let the wet of the washcloth mix with his tears.

He thought of his mother, brother, and sisters, who had been killed. He thought of the hundreds of his extended family whose life had ended in Auschwitz, Treblinka, Bergen-Belsen, Sobibor, Mauthausen.

He heard his wife come through the front door. He knew she was carrying parcels, but he didn't have the strength to get up. Later, he thought.

But then suddenly that thought jolted him. That was the thing. The memories, the nightmares, the sorrow would never end. No one to take responsibility. No justice. It was too late. Later would not come.

Dedicated to the memory of Henry Laufer (1915-1966), "ex-prisoner of K.L. Auschwitz."

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Opinions

Confidence of the wrong sort

One does not have to be a psychologist to know that self-confidence is important for achieving one's goals, but confidence in things and people unknown to us is most of the time a dubious value.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

Hence, it is well to stay as far away as possible from the old "confidence game."

It robs innocent (and often elderly) people of their savings, because they believe a stranger with a tall tale to tell and the gift of gab, who appeals to the victims' greed and need and often leaves them bereft of their life savings.

The *AARP Bulletin*, a publication of the American Association of Retired Persons, devoted a recent issue to the latest aspect of come-ons that are thought to appeal to older people.

From time to time, my wife and I have been the recipients of a personalized piece of mail that addresses us by our first or last names and, at first sight, looks quite legitimate. We are advised that we have been chosen, along with a very few others to be the recipients of a large prize.

One letter advised us of no less than $11 million that was said to be ours for the asking. All we had to do was respond right away and our chances of winning millions were excellent.

We did not necessarily have to subscribe to anything or spend any money, but the context of the message was quite clear: if we did, our chances would be very much better.

Fortunately, we have never fallen prey to this kind of "invitation" and always commit the bulky mailing to the recycling bin. But others have not been so cautious.

I have recently been made aware of a family that lost a lot of money because they were seduced by the personalized nature of the mailing and grabbed the opportunity of getting something for nothing. As so often in cases of that kind, the "nothing" cost them a lot of cash.

The *AARP Bulletin* article, which was headlined "Sweepstakes on Trial," made me wonder why so many people are enticed by such promises of easy gain.

Their experience should have taught them long ago that luck rarely plays a role in making life richer or better.

Usually, hard work is the key that unlocks the door to satisfaction. But apparently they swallow the bait because they are unaware that a computer can make the letter look "personal" for millions of people.

I do not know whether Jewish people are particularly prone to fall for these manipulations. Our teaching is rather down-to-earth and not stuffed with high-flown fancy. If the past High Holy Days should have taught us anything, it was certainly that cause and effect have a prime role in determining who we are and how we are doing.

The current "sweepstakes" that are sweeping North America and stuffing our mailboxes play a different tune: effect without a cause. But life has not been and never will be one big casino.

Rabin's legacy

Four years after Yitzhak Rabin's assassination, Israelis are debating his legacy and the lasting impact of that tragic night in Tel Aviv. With the perspective of four years and two changes of government, the picture seems different than it did in the immediate aftermath of November 4, 1995.

Shira Herzog in Toronto

At the time, Israeli society appeared to be more divided than ever and torn asunder by the violent act. The existing divide between left and right on the peace issue was deepened by the shock over the identity of the assassin, who hailed from the mainstream Zionist religious camp.

As a result, the left-secular community blamed the right-religious community for the hate campaign against Rabin and peace. In turn, the religious-right community hunkered down into a defensive position and refused, for the most part, to engage in a serious, introspective analysis of its role in the events leading to the murder.

As Benjamin Netanyahu defeated Shimon Peres in 1996 and formed a coalition of the religious and right wing parties opposed to Oslo, it appeared that Rabin's legacy of peace with the Palestinians had been short-lived. Netanyahu's "coalition of outsiders" thrived on a sectoral debate in which there was little sense of national vision or unity, and in which "them" (the defeatist, pro-peace camp) versus "us" (the strong, nationalist camp) became the national idiom.

But beneath the surface, different currents could be discerned. The Israeli centre had accepted Rabin's view of the need for peace even with an enemy whom it did not trust, and its vote for Netanyahu was an attempt to identify a leader who could deliver on that approach. Once disenchanted, these voters deserted him as quickly as they had embraced him. Their approach to the issue of peace remained consistent, but their confidence in their leader had been shattered. They rejected Netanyahu's lip service to "peace with security," and turned to a leader who reflected Rabin's commitment in a more authentic manner.

Four years after the assassination, the consensus on peace is firmly in the centre of the political map. The right has been weakened and marginalized for several reasons. First was the sobering effect of Rabin's death. Even today, those within the settler movement who oppose Barak's initiatives know that their campaign has to be milder and less vitriolic. Israelis have little tolerance left for the violent rhetoric that preceded the assassination.

Second is the legacy of Netanyahu's short term in office. By redeploying in Hebron and by signing the Wye agreement, both firmly within the parameters of Oslo, Netanyahu moved the entire political map to the centre.

Finally, the settlers understand that their historic campaign to win over Israeli public opinion has failed. The majority of Israelis are prepared to sacrifice some of the settlements for peace, and the mainstream leadership of the settlement movement is focused on protecting what it has in the face of an inexorable process.

Israeli society is far less polarized on peace than it was four years ago, and on both sides, there is a more open acknowledgement of the grey areas and complexities of the negotiations. The residual debate between left and right is over the pace of their implementation.

Ehud Barak personifies this understanding. Unlike Rabin, he has been determined to legitimize all sides in the debate, while strongly defending his position and the rules of the democratic game. His handling of the recent decision to evacuate 12 illegal outposts established on the eve of the last election is a case in point. Barak met with the settlers and negotiated with them. They, in turn, realized that the battle was lost almost before it began, and agreed to co-operate in the evacuation. Barak rejects the extremism of small pockets on the left and the right, and holds firmly to the centrist position that Rabin initiated, but could not consummate.

In a symbolic act that reflects these changes, 54 Israeli Orthodox rabbis recently proclaimed Rabin's assassin, Yigal Amir, to be "outside of the community of Israel." This public declaration stands in sharp relief to the statements by some rabbis, in the months preceding the assassination, stating that Rabin was a *moser*, thereby invoking ancient edicts that might legitimize his killing.

Some Israeli commentators have compared Rabin's assassination to that of Abraham Lincoln, rather than John Kennedy. The Kennedy assassination traumatized American society and deepened its fissures. In contrast, Lincoln was killed after the Civil War had been decided and the South had been defeated. In retrospect, it seems that Rabin was killed after his concept of peace had won over a majority of Israelis. The moment of trauma passed, and the ship of state has continued – if slowly and tortuously – toward the goal he set.

Reinventing Judaism

No one should underestimate the vitality and ingenuity of religious Judaism, despite the messages of doom that have been common over the past decade. I have long argued that the ever-growing fragmentation of Judaism, the increasing number of religious options and movements, is an asset to Jewish survival.

Morton Weinfeld in Montreal

I hold this view despite the often fractious conflict that accompanies such diversity. Let me just stress that these headline-grabbing instances of conflict are usually the provocative pronouncements of a leader of one faction of one of the religious movements. They have almost no material impact whatsoever on the daily lives of Canadian Jews.

While I cannot outline the full argument in the space of a column, I can note some examples of the creativity and adaptability that one can find right through the religious spectrum.

Just recently, the Secular Humanistic Jewish movement ordained its first rabbi in a ceremony in Michigan.

Prior to this, rabbis active in Secular Humanistic Judaism had been ordained by other movements. For some readers, the idea of rabbis serving as leaders of secular Jews might seem anomalous.

And for others who recall the strength of secular Judaism as associated with a vibrant daily Yiddish and socialist culture, the very fact that the movement exists may be puzzling. But there it is.

I have no idea about the extent of the popularity of secular Judaism in North America. I have a hunch that like Reconstructionist Judaism, many among the non-Orthodox would agree with elements of their philosophy. As the (Orthodox) political scientist Charles Liebman once noted, "Most American Jews are Reconstructionist but just don't know it."All I can wish the new Rabbi Tamara Ruth Kolton is a hearty mazal tov.

Just recently I attended a lovely bat mitzvah ceremony held at a traditional Conservative synagogue. It was held on a Sunday morning, and entailed the bat mitzvah reading selections from the Torah and the book of Ruth (no actual Torah scroll was used) and singing some religious songs in a moving ceremony. While there was no actual prayer service – which allowed there to be mixed seating – the event certainly had the feel of a service. More important, this type of ceremony certainly fills a niche for those Jews unable to embrace a more egalitarian ethos.

Modern Orthodoxy also has promoted similar sorts of events as young girls come of age, often based around the delivery of a d'var Torah, or sermon based on an analysis of religious text. But a far greater innovation has been the slow emergence within the Orthodox community of the importance, indeed value, of offering higher Torah education to girls and young women.

These options, which include yeshivot exclusively for women, are so far second tier operations. The prohibition against ordination of women means there is a reinforced glass ceiling which sets a limit to the level of Torah scholarship available to young women, and to how far they can rise in the hierarchy of Judaic learning. The term talmid chacham does not yet have a well accepted feminine equivalent. But no one should bet on the gender status quo for the long term, even within Orthodox Judaism.

And change abounds even within haredi Judaism! In a recent article Professor Hayim Soloveitchik of Yeshiva University describes trends within various Orthodox, and haredi communities.

Hasidic rock bands are not unheard of. Upscale kosher restaurants are increasingly common. A concern for fashion and style and middle-class consumerism in general is growing.

The haredi are certainly aware of the need to harness modern technology, including computers and the Internet, to the goals of observance. While an actual visit is always preferable, soon large numbers of Jews will make virtual trips to the Western Wall from the comforts of their own homes, seeing and hearing the Kotel day or night, and faxing (already available) or e-mailing their actual prayer for placement in the Wall's cracks.

The point here is that the one constant in religious Jewish life, for every denomination or movement, is change.

The Kirshner File

New Israel Fund seeks to close gaps

When Israel declared statehood in 1948, the words "justice" and "equality" were on the lips of its founders. Israel, they fervently hoped, would be a kinder, gentler society, a light on to the nations. In the view of Eliezer Yaari, executive director of the New Israel Fund in Israel, these goals have yet to be met.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

Five decades on, despite its achievements in numerous spheres, Israel is a fragmented country, torn in particular by religious and ethnic divisions. Acutely cognizant of Israel's failings, the New Israel Fund is dedicated to the proposition that these cleavages can and should be closed.

"There is a need for social pioneering," said Yaari, a 50-year-old Jerusalem-based former combat pilot and television producer who's in charge of the New Israel Fund's array of philanthropic programs in the Jewish state.

Founded in the United States 20 years ago, the New Israel Fund works to strengthen democracy and advance social justice. To that end, it funds a network of non-partisan, non-profit organizations whose broad objective is to improve the lives of Israelis from all walks of life.

More specifically, it promotes progressive values, be they civil and human rights or religious pluralism and tolerance. It is also concerned with such cutting-edge issues as the status of women, Jewish-Arab equality and coexistence, the environment and government accountability. More ambitiously, it seeks to bridge economic and social gaps.

Eliezer Yaari

Yaari, on his first visit here since being appointed to his position two years ago, said that the New Israel Fund complements the United Jewish Appeal and the United Israel Appeal. "They were very, very important in building Israel's physical infrastructure and in absorbing new immigrants," he noted.

By contrast, the role of the New Israel Fund is to nurture civic, moral and ethical values.

Propped up by a $16 million (US) budget, it channels financial assistance to some 120 organizations, with the average grant being $24,000 (US). "We also provide technical support to about 400 organizations, and run 700 workshops around the country," Yaari added.

Working through organizations like the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) and Shatil, the New Israel Fund has scored important successes.

ACRI took up the cause of three Arab women whose Jerusalem apartment had been repeatedly vandalized. The case went to the Supreme Court, and the judges ruled that the women, having been victims of terrorism, should be compensated for their suffering.

In addition, ACRI came to the aid of a Jewish woman who had been denied access to her seat on a municipal religious council. The Supreme Court proclaimed that her exclusion was illegal.

Striving to improve the status of Israeli women, the New Israel Fund, through such partners as Isha L'Isha and Kol Ha'Isha, set up rape crisis centres, shelters for battered women and feminist centres.

In the field of Arab-Jewish equality, it backs programs such as Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam's School for Peace and the Centre for Jewish-Arab Economic Development.

Aware that deficient housing and substandard education affect Sephardi, Russian and Ethiopian Jews, the New Israel Fund has striven to eliminate these causes of disaffection. According to Yaari, campaigns were launched to enable renters to buy flats at subsidized prices and to forge a Sephardi educational leadership.

Israel is increasingly threatened by the loss of its green spaces and by toxic wastes and pollution. Through the Israel Union for Environmental Defence, the New Israel Fund alerts Israelis to the importance of preserving the environment.

Two years ago, 12 Israeli commandos were killed during a military operation in Lebanon. When aggrieved parents complained that the body parts of their sons had been mixed up, the army dismissed their claim. The New Israel Fund stepped in, and the case was eventually settled.

Although foreign donations account for the bulk of its budget, Yaari said that Israelis are contributing. "Next year, we plan to raise about $1 million (US) in Israel," he said. "We're trying to enhance the culture of giving."

In Canada, almost $1 million was raised in 1998.

Yaari said that a collaborative effort between Israel and the Diaspora is crucial to its success. "The name of the game is partnership. It's not a question of giving and forgetting."

Before joining the New Israel Fund, Yaari, born in Jerusalem, was an air force pilot and instructor. Flying Mirages and Kfirs from 1969 to 1977, he shot down two enemy aircraft in combat. A graduate of the Hebrew University and of Harvard, he was successively a TV reporter, producer, editor and anchor for the Israel Broadcast Authority. Now, with the New Israel Fund, the sky seems to be the limit.

Ashkenaz visual exhibits

At the recent Ashkenaz festival of new Yiddish culture, two visual arts exhibitions intrigued me – Jewish Sites of North Africa and the Jewish Labor Bund.

The first was a celebration of Sephardi architecture, primarily in Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt. The second, bound up with Ashkenazi Jews in Russia and Eastern Europe, charted the course of an ideological movement dedicated to socialism and secular Yiddish culture.

D. R. Cowles' black-and-white photographs of synagogues, cemeteries, saints' shrines and alley-ways in North Africa harkened back to a time when Jewish communities in the Arab world were firmly entrenched and seemed immune to upheaval and dispersal.

Cowles, a Bostonian currently living in Montreal, has a sharp, artistic eye, and it was reflected in his stark ensemble of photographs.

I was struck by a photograph of a synagogue building in Marrakech which, uncannily, resembled a grand Roman ruin; of a shrine in Ouazzane where the headstones, flush with the ground, lay under the shade of a great old tree; of the graceful arches of Cairo's Ben Ezra shul; of a dusty lane in a Moroccan mellah (Jewish quarter).

Consisting of clandestine brochures, underground leaflets, posters and pictures, the Jewish Labor Bund exhibit was redolent of tradition and modernity and of revolution and counter-revolution.

Founded in Vilna in 1897, the Bund was inextricably associated with the struggle for socialism and workers' rights, the battle against anti-Semitism, and the demand for Jewish national autonomy.

Banned and repressed by Russian czars, Soviet commissars and Polish generals, the Bund was, nevertheless, a formidable force for almost five decades. It reached an apotheosis of influence in Poland, where its network of unions, schools, libraries and periodicals were renowned.

During the dark years of the Holocaust, Bundists played an important role in the Warsaw ghetto uprising.

Dissolved in Poland after World War II, the Bund faded into the mists of history. But in North America, Bundists were prominent in the Workmen's Circle and the Jewish Labor Committee, and trade unionists like David Dubinsky and Sidney Hillman were Bundists at heart.

Its achievements are its legacy.

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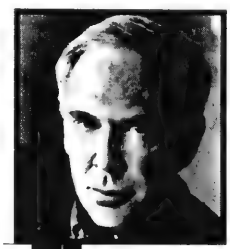

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Humility and compassion

By RACHAEL TURKIENICZ

Among the readings this month one finds the story of the city of Sodom, and Lot and his family.

Lot, Abraham's nephew, has settled in Sodom and raised his family among its inhabitants. God reveals to Abraham that there is a tremendous outcry from Sodom and if that outcry is a reflection of the suffering in the city, God is prepared to destroy the region with all its inhabitants.

There is a famous dialogue in the text where Abraham bargains with God in an attempt to rescue the inhabitants of the region. Ultimately, the bargain results in an agreement: if ten righteous people can be found, God will spare the entire region for the sake of those righteous.

This deal introduces a new concept of good and evil. Logically one would assume that Abraham would argue for saving the righteous people alone. In other words, should God find ten righteous individuals, those ten should be spared because of their righteousness.

Yet Abraham is arguing for a perspective that does not equate good and evil but rather elevates righteousness above evil. The value of righteous people is weighed over and above the wickedness of evil. If ten people are found, the entire region will be saved. The righteousness of those ten is sufficient to balance the wickedness of the countless masses.

And yet the evil of Sodom takes many forms.

As the story progresses, Lot, his two daughters and his wife are removed from the city before it is destroyed. The assumption being that this small handful of individuals is deemed righteous and are therefore being saved.

As they depart the city they are instructed not to look back but Lot's wife turns and looks upon Sodom as it is being destroyed. The text conveys that because she looked back she is turned into a pillar of salt, frozen for all time.

But what is the tremendous evil that has been committed by Lot's wife that removes her from the category of the righteous? What form of evil is a mere backward glance?

To understand the implications of her action we must remember the context. Lot's wife has arrived at a safe distance, far from the destruction taking place. From her safe vantage point she is turning to observe the suffering of others.

Whether evil or not, the people of Sodom are enduring tremendous suffering and it is wrong to observe that suffering without attempting to assist. We might compare her actions to the phenomenon of slowing down on the highway to view the traffic accident and the carnage of suffering it entails – and then driving off again.

To view suffering from a safe haven and not respond to that suffering is to step outside of righteousness. If we cannot help, we must never flaunt our circumstances before those less fortunate.

If righteousness is to be valued as stronger than evil, able to sustain evil, then it must include humility and compassion. We find neither attribute in Lot's wife.

Abraham argued for the lives of the wicked; Lot and his daughters looked forward because they could not help; Lot's wife passively observed suffering and carried Sodom within her.

Reb Shlomo in song, story

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

Last time, we began our look at the life of Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach in light of his fifth yahrzeit, which is being commemorated this week. This week, Reb Shlomo in song and story.

There are many sites that include excerpts of Rabbi Carlebach's music **[http://www.shamash.org/judaica/rebshlomo/audio/index.html]** but best place I've come across is at 613.org **[http://www.613.org/music/niggun.html]**. In addition to his songs, there are even some full-length concerts at this site and some selections of other people performing the rabbi's work.

And if you have a fast Internet connection, there are some real treats here. There's an hour-long video of a concert he gave in Russia in 1989 and another video of Rabbi Carlebach leading the davening on Hoshanah Rabah, the final day of Sukkot.

In 1997, Rabbi Carlebach's yahrzeit was observed in story and song by the Happy Minyan of Los Angeles **[http://www.happyminyan.org/]**. At the 613.org site, you can listen in as people recount stories of the rabbi's kindness. For example, there was the time that, due to a last-minute cancellation, Rabbi Carlebach agreed to appear at a Lag b'Omer concert with only a day's notice. After the concert, the rabbi was approached by a member of the audience and asked for a blessing for parnasah (employment). When the man explained his dire straits, the rabbi reached into his pocket and handed over his entire appearance fee of $2,700.

During his lifetime, Rabbi Carlebach produced a large number of commercial books, videos and CDs, many of which can be ordered online. A couple of sites which carry a large assortment are Zionbooks **[http://www.zionbooks.com/carlbach.htm]**, and JewishMusic **[http://www.jewishmusic.com/scaall.htm]**. I particularly like the JewishMusic site since since it includes generous online excerpts from the CDs. Don't miss it.

Another gift left by Rabbi Carlebach is his daughter, Neshama.

Neshama Carlebach has a thriving career, performing both original tunes and ones penned by her father **[http://www.shamash.org/judaica/rebshlomo/audio/index.html]**. Many of the articles about Neshama also address the controversy over the prohibition of Jewish men listening to a woman's singing voice. For more, see the Yeshiva University Commentator **[http://www.yucommentator.com/v63i4/culture/neshama.shtml]** and the Jewish Communications Network **[http://www.jcn18.com/scripts/jcn18/paper/Article.asp?ArticleID=1708]**.

If you want to learn to play some of Rabbi Carlebach's music yourself, then take a look at the Beis Medrash Gavoha D'Reb Shlomo **[http://www.geocities.com/CollegePark/Lab/7613/]**. You can find the guitar chords to some of his biggest hits. (Note: There is an error with this page. After it finishes loading, it disappears. To get around the problem, tap your browser's "Stop" button just before the page finishes loading.)

Just how good a composer was Rabbi Carlebach? At JewishMusic.com, Velvel Pasternak takes a critical look at the creative output of Rabbi Carlebach and comes up with a fascinating analysis **[http://www.jewishmusic.com/articl01.htm]**.

"As a composer Shlomo was certainly not in the company of great folk composers such as Stephen Foster. As a singer he never entered the ranks of the vocally cultured Jan Peerce or Richard Tucker. And as a guitarist, Shlomo was the first to admit that he had not perfected the instrument. And yet!... and yet!...and yet! his singing, his melodies, along with his performances and personal involvement with amcha (the people), exerted a major musical as well as Judaic influence on several generations of Jews world wide. The entire Jewish community owes Shlomo a great and sincere debt of gratitude."

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Stranger in a strange land

By MELANIE TAKEFMAN
Special to The CJN

I arrived in Strasbourg, France, with two suitcases, a dormant knowledge of French and the address of a Jewish dorm.

Guest Voices

I was a stranger in a strange land: I didn't know a soul and everyone I cared about was half a world away. I was petrified.

When I decided to study in France for a year, I knew that it would be difficult to adjust to a new culture, make new friends and try to get an education – all at the same time. I reserved a room in the ORT dorm (a quasi-Hillel house) in hopes of finding familiarity amidst the unknown.

At first, what I found in Strasbourg was at most vaguely reminiscent of my Jewish existence in Montreal. The sukkah erected four floors below my room, for example, was a reassuring sight.

Eating dinner in it on Friday night was a different story. I was part of the small Ashkenazi minority present and the prayers and songs were sung with different pronunciations and melodies.

Furthermore, believing that Montreal's Jewish community was particularly Orthodox, I thought that I would find a more liberal stream of Judaism in France. However, when I enquired about where I might find a synagogue with mixed seating, one man asked, "Sephardim and Ashkenazim together?" He then told me to go the cathedral.

Similarly, as most of my views comprise a leftist/feminist slant, I have never held the Lubavitch in high esteem. I feel they treat women unfairly and they have not adapted adequately to the 20th century.

Nevertheless, on erev Simchat Torah, I found myself seated in a small room watching 100 drunk men dance with Torahs. I stayed, reluctantly, because one young woman, smiling knowingly, promised me that we, too, would get our chance to dance.

Indeed, she had the last laugh, because that night, I had the time of my life. The party lasted well into the next day.

Sephardi and Ashkenazi women danced together until no one could breathe, and sang until no one could talk. I didn't know all the dance steps or the words to all the songs. Other people didn't either. We improvised and no one cared.

Although everyone in Strasbourg has been very helpful and kind (contrary to the stereotype that the French are unfriendly), the night with the Lubavitch community was the first time that I did not feel like a stranger.

I was accepted as a Jew (wearing pants!), no questions asked.

I witnessed more joy than I had ever seen and was welcomed with more genuine warmth than ever before. Ironically, the party could have taken place anywhere in the world and things would not have been much different.

So while I doubt that I will throw out my short skirts and feminist ideals any time soon, the Lubavitch taught me an important lesson: No matter where you are, or who you're with, Jewish ecstasy is universal.

Melanie Takefman is a student at McGill University. This year she is studying at the Université des Sciences Humaines in Strasbourg.

Exploring religious minhag rules

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A line must be drawn between what is a genuine religious minhag, custom, and what is "a bobeh meiseh," says Rabbi Hershel Schachter.

Rabbi Schachter, a rosh yeshiva and rosh kolel at Rabbi Itzchak Elchanan Theological Seminary, the rabbinical arm of Yeshiva University, was speaking at the inaugural lecture of the Mizrachi of Canada adult education program.

There is even a difference between how you deal with a custom of long standing and one established recently, he said.

In a talk that was more like a shiur (a Torah class) than a lecture, Rabbi Schachter's topics ranged from subjects relating to pre-Talmud times to questions arising from the creation of the modern state of Israel.

When, for instance, one says the shorter Hallel on Pesach and Rosh Chodesh, is that a law or a custom? In other words, should one say a blessing before it or not?

He asked if a woman should light candles before Yom Kippur, since it appears to be more of a widely practised custom than a law. The Ashkenazi custom, Rabbi Schachter said, is that one should follow such a custom.

One must distinguish between a custom that is valid and one that is, as he described it, "shtuss," silliness. For instance, one is obligated to follow a custom that is dictated by the rabbis, such as observing two days of yom tov outside of Israel, as opposed to, for instance, standing on one's head every Sunday.

How about adding to a law in the Torah, such as not just reading the Torah, but kissing it? The Talmud says that that is acceptable, Rabbi Schachter said, as long as it is widely practised in that community.

And what about the issue of whether one should recite Hallel on Yom Ha'atzmaut?

There are some sins for which no tshuvah, repentance, is possible. One of these, the rabbi said, is to deliberately break away from the community. An example would be if a community fast is called because of a serious situation in Israel, and only one person refuses. That is a sin, he said.

Rabbis must not be as particular about ruling on rabbinically ordained minhagim as they are with laws given in the Torah, he stressed. For instance, when there was a famine during Pesach, and the only food available was kitniyot, beans and grains not eaten by Ashkenazi Jews, the rabbis allowed it to be eaten.

A minhag is an obligation, he concluded, only when it has something to do with the fulfilment of a mitzvah.

The evening marked the first formal appearance of Jerry Rosenfeld as the incoming president of Toronto Mizrachi.

Rabbi Schachter's speech, Rosenfeld said, was the inaugural shiur of the new Mizrachi Torah Institute, a kolel that would offer a number of classes on Torah and Talmud at Or Chaim Yeshiva on Armour Boulevard.

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yet forgetting nothing,
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Polish organization Zegota helped Jews during the war

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The last surviving founder of Zegota, a Polish organization that helped Jews during World War II, spoke movingly of his risky wartime experiences at a recent Toronto lecture.

"Of course I was terrified," recalled 77-year-old Wladyslaw Bartoszewski, a Polish senator and former foreign minister who has been designated as Righteous Among the Nations. "[But] where is it written that if you're afraid, you should do nothing?"

Zegota, the organization he co-founded in 1942, provided money and thousands of false documents, with the help of the Polish government in exile. Zegota's members, who numbered only a few dozen, also placed Jewish children with families or in orphanages.

Unfortunately, the organization's work represented "only a small drop in an ocean of need," said Bartoszewski in a 30-minute film preceding his talk.

Speaking at Beth Habonim Synagogue under the joint auspices of the congregation, March of the Living and UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, Bartoszewski attributed his actions to the simple fact that he was raised by "wise and very decent parents."

Although Zegota had some Jewish members, Bartoszewski had no Jewish relatives.

Having been imprisoned for eight months in Auschwitz at the beginning of the war, he was fully aware of the risks posed by his clandestine work.

The day-to-day work of Zegota was not at all romantic, he said. It consisted of taking medications to Jewish people, bringing them

Wladyslaw Bartoszewski

money, helping them get from one place to another, and "taking care of them in small ways and big ways."

Although he spoke in German (because many of Habonim's founders were German speakers), the animated Bartoszewski didn't really need the translator at his side to convey the deep emotions that underscored his talk.

Before he became involved with Zegota and after his release from Auschwitz, Bartoszewski had consulted a priest to ask how God could allow such terrible things to happen.

The priest told him that, having seen human suffering, it was up to him to relieve it.

"One didn't always know what the best action was," Bartoszewski recalled. Sometimes it appeared Zegota's efforts were in vain when someone was captured after months under the organization's protective wing.

But after the war, Bartoszewski and his peers experienced the "joy" of meeting people they'd been able to save.

Zegota's work was made more difficult by Polish collaborators. "We did have collaboration in Poland," admitted Bartoszewski, who himself was denounced to the Gestapo in an anonymous letter. "This was bad enough, without having an official collaborating government."

The attitude of Poles toward Jews still hits raw nerves in the Jewish community. Likewise for the Polish community, when confronted with accusations of Polish anti-Semitism.

In fact, early in the evening, Beth Habonim president David Goldfarb asked the audience of over 250 people to "refrain from some of the often bitter criticism" about Polish-Jewish relations.

The senator, who received 470,000 votes (the second-largest number among 100 Polish senators), told the audience their applause for that revelation was "for the Polish people much more than for me, because by their vote they are demonstrating that they are not chauvinistic. They do remember, and recognize a person such as myself, and will vote for the values I stand for."

Piotr Wrobel, chair of Polish history at the University of Toronto, noted in an introductory address that Jews lived in Poland for 1,000 years. Poles were also condemned to death by the Nazis, he mentioned later.

"When Poland was rich and powerful, the situation of the Jews was good as well," he said, making particular reference to the 17th century and to "centuries of good co-operation... It was no coincidence that so many Jews lived in Poland."

Book fair celebrates local talent

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The 23rd annual Jewish Book Fair, running Nov. 6 to 14 at the Leah Posluns Theatre, is a celebration of local talent this year, says its director, Helen Redner.

Among the local authors will be Al Waxman, who will speak on his autobiography *That's What I Am*, Harry Rasky speaking on the *Three Harry's*, and singer Malka Marom, of Malka and Joso, who will speak on her new book, *Sulha*.

Other local authors include Harold Troper, Lillian Nattel, Ernest Raab, Liba Scheier, Alan Borovoy, David Layton, Elyse Friedman, and Evan Solomon. There are authors from elsewhere, but we are concentrating on local authors this year.

"It is very much a local celebration," says Redner, who has directed the fair for 20 years.

The fair, which runs with the help of about 150 volunteers, "started big 23 years ago and stayed big. It features more than 2,000 books, all with Jewish content. We have a book committee that spends a good part of the year pouring over every conceivable piece of material on Jewish publications. We're constantly getting material, and the planning never stops," she says.

Opening night, Rabbi Donniel Hartman will speak on *A Heart of Many Rooms: Celebrating the Many Voices Within Judaism*, a book written by his father Rabbi David Hartman. "I believe he has a message of overwhelming importance on Jewish pluralism. We are expecting to draw a large crowd," says Redner.

For children, Rhea Tregebov author of *What-If Sara*, will speak on Nov. 8, a P.D. day for Hebrew day school students, and Kathy Kacer will speak on her book, *Gabi's Dresser*. "The book is about the author's mother, who survived the Holocaust hiding in a dresser. That same dresser will actually be there with the author, and children will be given the opportunity to sit in it to see how the mother felt," says Redner.

Author Lucille de Saint-Andre, who wrote *Bye-Bye, Baden*, about the deportation of Jews from Baden, and who recently signed film rights to the book, will appear on stage with Morris Granatstein, who is over 90 years old. He is author of *Welcome to the Year 2000 and Other Poems* and *My City Lodz*.

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Peace Now sees 'bloody, twisted road' to peace

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Most Israelis believe a Palestinian state is inevitable, says the founder and political director of American Friends for Peace Now.

"The fact that there will be a Palestinian state no longer sticks in the throats of Israeli leaders," Mark Rosenblum said at a recent lecture held at Holy Blossom Temple.

Rosenblum said however, that a tempered utopia lies ahead. "I have a reduced sense of expectation when I think of the peace that is emerging.

"It will not be a linear move to peace; it will be a bloody, twisted road."

Prime Minister Ehud Barak inherited a strategic liability when he was elected, said Rosenblum. "He faces an upsurge in terrorism because he is serious about moving the peace process forward. Any real progress in peace means an attempt to stop the peace process."

On the other hand, Rosenblum said, former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu "managed to develop a win-win situation with regards to terrorism.

"Terrorism diminished during his term because two of the primary terrorist groups believed that there was no longer a threat of emerging peace.

"They wanted a Palestinian state in place of Israel, and they saw Netanyahu as an ally. This is in direct contrast to the uphill battle faced by Barak."

Netanyahu used terrorism as a reason to have no further withdrawals from the territories, said Rosenblum. "This was what he really wanted; he had a win-win situation."

Another setback for Barak, said Rosenblum, is that the money he had counted on from U.S. President Bill Clinton, is not forthcoming. "The president vetoed a package that included money to Israel, and this is devastating for Barak. He needs the money desperately."

Good news on the road to peace, said Rosenblum, is that Barak has resolved a four-year battle about the safe passageway between the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. "Without this connection, there is little chance of the economic development of Palestinian economy. Economic viability is important for the evolution of a Palestinian entity."

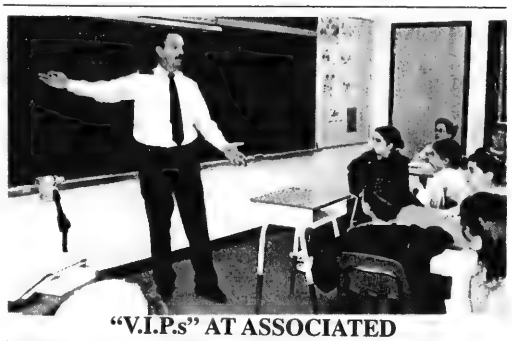
Barak has a vision of making peace with the Palestinians in two giant steps, said Rosenblum. "Between now and February 2000, he intends to have a declaration of principles on every issue involved. By September 2000, he expects to have the final status agreement in place. This is a vision he sees possible."

The hardest issue to resolve, he said, is Jerusalem. "[Even though] Palestinians and Israelis have said that it is the eternal undivided capital, there is a compromise.

"Most Israelis do not travel into east Jerusalem where the Palestinians live; most Israelis have never heard of the 20 Arab villages, and they never go there.

"The premise is that Jerusalem is not the undivided capital. There are places where Jews do not go. Vital services are taking place by the Palestinians in these areas, and there is the possibility of providing Palestinians with municipal control of the services. There are possibilities of a final status understanding."

The prime minister wants to win peace without losing the people, said Rosenblum. "He wants peace with a broad coalition."



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Orthodox rabbi helps to unite Jews, non-Jews

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein is a little unorthodox, for an Orthodox rabbi.

The Chicago-based founder and president of an organization aimed at fostering understanding and co-operation between Jews and Christians – particularly evangelical Christians – Rabbi Eckstein has spent the past 16 years building bridges between the two communities.

An alumnus of Yeshiva University and Columbia University with post-graduate degrees in the philosophy of religion and Jewish philosophy, he has travelled to China to help Christians suffering from religious persecution, and to numerous other countries in his work.

Over the past four years, his organization, the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews (IFCJ), has given $20 million US, primarily from Christian donors, to the Jewish Agency.

Among those with whom Rabbi Eckstein engages in dialogue is the Rev. Jerry Falwell, the controversial right-wing Christian leader.

The rabbi – a youthful 48-year-old with a low-key, articulate speaking manner – was in Toronto recently to meet informally with local Jewish community leaders and with Micha Feldman, who has been involved in rescuing over 70,000 Ethiopian Jews.

Although the IFCJ does not have a presence in Canada, Rabbi Eckstein expects it will have a Canadian tax exemption number by the end of the year.

The American-born rabbi has a personal connection to this country going back many years. He spent most of his childhood in Ottawa, where his father, Rabbi Simon Eckstein (a pretty traditional Orthodox rabbi, according to the son), served the community. Rabbi Eckstein senior now lives in Florida.

Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein has been criticized for his ties with evangelical Christians, but for the most part not by his Orthodox colleagues, he says.

Rabbi Eckstein insists he will not work with anyone who targets Jews for conversion. "That's been the line of demarcation."

In his own work, his motto has been: "Co-operate whenever possible, oppose whenever necessary, teach and sensitize at all times."

Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein

Although his brand of dialogue is "clearly not something Orthodox rabbis pursue or engage in," he feels he's a "curiosity" rather than a pariah in the Orthodox world.

The rabbi defines himself as part of the modern Orthodox movement. He won't go so far as to say he's on the fringe, but admits he no longer finds it "relevant" whether he's accepted by his mainstream colleagues.

"I believe deeply in what I do," he said. "I do what's right."

The IFCJ, Rabbi Eckstein stressed, is a partnership, not a Jewish organization to facilitate a Christian response.

With 30 staff and over 140,000 supporters, mostly in the United States, the organization has strongly backed Jewish causes, such as its Isaiah 58 program, which provides money to feed elderly Jews in the former Soviet Union and On Wings of Eagles, which funds Jewish aliyah from the FSU.

Funding is "heavily Christian" at the moment. The organization provides Christians who wish to help Israel with a tangible, non-missionary vehicle with which to do so, the rabbi explained.

Early in his career, Rabbi Eckstein reached a turning point when he was sent to Skokie, Ill., to try to rally the non-Jewish community against a neo-Nazi march that became a cause célèbre at the time. The rabbi was then national co-director of interreligious affairs for the Anti-Defamation League.

His mission led him to Wheaton College – a hub of evangelical life – where he met with the head of the Bible department.

"He was a very reasonable, sophisticated guy," recalled Rabbi Eckstein. "He dispelled immediately the stereotypes that I had of evangelicals at the time – that they were rednecks, anti-Semites, not intelligent."

Their meeting led to what Rabbi Eckstein believes was the first evangelical-Jewish conference in the United States. Participants included Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis.

Rabbi Eckstein has written five books, including one called *Understanding Evangelicals: A Guide for the Jewish Community*. He believes that "we Jews who have ourselves been objects of prejudice and stereotyping have a prime obligation not to do the same vis-a-vis others."

A new project, and one of the rabbi's major challenges, he believes, is to work on Jewish attitudes towards Christians.

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Breast cancer care, research receives a $1 million boost

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Breast cancer care and research was given a major boost in Toronto, thanks to a gift of over a million dollars from philanthropist Anne Tanenbaum, herself a cancer survivor.

A $500,000 donation will fund the relocation, expansion and refurbishing of the Anne Tanenbaum Chemotherapy Centre at the Leslie Street site of North York General Hospital. Slated for completion in 2001, the new centre will expand chemotherapy space from 1,250 to 4,470 square feet.

The gift will also help purchase a new technology called FISH (fluorescence in situ hybridization) which determines whether a woman has an abnormally high quantity of a gene called HER-2/neu. People with that gene tend to have a worse survival rate than others and require a more aggressive treatment approach.

A new drug, Herceptin, has shown to be of help to those with HER-2/neu. FISH technology will enable Herceptin, a very expensive medication, to be used where it will be most beneficial.

A media release says that North York General Hospital is the only hospital in Toronto to routinely use FISH technology on all breast cancer patients.

The institution also houses the Bank of Montreal/Nesbitt Burns Breast Diagnosis Centre and the Charlotte and Lewis Steinberg Familial Breast Cancer Clinic.

Tanenbaum also gave $250,000 each to Mount Sinai and Princess Margaret hospitals for digital mammography units.

An additional $75,000 gift to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation will be used to establish the Anne Tanenbaum Breast Diagnosis Fellowship in Digital Mammography, and to translate educational material into French.

Anne Tanenbaum

CORRECTION

The CJN printed an incorrect date last week for the appearance of Prof. Michael Bar-Zohar during Holocaust Education Week. His talk will be given Sunday, Oct. 31, at 272 Codsell Ave. at 8 p.m., sponsored by Na'amat Canada and the Labour Zionist Alliance.

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IDF to maintain superiority: former IAF chief

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Israel will maintain its military superiority over the Arabs for the foreseeable future, says the former commander of the Israeli Air Force.

"Our strength depends on people and weapon systems," said Amos Lapidot in an interview. "If our enemies have the same equipment as us, then we don't have any advantage.

"The difference is the human factor. Those who are more educated, intelligent and creative make better use of equipment."

Lapidot, president of the Technion for the past year, questioned a recent report in which the current commander of the Israeli Air Force, Gen. Eitan Ben-Eliahu, was quoted as saying that Israel was losing its "qualitative edge" as advanced weaponry reaches Arab armies.

"I can't believe he said that," declared Lapidot, who commanded the air force from 1982-87. Shown an Israeli newspaper clipping confirming Ben-Eliahu's statement, Lapidot said, "He must have been misinterpreted."

A combat pilot from 1954 to 1975, Lapidot said that non-conventional weapons will be deployed in the next Arab-Israeli war, should one occur.

"Non-conventional warfare," he warned, "should be taken into account in the future."

The Arabs, he suggested, possess chemical and biological, but not nuclear, weapons. He feigned ignorance of Israel's widely reported nuclear capability.

Amos Lapidot

"We have many enemies, countries that want us to fade away, countries that are not exactly democratic and ruled by totalitarian regimes," said Lapidot, listing Iraq, Syria and Iran as Israel's chief adversaries.

Claiming that the Israeli Air Force is still the best in the Middle East, he observed, "It's our deterrent force, our strategic long arm. It's quite in good shape."

Lapidot, who was commander when Israel bombed PLO headquarters in Tunisia in 1985, said that Israel's recent acquisition of 25 American-built F-15I strike aircraft increases the air force's potency.

"The F-15I has two advantages over the old F-15: better night- time systems and a much longer range," he explained.

The F-15I, at $84 million (US) a piece, has a range of 1,450 kilometres, and can fly as far west as Libya and as far east as Iran.

A squadron commander during the Six Day War and a wing commander during the Yom Kippur War, Lapidot said that air supremacy alone is insufficient.

Israel must also achieve dominance in space. "There are a lot of strategic advantages to that. During the Gulf War, we received real-time information from U.S. satellites in space."

The Arrow anti-missile system, which is currently in development and has been tested, is based on space technology, said Lapidot, who holds degrees in mathematics and engineering economic systems from Tel Aviv University and Stanford University, respectively.

Since the Arrow is not as yet operational, Israel is "quite vulnerable" to an Arab missile attack, he acknowledged.

"But we don't expect a war to break out tomorrow. In the meantime, we're preparing solutions."

The Arrow should be able to fend off five to 10, but not hundreds of Arab missiles fired simultaneously, he disclosed.

Lapidot, head of the Lavi aircraft project from 1981-82, regrets its cancellation. Designed to be Israel's home-grown answer to the F-15, the Lavi was cancelled in 1987.

"It was an excellent platform to develop our defence and high-tech industry, the cornerstones of our economy. It would have created 10,000 to 15,000 new jobs."

In his view, the politicians responsible for the Lavi's demise were neither far-sighted nor brave.

The Lavi, he believes, would have been the equal of the F-16, manufactured in the United States and used by Israel. "It was more tailor-made for our exact needs, and some of its systems were more advanced than the F-16s."

Asked about the fate of Ron Arad, an Israeli navigator who fell into Arab hands after his plane was shot down in southern Lebanon in 1986, Lapidot said, "No one knows where he is. I'm not even sure he's alive. I'm very pessimistic."

He cast doubt on reports that Arad is a captive of Iran. "It's hard to believe that he could be held by an established government and no one would know about it. It's not reasonable or logical."

Lapidot, who flies recreational aircraft today, is skeptical that the Israeli Air Force would have been more broadly effective against Iraq during the Gulf War than the United States and its allies had it not been grounded.

"On the other hand," he added, "we had tactics of our own and could have done some things differently and more effectively."

Commenting on the possibility of females flying combat missions for the Israeli Air Force one day, Lapidot said he has no doubts that women are as capable as men.

However, he noted, Israel's Western culture is adverse to the notion of women fighting on the front lines. And since women bear children and raise families, and given the $1 million cost of training a pilot, the air force may think twice before embracing the idea.

Lapidot was here and in Montreal to promote the Technion, Israel's technical university in Haifa.

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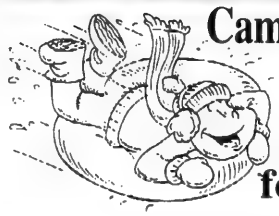

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Shaar Shalom Synagogue celebrating 25th anniversary

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When Sandy and David Galet bought a house in a predominately non-Jewish area in 1973, Sandy decided the only way she'd make the move was if she could start a shul nearby.

About a week before Christmas, she "did the Jewish walk" in the Don Mills Road and Finch Avenue area, waiting until darkness fell.

"I went to every house that didn't have Christmas lights, and snuck up to the front door to see if they had a mezuzah," she told *The CJN* recently.

In January 1974 the Galets – who had four young children – hosted a meeting for about a dozen people, with Rabbi Joseph Kelman of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue as adviser.

Did Galet have any idea that her project might become an established synagogue with almost 600 families? "Never in my life!" she said.

The congregation that grew out of that meeting – Thornhill's Shaar Shalom Synagogue – celebrates its 25th anniversary this year.

An affiliate of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, Shaar Shalom is still known as a younger congregation, although a year-old seniors' group of about 15 to 20 people meets monthly for lunch and study with the rabbi.

Shul president Sam Chaim, 50, estimates he's "maybe just a touch over the average age." He and his wife Roz joined in 1982 when their three children – now in their late teens and early 20s – were small.

Like the Chaim children, Shaar Shalom's congregational family is growing up. "We're just starting to enjoy some weddings, and our bar/bat mitzvah level [40 to 50 a year] has come down," noted Chaim.

Although he appreciates the religious and ritual aspects of synagogue life, Chaim believes the social aspect also plays an important role.

The Chaims, who are originally from Montreal, found their social circle "started to jell" when they became involved with Shaar Shalom, which has a sizable number of ex-Montrealers and South Africans. "We even have some Torontonians," Chaim quipped.

He credited shul founders for their vision 25 years ago.

Shaar Shalom is a "vibrant Conservative synagogue with all of the basic needs of a [congregation]," said Rabbi Martin Berman, spiritual leader of the traditional Conservative congregation since 1994.

High Holy Day services are held at two locations on-site as well as at Minkler Auditorium. There are brotherhood, sisterhood, adult education and youth programs, and a Hebrew school with over 200 students.

Rabbi Martin Berman

Among Rabbi Berman's ideas aimed at youth and family education was a havdalah service held at the David Dunlap Observatory. "We're looking to do other types of programs like that," he said.

In the early years, the only youth program consisted of children playing in the family room of Judy and Ira Abraham's house in the northeastern part of North York, while Saturday morning services took place in their basement. For the High Holy Days, larger premises were rented.

"I think we only had 36 chairs," recalls Judy Abraham of the home-based services when her oldest son was a baby. "There was the odd time we'd have to go knock on doors and drag men out for a minyan."

Sometimes Judy's husband, who travelled frequently, would sleep in, and someone would holler, "Could Ira come down?"

The Abrahams, natives of Nova Scotia, hosted services for four years, until they moved back to Halifax temporarily. The congregation then rented a room at Markham Place (now the Shops on Steeles at 404).

When the Abrahams moved back to Toronto after eight years away, the changes at Shaar Shalom were "almost like a miracle," Judy said. "Now it's like a big city shul," she added, somewhat wistfully.

The synagogue, located at Don Mills Road and Simonston Boulevard, opened in 1980, with membership approaching 100 families. Services were held in what is now the social hall of the building. Three phases of construction were completed in 1991.

In 1981 Rabbi Robert Binder became Shaar Shalom's first full-time rabbi. He was preceded by Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg, who was affiliated briefly with the congregation, and followed by Rabbi Sheldon Korn in 1983, and Rabbi Howard Markose in 1988.

To get the shul up and running required a lot of fundraising, recalls Carolyn Bowman. "In the beginning, the money was used to pay basic things like the gas bill."

She and husband Michael joined in 1991 with their two children, now teenagers, after they moved into the area. Although they knew nobody at Shaar Shalom, they found it "very haimish, very warm and inviting," Carolyn said.

Becoming involved in the shul – she is recording secretary of the congregation and immediate past sisterhood president – has taught her a lot about Judaism, she added.

This summer Bowman oversaw the publication of a 25th anniversary calendar, the synagogue's most recent fundraiser and a "labor of love." Money raised for the anniversary will be earmarked for youth projects, Bowman said.

Other anniversary year events include a celebration (details yet to be finalized) and an adult education program. Earlier this year, the congregation raised $15,000 at an anniversary golf tournament.

The slogan at the shul opening, said Bowman, was "A Dream Fulfilled." This year, on the calendar, an updated slogan reads, "The Dream Continues."

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Keren Hayesod women's head calls for more olim

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Nava Rubenzadeh, international president of women's divisions of Keren Hayesod visited Canada recently to share her vision.

"I would like each woman's division from [around the world] to sponsor a planeload of olim. My dream is to have each plane arrive in Israel at the same moment," said Rubenzadeh, who was born and raised in Israel, but married and moved to Argentina 36 years ago.

Keren Hayesod, which began in 1920, is the central campaign for Israel in all Diaspora countries except the United States. Its aim is to help realize the objectives of the Zionist movement, and raise funds for immigration, absorption and other national priorities. The organization has 41 women's divisions in 16 countries.

Nava Rubenzadeh (left), international president of women's divisions of Keren Hayesod, presents a leadership award to Linda Nadolny of Ottawa at the organization's recent meetings held in Israel.

The Argentinian division, which was formed 21 years ago, has already committed to sponsor a planeload of olim from its own country, and Chile's division has committed to sponsor olim from Russia, she said.

"Now I would like to see Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal do the same. I envision planeloads arriving from Europe, South America, Australia and Canada."

She is also here, she said, to share ideas with other women's divisions. "One of our main goals is to transmit Jewish values to our children and grandchildren in order to continue our tradition. We believe that women can do a lot for the Jewish community and for continuity."

Worldwide, she said, women contribute between 10 and 12 percent of the money that goes to Keren Hayesod.

Argentina, which has a population of about 200,000 Jews, mostly in Buenos Aires, has recently seen aliyah increase in its country by about 400 percent, she said. "We raise the money, and emissaries from the Jewish Agency prepare them for emigration. Last June, we went to Israel with 100 olim from Argentina and Latin America.

Teenage volunteers

"On the trip were about 15 teenage volunteers who lived for one week with teenage olim on a special program. When they came back to Argentina they were our emissaries."

Teenagers and young adults who go on an Israel Experience program from Argentina spend two days in a residential high school for immigrants, she said. "We want them to experience Israel as an immigrant does. Our goal is to have as many young people as possible make aliyah."

Argentinian immigrants fare well in Israel, she said, because Argentina has a strong Zionist community and children generally receive a solid Jewish education. "The kids are brought up with Zionism."

Referring to the terrorist attacks in Argentina that "shook the country," Rubenzadeh said that anti-Semitism is everywhere. "The Diaspora must work together and be strong together. Our centrality must be Israel. If we bring in more olim, Israel will be stronger."

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Scene in Ottawa

By G.K. SIMCOE

It may only be a symptom of the approaching millennium, but the issue of the role of religion in society has been a real buzz topic since parliamentarians returned to the Hill.

Especially noteworthy were two events: the first, a speech by Preston Manning; the second, a conference at Queen's University focusing specifically on the place of religion in public policy.

Manning's speech was treated as a return to the fold by some, following his bruising and ultimately unrequited courtship of the Joe Clark Tories. Others saw it more as a result of a personal epiphany. That is, Manning had finally realized that his strong and earnest religious beliefs had to serve as the basis of any political ideology to which he could subscribe.

In the "days of spin" following Manning's speech, Reformers see-sawed between private exuberance and public "contextualizing" of their leader's remarks.

Both promoters and critics of "the Manning doctrine" point to the centrality of Christian values as the source of their reactions. That, however, would be misleading.

More than 80 percent of Canadians claim to be followers of some Christian denomination, and polls have consistently pointed to a steady rise in personal religious affiliation. Logically, the kind of things Preston Manning is talking about should resonate positively with the majority of Canadians. Why then do so many reject his message?

One wise journalist offered two thoughtful observations. First, a majority of Canadians – including Christian Canadians – are troubled by the selectivity of the "Christian values" Manning has chosen to shape his political platform.

The corollary is that those values that do inform one's policies cannot be applied in a selective fashion without raising suspicions about the underlying agenda.

So juxtaposing the compassionate position adopted by Reformers regarding the victims of hepatitis-C tainted blood with Manning's harsh recommendations regarding the many helpless refugees that somehow make it to Canada, simply sets off alarms in many people's minds.

The one thing that is not selective, however, is the lesson that can be drawn for anyone in any faith community…including the Jewish community. Namely, that religion-based values cannot be chosen or applied using the principle of "multiple choice."

Tulip bulbs to be planted

TORONTO — In memory of 1.5 million children who were victims of the Holocaust, students from the Toronto Board of Education's Brown School and Deerpark Public School will plant a special bed of 800 Anne Frank Tulip Bulbs in a ceremony on Nov. 1 at 1 p.m.

This is the 11th year that special Anne Frank Bulbs will be planted in the Amsterdam Park at Avenue Road and St. Clair Avenue since then-mayor, Art Eggleton, proclaimed Anne Frank Day on Nov. 2, 1989.

Assisting the children will be the consul general of the Netherlands, Hendrik Kroon; the consul general of Israel, Jehudi Kinar; MPPs; city officials; members of the Jewish and Dutch-Canadian community of Toronto; and members of the Royal Canadian Legion.

In preparing the students, special attention has been given to the heroic efforts of the Allied armies in the liberation of Europe and in particular, the Canadian armies who liberated Holland.

They were one month too late for Anne Frank, who died in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, but a few of those attending the planting will remember those soldiers and will never forget their sacrifice.

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Golda Koschitzky to receive honorary degree

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — More than 70 years after finishing her formal education, Golda Koschitzky will be awarded an honorary doctorate from York University at the Nov. 5 convocation.

The great-grandmother, a Polish-born Jew, finished Grade 12 in the early '20s.

She had dreams of earning a teachers' degree, but her home town, Lutowiska, did not have a college.

Golda wanted to study in Vienna, but her parents did not want her going to a big city.

For about five years, she continued her studies privately with her three older cousins and a teacher, learning about history, geography, mathematics and other subjects, trying to duplicate what was learned in college.

But she never earned a post-secondary school degree.

In 1933, she married Israel Koschitzky and they had two sons, Saul and Henry.

In the midst of the Holocaust, the family was deported from their native Poland to Siberia and later lived in Russia, Poland and Germany.

In 1948, they came to Canada as "penniless immigrants, not knowing the country, not knowing the language, and working their way up to being able to make a major contribution to Canadian society," said Michael Brown, director of the Centre for Jewish Studies at York University.

Golda Koschitzky

The family lived in Winnipeg for a year, moved to Calgary for 10 years and then settled in Toronto.

The Koschitzky family became known for its commitment to the Jewish community and its contribution to Jewish education.

"They are at the forefront of Jewish philanthropy in this country," said Michael Brown.

The Koschitzkys were among the founders of Toronto's Bnei Akiva Yeshivat Or Chaim and Ulpanat Orot Girls School, and they donated a mikvah on Sheppard Avenue, west of Bathurst, called The Mikvah Society for Family Sanctity.

Family members have filled important roles in Jewish organizations.

Mira Koschitzky, one of Golda's daughter-in-laws, is the former national executive chair of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC). Julia, Golda's other daughter-in-law is chair of UIA Federations Canada and is on the board of directors of *The Canadian Jewish News*.

Henry is chair of The Ontario Jewish Association for Equity in Education, a CJC Ontario region committee that lobbies the government for funding for independent Jewish day schools. He is also a past president of Associated Hebrew Schools in Toronto.

Saul is the former head of the Association of Jewish Day School Parents and a former treasurer of CJC, Ontario region.

Two years ago, a chair in Jewish Teacher Education was created at York University, thanks to a donation from the Koschitzkys.

But the family's philanthropy extends beyond Canada.

The Koschitzkys contributed towards a new location for Yavneh, a school in Antwerp, Belgium, and founded Orot Yisrael, a girls' Yeshiva in Israel that also grants teachers degrees.

Despite the many causes her family supports and the many contributions they have made to the Jewish community, Golda says she and her husband always preferred anonymity.

"We wanted a low profile. We gave and we didn't need anybody to know about it," she said.

BIALIK KIDS GET SURVIVAL TRAINING

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Greater Toronto Area

Labor Zionist Alliance marks its 90th anniversary

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — One of the groups that worked hard for the establishment of Israel, the Labor Zionist Alliance (LZA), is celebrating its 90th anniversary Nov. 14 with a dinner at the Borochov Centre.

The Montreal branch of the LZA celebrated its 90th anniversary two years ago.

The proud history of the Toronto branch includes the founding in 1961 of Bialik Hebrew Day School, one of the only Jewish day schools in Toronto that teaches Yiddish.

The LZA also helped to set up the hachsharah farm at Smithville, Ont., in 1945, where young Zionists training to make aliyah prepared for work on kibbutzim and moshavim.

Sol Segal of Toronto, one of about 35 to 50 Canadians who trained on the hachsharah, said his time there was invaluable in preparing him for kibbutz life on Ein-Dor.

"Zionism is here now so our membership has dropped, but we continue to be actively engaged in the Jewish community," said Lou Kirshenbaum, national vice-president of the LZA. Joe Krystal is national president.

Members of the LZA were active in the founding of the Canadian Jewish Congress in the 1930s and in the more recent formation of UJA Federation of Toronto, Kirshenbaum said.

The Jewish immigrants who came to Canada in the early 1900s had various trades, but little capital; many had belonged to Zionist youth groups in Europe and they formed Poale Zion clubs in Canada to continue their work in establishing a Jewish state, Kirshenbaum said.

He noted that the members of the Poale Zion, mostly workers in the garment trade – they included furriers, milliners and leather workers – joined unions and even became union organizers and officers.

Kirshenbaum said the members of the left and the right Poale Zion merged about 25 years ago, uniting under the banner of the LZA; their headquarters are at the Borochov Centre, which is owned by the LZA and Na'amat. The building also houses Habonim/Dror, the LZA youth group, he added.

He said that in the 1920s, the LZA operated Camp Kinderland for children eight to 14 and later Camp Kvutza near Dunnville until the late 1960s.

In 1925, the Poale Zion established the Jewish Folk School, a secular afternoon school. Its students attended five days a week, after school and Sunday mornings, Kirshenbaum said.

After Bialik was established, and for a few years following, the LZA operated two schools. "Now Bialik has 800 students and is growing year by year," he said.

Reena to host conference on disabilities

TORONTO — Reena, an organization dedicated to integrating individuals with developmental disabilities into mainstream society in a Jewish environment, will celebrate its 25th anniversary with an International Conference on Developmental Disabilities in Toronto, Nov. 7 to 9.

The conference at the Sheraton Centre Hotel will explore leading-edge practices in five related areas: faith, medical, education, legal and quality of life.

Keynote speaker will be Stephen Lewis, deputy director of UNICEF and former Canadian ambassador to the United Nations, who will speak Nov. 8 on People With Developmental Disabilities: A Global Perspective.

Guest speakers will be Justice Sam Filer, who lives with ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease; his wife, Toni Silberman, a long-time human rights advocate; and Dave Hingsburger, a consultant to people with developmental disabilities.

Nearly 50 other experts will present talks, seminars and workshops on a wide variety of issues affecting the developmentally disabled, including legal rights, medical advances, public policy and sexual victimization of people with developmental disabilities.

The conference will also address the importance of faith and rituals in the everyday life of people with disabilities. Toronto Rabbi Philip Scheim will chair a session.

The session on education will feature a panel on Jewish education with Rabbi Yizchak Witty, former director of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education, and another with Dr. Aryeh Davidson of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.

Other local rabbis who will address the conference are Rabbi Ron Weiss of Jewish Family & Child Service, and Rabbi Daniel Gottlieb, who will chair a session on sensitizing youth.

Suzanne Herbert, Ontario's deputy minister of education, is slated to give an overview of the province's education system; while Justice Susan Himel, a judge on Ontario's Superior Court of Justice, will address health law issues.

A panel of medical experts will explore aging and the developmentally disabled, alternative treatments, autism, and diet.

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Coast to Coast

Holocaust Education week being planned for Windsor

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

WINDSOR, Ont. — A proclamation recently issued by Mayor Michael D. Hurst encouraged the community here to learn more about the Holocaust.

In declaring Nov. 2 to 9 as Holocaust Education week, Hurst said the Jewish and Christian communities should share information about the heroism of the underground fighters in the ghettos and the people interred in concentration camps.

Citizens are invited by the Windsor Jewish Community Centre to attend one or more informative programs and to visit the centre's display at the Windsor Public Library's main branch.

At the centre, the film *The Last Days*, which won the 1999 Oscar for best feature length documentary, will be shown Tuesday, Nov. 2 at 3.45 p.m.

At Congregation Beth El, following Shabbat services, art historian Nancy Barat will discuss and show the film *The Nazi Attack on Jewish "Degenerate Art"* on Nov. 5 at 8 p.m.

On Tuesday, Nov. 9 at the centre at 7 p.m., Karen Mock, national director of the League of Human Rights, B'nai Brith Canada, will speak on Victims, Perpetrators, Bystanders, and Activists – Who are They and Who are You?

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Jews and Gentiles: Beyond the Clichés
RABBI MAYER SCHILLER
Talmud Instructor at Yeshiva University High School; author of 'The Road Back'

Moderator: DR. ELLIOTT MALAMET
Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto; Creator of the TV series 'Judaism, a Quest for Meaning'

Sunday November 14, 1999 (10:30 a.m. to 5:00p.m.)

Sunday Program

10.30 a.m.
SPIRITUALITY IN CONTEMPORARY JUDAISM
RABBI MICHAEL SKOBAC, DR. ELLIOTT MALAMET, RABBI MAYER SCHILLER

12:15 p.m. Lunch (informal discussion with the panelists)

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רעדאַגירט פון: אַלעק סילווער

איציק מאַנגער צו זיין 30סטער יאָרצייט

פון נחום סומער

עס ווערט איצט 30 יאָר זינט איציק מאַנגער איז פון אונדז אַוועק אין דער אייביקייט אין אַ נאַר־רעלאַטיוו יונגן עלטער. ער איז געווען אַ באַרימטע פיגור אין דער ייִדישער ליטעראַטור, אָבער סײַ־ווי אים געפעלט אַ ביסל מזל. ער האָט געלעבט אַ שטורמיש און באַהעמיש לעבן אַן — צו קיין גוטאי זאָל עס אים ניט זײַן — האָט ער אַ ביסל אונטערגעזונדיקט מיטן ביטערן טראָפּן, וואָס האָט זיכער באַשעדיקט זײַן געזונט.

אַ זון פון דער ייִדישער אַריסטאָקראַטיע, האָט ער כּמעט אַ גאַנץ לעבן געקעמפט פאַר „ברויט אַן וואַסער" אַן אַ דאַך איבערן קאָפּ. ער האָט ניט געהאַט די עלעמענטאַרסטע מעגלעכקייטן פאַר אַ באַ־שיידן לעבן. וואָלט מאַנגער געשריבן אין ענגליש, פּראָנצויזיש, דײַטש אָדער שפּאַניש, וואָלט זײַן קאָנאַמישע מַערכה מסתּמא געווען אַ בעסערע; עס איז גרינגער אין דעם פּרט צוישן די פּעלקער ווי בײַ אחינו בני ישׂראל. אַ סך פון אונדזערע גרויסע קינסטלערס און שאַפּערישע כּוחות האָבן זיך געמאַטערט פאַר זייער טאָג־טעגלעכער אויסקומענישׂ. . .

צו 27 יאָר איז איציק מאַנגער אַנגעקומען קיין וואַרשע אין יאָר 1928 — אַ יונגער מענטש אין אַ נייער פרעמדער וועלט. נישט לייכט איז אים געווען זיך צוצופּאַסן צו די נייַ באַדינגונגען. אין יענע יאָרן וואַרשע געווען אַ גרויסער ייִדישער צענטער. עס האָבן נישט געפעלט קיין שרײַבערס, פּאָעטן — מענטשן מיט אײַ־נגעפונדענעטע רעפּוטאַציעס. אין, פֿאַרשטייט זיך, פאַר אַ נייַ־גע־קומענעם ניט געווען גרינג זיך צו שאַפן אַ פּאָזיציע.

דאָך האָט די ייִדישע וואַרשע געהאַט אַ סך מעלות פאַר מאַ־גערן. ס׳האָבן דאָרט עקסיסטירט גרויסע טאָג־צײַטונגען, וואָכ־שריפטן און חודש־זשורנאַלן. עס זײַנען דערשינען אַ סך נייַע ייִדישע ביכער. מיט איין וואָרט: ס׳האָט געברויזט מיט שעפּערישקייט אין מאַנגער האָט זיך דאָרטן געפילט ווי אַ פֿיש אין וואַסער. פאַר אים, מיט דער באַהעמישער נאַטור און דער גרויסער אינדיווידואַליסט, וואָס ער איז געווען, איז ניט געווען גרינג זיך אַריינצופּאַסן אין אַט דער סביבה. ס׳האָט געשאַפן אַ סך אומאַנגענעמע פראָבלעמען פאַר אים און פאַר אַנדערע. אָבער ניט געקוקט אויף דעם אַלעם — איז מאַנגער געוואָרן באַרימט אין וואַרשע און גלייכצייטיק צווישן ייִדן איבער גאַנץ פּוילן און במילא צווישן ייִדן איבער דער וועלט.

זײַנע פאָעטישע שאַפונגען ווערן איבערגעזעצט אין אַ סך וועלט־לשונות. אין 1961 ווערן זײַנע לידער אויך אײַנגעשלאָסן אין „אונעסקאָ ענציקלאָפּעדיע" פון וועלט־פּאָעזיע. דעם גרעסטן דער־פּלאָג האָבן זײַנע לידער אין העברעיִשער איבערזעצונג. אין ישׂראל האָט מען מאַנגערן אויפגענומען מיט גרויס וואַרעמקייט. דער דער־פּלאָג פון זײַנע אַריסטאָקראַטישע אין געווען אַן אויסגעצוויגלטער שטאַרקער. דאָרטן האָט מען אָפּגעשאַצט זײַן גרויסן טאַלאַנט און זיך געפּרייט, וואָס ער איז געוואָרן אַ תושב אין לאַנד. ער איז, לידער, שוין געקומען אַ קראַנקער אין ישׂראל. דאָרטן זײַנען פאַראַן גאַסן אויף זײַן נאָמען אָן ער איז שטאַרק באַליבט בײַ די סאָבֿרעס.

מאַנגער האָט פון זײַן ערשטן אָנהייב ביז סוף פון זײַן לעבן — אַ לעבן פון וואַגלענישׂ, ווונדז און יסורים — געשעפּט פון די ליכט־קע קוואַלן פון פאָלקס־שאַפן. ער איז ייער באַאיינפלוסט געוואָרן פון פאָלקישן הומאָר פון שלום־עליכם, מיט דער בליצקיקיט פון משה נאַדיר, מיט די רחמים־געפילן פון אברהם ריזקן, מיט דער שטורמישקייט פון משה לייב האַלפּערן און מיט דעם באַלאַדע־נוסח פון מאַני לייב. ער איז געווען אין געבליבן דער געבענטשטער, גע־ניאָלער זינגער פון פאָלק, מיט זײַן ספּעציפישן נוסח און חן.

מאַנגער האָט מיט זיך פראַקערפּערט — ווי ער אַליין שרײַבט: — *„א מעשׂה, א ליד און א ייִדיש מדרש".* זײַן ליד שטאַמט פונעם שנײַדער־וואַרשאַט פון זײַן פאָטער, דעם ליבן זינגער אין מעשׂה דערציילער; פון זײַן מאַמעס פאָלקס־נגונים; פון די היימישע פאָלקס־מעשׂיות פון בוקאָווינע, גאַליציע און אַלט רומעניע. שטי־קער ייִדיש־שטעטל און שטאָט־לעבן צאַפּלען זיך אין זײַנע לידער. א גאַנצע גאַלעריע פון פאָלקס געשטאַלטן וועלן פראַקערפּערט אין זײַנע לידער און באַלאַדן. דורך אים זינגען צו אונדז דורות ייִדישע פאָלקס־זינגערס.

מאַנגער איז געווען פון אומדערע אריגינעלסטע שאַפערס, א לידיקער פון העכסטן גראַד אין א גרויסער מייסטער פון דער באַ־לאַדע. דער גרויסער דיכטער פון אונדזער דור האָט נאָך זיך איבער־גלאָזט אַ גאָר רייכע, וועריפּולע ליטעראַרישע ירושה.

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DEADLINE REMINDER

What's New and About People deadlines: Monday, Nov. 1, is deadline for Nov. 11 issue and Monday, Nov. 8, is deadline for Nov. 18. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 391-1836, fax 391-0829.

Saturday, Oct. 30

AWARD-WINNING FILM

In conjunction with Holocaust Education Week, Morris Winchevsky School screens *Photographer*, directed by **Dariusz Jablonski**, with moderator Holocaust historian **Paula Draper** plus a survivor of the Lodz Ghetto, 8 p.m., Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave.

COUPLE GET TOGETHER

Want to make new friends? Have fun? Join in the Jewish Couple Get Together, 8 p.m., Garnet A. Williams Community Centre. Sponsored by Thornhill B'nai Brith. **Susan** 667-2762.

Sunday, Oct. 31

COVENANT BREAKFAST

Jewish Women International of Toronto Covenant Breakfast honors **Carol Ann Cole**, creator of The Comfort Heart Initiative, as 1999 Woman of the Year at the Toronto Marriot Eaton Centre Hotel. Reception 9:30 a.m., ceremony 10 a.m., luncheon following.

MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST

At Beth Tzedec Men's Club Breakfast, columnist **Steven G. Kelman** speaks about Preserving Your Yarusha (Birthright) – what you must know about your parents' investment and estate planning. Breakfast 9:30 a.m., speaker at 10 a.m. 781-3511.

JEWISH GENEALOGY

Jewish Genealogy is the topic **Gerry Stein** discusses at Temple Sinai breakfast series, 10 a.m.

YIDDISH CULTURE

Club L'Chaim of Adath Israel evening of Yiddish culture with Yiddish folklorist **Nathan Garnick** entertaining with a humorous presentation, Amerika Ganef, accompanied by **Paul Mathew** at the piano. 7:30 p.m.

THE NOTION OF SATAN

Aish HaTorah lecture, The Devil Made Me Do It...and not just on Halloween, with **Rabbi Michael Skobac** of Jews for Judaism. 8 p.m., 949 Clark Ave. W. Thornhill. 905-764-1818.

PARADIGMS IN THE TORAH

Parent Child Paradigms in the Torah with **Rachael Turkienicz**, 8 p.m. Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave. 229-2600.

JEWISH SINGLES

Games Jewish Singles Play (Bridge, Trivial Pursuit, Chutzpah, Scrabble, Bingo), for Jewish men and women, Group A, ages 21-39, Group B, ages 40-69, 7:30 p.m., Beth Torah Synagogue, 47 Glenbrook Ave.

Monday, Nov. 1

ANNE FRANK TULIP BULBS

In memory of 1½ million children, victims of the Holocaust, students from the Toronto Brown School and Deerpark Public School plant a bed of 800 Anne Frank Tulip Bulbs in Amsterdam Park (St. Clair and Avenue Road) at 1 p.m.

THE FIXER-BEILIS 1911

In 1911, **Mendel Beilis** was put on trial for the ritual murder of a Christian child, the basis for **Bernard Malamud's** prize-winning novel *The Fixer*. Discussions, videos and jurisprudence with presenter **Gerry Zeidenberg**, 8 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue. 221-3433.

VILNIUS STRING QUARTET

Jewish Music Toronto presents the Vilnius String Quartet with **Golda Wainberg-Tatz**, pianist, presenting an all-Jewish program. 8 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre. For tickets, **Jerry Nesker 221-5521**.

STAGED READING

Medina Theatre Ensemble staged reading of *Sun In My Eyes* by **Jack Kuper**, 8 p.m., B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St. Presented as part of Holocaust Education Week.

ABOUT DIABETES

Canadian Diabetes Association Jewish chapter meeting, 8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Psychologist **Andrew Shaul**, York University, discusses Diabetes – Balancing Work, Play and Rest. **Esther Schwartz** 782-2176 or **Shirley Glatt** 225-1989.

MALE AND FEMALE

Male and Female, God Created Them series with **Carl Ehrlich** continues with Forbidden Lust (Genesis 34, II Samuel 13), 8 p.m., Adath Israel Congregation.

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Wednesday, Nov. 3

HEALING PROJECT

Toronto Jewish Healing Project evening of study with **Rabbi John Moscowitz** speaking on a Path to Healing – Psalm 38 – Shall the bent also break? at 7:30 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Holy Blossom Temple Lunch and Learn in Retirement Group topic, A Fascinating Discussion of Current Events with **Doug Haddow**, at noon.

Thursday, Nov. 4

MILLENNIUM DINNER

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue and Brotherhood dinner and draw with $5,000 grand prize, plus early bird draw, consolation prizes, silent auction. Cocktails 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30. Reserve 633-3838.

And What Else Is New

JEWISH FEMINISM SERIES

Downtown Jewish Learning Council Jewish Feminism Studies series, Wednesdays, 8 p.m., beginning Nov. 3 for four weeks at Bloor Jewish Community Centre, with instructor **Aviva Goldberg** – Jewish Feminism: An Overview of Goals and Roles; Women's Liturgy: What is the Language of Our Prayers; Feminist Midrash: A Women's Point of View; A Jewish Woman's "How To": A Guide to Creating Meaningful Shabbat, Seders and Jewish Celebrations. 924-6211.

U OF T HOLOCAUST WEEK

University of Toronto Holocaust Education Week programs:

Monday, Nov. 1: **Mary Margot Buss** performs as Miep Geis in *A Page from the Holocaust*, 5 p.m., University College 140.

Tuesday, Nov. 2: The Lost Culture of the Holocaust, lecture by **Sharon Green**, plus klezmer band Allan Merovitz and Simcha Klezmer Ensemble, 7 p.m., Music Room, Hart House.

Friday, Nov. 5: Intergenerational Shabbat Dinner, Bernard Betel Centre. For details, Jewish Students' Union 978-0422.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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SEX AND VIOLENCE

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AT THE VILLAGE SHUL

Rabbi Avi Geller of Jerusalem conducts three mornings of learning on The Five Books and Parshah Overview Nov. 9, 10, 11 at 10:30 a.m. and an evening class Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. on Awaken Your Jewish Identity. 1072 Eglinton Ave. W. 785-1107.

SINGLES SCENE

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All singles, 25-50, are invited to the production of *Oliver* Thursday, Dec. 23, 8 p.m. at the Princess of Wales Theatre. Order tickets now. Deadline Nov. 17. 630-3676.

CRAFTERS AND ARTISANS

Bloor Jewish Community Centre Winter Holiday Arts and Crafts Show is Sunday, Nov. 28, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crafters and artisans interested in renting a spot, call **Alison Lee**, show co-ordinator, 924-6211, ext. 113.

FOR SENIORS

Association of Jewish Seniors general meeting Thursday, Oct. 28, 9:30 a.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Speaker from Alliance of Seniors reports on the Forum held Oct. 20 at St. Lawrence Centre. **Goldie Leiberman** 635-2860.

Beth Tzedec Seniors Haverim multicultural program, the Chai Singers under the direction of **Varda Hall Berenstein** with accompanist **Nina Shapilsky** Monday, Nov. 1, 1:30 p.m.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Sunday dance Oct. 31; Casino Rama Nov. 10, 24; *Swing Step*, major new musical love story at Ford Centre, members $25, non-members $30, Nov. 17; pre-Chanukah sale, Nov. 21; day trip to Cadbury chocolate factory Nov. 23. 395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Oct. 28, members meeting; Nov. 4, bingo; Nov. 11, video, *Lawrence Welk*; Nov. 18, Chinese Restaurant; Nov. 25, lecture, **Rabbi Joseph Landau;** Dec. 4, Chanukah dance with Teddy Band, call **Malka Colla** 630-5771 for tickets. **Jerry Bengall**, president, 905-707-7334.

LZA Seniors Club registration for Miami trip for four and six weeks at the Colonial and Thunderbird Hotels, **Libby** 782-2059 or **Shelagh** 2501234. Ladies Folkdancing Thursdays 1:30 p.m. and Cultural Discussion Group Tuesdays 10 a.m. in the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Centre is open for socializing Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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The Last Days, 1999 Oscar-winning feature-length documentary from **Steven Spielberg's** Shoah Visual History Foundation, Thursday, Nov. 4, 1:30 p.m. **Bookie Kwart** ext. 116.

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Movie, *The Boxer*, Sunday, Oct. 31, 2:30 p.m.

BLOOR JCC

Bloor Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 924-6211.

The Jewish Theatre Committee of Toronto celebrates the 10th anniversary of its Canadian Jewish Playwriting Contest with a series of staged readings, starting off with **Robert Majzel's** *This Night the Kapo*, directed by **Jordan Merkur**, Thursday, Nov. 4, 8 p.m. This is part of Bloor JCC's Holocaust Education Week program.

The Cultural Arts Group of Bloor JCC with Friends of Yiddish and the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto committee for Yiddish host the two-day program, The Holocaust: A Cultural Perspective:

Saturday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m., writer **Mark Breslin** hosts an evening of music, readings, film and theatre with Toronto Jewish Folk Choir, **Anne Lederman, Dr. Henry Greenspan, Alon Nashman, Ellie Moidel, Eleanor Wachtel, Judith Thompson, Andre Alexis, Rick Salutin**, and films *Visas and Virtue* and *Sarah.*

Sunday, Nov. 7, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Readings, screenings and discussion with **Dr. Henry Greenspan, Sarah Silberstein Swartz, Miriam Eskin, Rabbi Roy Tannenbaum, Kathy Kacer**.

Mythic Theatre: Spiritual Renewal Through the Performing Arts facilitated by **Dorothy Lichtblau**, Nov. 2-Dec. 21. Information, 922-4934. To register 924-6211.

Seniors Club, Thursday, Nov. 4, 2 p.m., How to Access Services for Seniors in Toronto. **Judy**.

BJC TEL AVIV ROOM

Pictured at the inauguration of the Bathurst Jewish Centre's new Tel Aviv Room are (from right) BJC past president Tom Lobel; Mayor of Tel Aviv, Ron Huldai; and BJC current president Bruce Leboff.

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Hamilton shul gets new rabbi

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Rabbi Mark Biller is happy to be home. Home is actually Toronto, but after seven years in the United States, Hamilton, he says, is close enough.

Rabbi Biller is the newly installed rabbi of the Conservative Beth Jacob Synagogue. On a weekday morning in his office, clad in blue jeans, shirt and tie, he is youthful and informal and has an infectious enthusiasm.

Rabbi Biller says his aim is to make Beth Jacob "a very comfortable place to be."

His style, he explains "tends to be interactive so that going to the synagogue doesn't become a spectator sport with the rabbi and cantor out there in front performing."

For years, he says, his approach has been not only "to convey the richness of Torah text and liturgy," but also "to remind people that it's fun to be Jewish."

He remembers as a youngster of 12 "being in awe" at the exciting way one of his teachers would explain Torah passages. That experience has remained with him ever since.

A graduate of an Orthodox day school, he attended the University of Toronto and spent a year in Israel at the Jerusalem Torah College. Surprisingly, he became a sports car appraiser.

At the same time, however, he was also teaching bar mitzvah students, and eventually became principal of a school with 600 pupils.

Finally, "the hobby took over," he says. He was running the Borochov Synagogue, and the Hebrew school and teaching bar mitzvah students. It was time to go back to school.

At his wife Ellen's suggestion, he enrolled in the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. The couple had just had their first baby and bought their first house. Nevertheless, they pulled up stakes and moved to New York City. Because of his Orthodox day school background, Rabbi Biller was able to complete the six-year program in five years. As a student rabbi, he spent weekends in the Catskills, officiating at services at Grossingers. And during his final two years, he officiated at High Holy Day services for the summer community on Fire Island.

Prior to his return to Canada, Rabbi Biller spent two years as rabbi of a large congregation in Montgomery, Ala., where he was impressed that 98 percent of the Jewish population was affiliated.

They were "very warm and lovely people," and he fondly recalls how they would wish one another "Shabbat Shalom, y'all."

"It was thrilling to go away, but now we're thrilled to be back," he says, especially now that the couple's 7-year-old daughter and 2-year-old son can be close to their grandparents in Toronto, Alex and Gerry Biller and Anne Sokoloff.

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Importance of volunteerism recognized at Israel Bonds luncheon

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — The importance of volunteerism was the theme at the recent State of Israel Bonds Women's Division luncheon honoring Rae Cohen, her daughter, Sheila Levitt, and daughter-in-law, Lorraine Cohen.

All three are dedicated Hadassah-WIZO workers who have also found time to volunteer with other Jewish organizations and in the general community.

Guest speaker, Ora Stolovitz, was especially impressed with the role volunteers of the Diaspora have played in the development and success of the State of Israel.

A sabra now resident in Montreal and herself a volunteer with a background of executive positions in Na'amat and the Canadian Zionist Federation, Stolovitz next year becomes North American vice-chair of Bonds' Women's Division, as well as Women's Division national chair for Canada.

Speaking on behalf of Bonds, Stolovitz noted that Israel's success would not have been possible without the partnership of Jews worldwide. "The partnership of Israel and the Diaspora is as vital as ever," she said.

In a warm tribute, former Hadassah-WIZO council president and 1995 Bonds honoree Beverly Lasky described this year's honorees as "three women who represent the true essence of Jewish life and exemplify, through their actions, the mitzvot of our traditions... [and who] have dedicated themselves through thick and thin to meaningful purposes and high ideals of helping to construct a better world for all people, in perfect harmony with our Jewish heritage."

Just as New York-born Rae Cohen was introduced to Hadassah-WIZO by her mother, both Sheila and Lorraine attributed their community involvement to the example set by their parents.

"My mother taught me how important it is to give something back to the community," Levitt said.

Lorraine Cohen observed that "the most wonderful feeling in the world is to be able to make a difference in the life of someone in need. I volunteer because it feels great."

Others taking part in the program included Women's Division co-chairs Sandra Fuss and Marcia Halpren; federation president Cheryl Greenbaum; Dodi Weil, outgoing national Women's Division chair; Anne Zeplowitz, wife of Temple Anshe Sholom's Rabbi Irwin Zeplowitz; Sylvia Green, wife of Rabbi Morton Green of Adas Israel congregation; Elizabeth Tick; Faye Leibtag; and Elaine Katz.

About 200 guests attended the luncheon at Adas Israel Synagogue. Measured in Bonds sales, reports Hamilton Bonds office manager, Barbara Balonjan, "it was very successful."

Coast to Coast

New rabbi makes learning accessible, enjoyable

By JUDY SHAPIRO
Jewish Free Press

CALGARY — Simchat Torah 5760 at Temple B'nai Tikvah. Under the direction of Rabbi Jamie Korngold, the adults of the congregation unscroll the Torah from beginning to end, forming a circle all the way around the room with the children sitting in the middle.

It was an experiment Rabbi Korngold was not sure would work. She had never done this before, but knew that the unscrolling of the Torah was a tradition at her parents' synagogue in New York state. The experiment did work and even exceeded expectations, making Simchat Torah an incredibly powerful experience for the whole congregation.

"The image of the adults surrounding the children with the words of the Torah, of the children being embraced by the temple community and by the Torah, was fantastic," Rabbi Korngold said.

This is but one example of the unique experiential approach to Judaism witnessed by congregants of Temple B'nai Tikvah since Rabbi Korngold joined the congregation in August.

Whether it is in children's services where she directs adults to hold the Torah upright so that the children can see the scroll, or whether it is when she simultaneously translates the Torah portion while chanting, Rabbi Korngold has a knack of making Judaism inclusive and embracing.

Born in Albany and raised in Westchester County, N.Y. Rabbi Korngold grew up in a committed Reform Jewish family. She graduated Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., with a bachelor of science in natural resources.

Since graduating from university and before studying for the rabbinate, Rabbi Korngold, 33,

Rabbi Jamie Korngold

had a varied and eclectic career. She worked as a guide for a wilderness/leadership program, as a street musician in Japan, a taxi driver, and a sushi chef.

Her journey to the rabbinate began in Vail, Colo., where she operated a private massage therapy clinic, enjoyed great skiing, and became a lay leader of the local synagogue.

Because the Vail synagogue had no professional leadership, members of the congregation took turns leading services. It was a task Korngold enjoyed and took seriously. To prepare, she ordered books, studied, and learned what the different prayers meant. To help in her volunteer job as "acting cantor" of the congregation, she called friends in New York, who left the melodies for prayers on her answering machine.

Eventually, fellow congregants encouraged her to study for the rabbinate.

At the time, Korngold was looking for a career change – she felt that she needed to use her intellect more and to reach more people. "It felt right to me," she said.

Rabbi Korngold then enrolled in the five-year rabbinic studies program at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Her position at Temple B'nai Tikvah is her first job as a rabbi, but during her five years of study she worked as a student rabbi in Vail, Chicago, and Atlanta.

Once she had completed her studies, Rabbi Korngold was interviewed by 17 congregations.

She chose Calgary for her first full-time rabbinical position for several reasons. The first was the *ruach* (spirit) she witnessed at Friday night services at Temple B'nai Tikvah.

"I really liked the way the congregation prayed and I didn't see that [*ruach*] anywhere else. These are the kind of services I lead – it was a good fit."

She was also impressed with the enthusiasm of the congregation for learning and experimenting. And the third motivating factor was Calgary's proximity to the mountains, which will allow her to live the lifestyle she enjoys as an avid skier and marathon runner.

Her love of nature and appreciation for the opportunities wilderness experiences afford for connecting with God is something Rabbi Korngold hopes to share with her congregants – particularly with the young people.

"I enjoy working with kids. It's challenging, but I like the honesty in them," she said. "I know how important it was to me to have older role models, people who were cool, who wouldn't let me off, but would be honest and frank with me. This role gives me the ability to be that [role model] for kids."

Other than initiating changes in youth programming, Rabbi Korngold has no plans for major changes at the temple. She plans to spend her first year observing and creating opportunities that make learning accessible and enjoyable.

One of only six women rabbis in Canada (two of whom are in Alberta), Rabbi Korngold looks

No major changes planned at temple

forward to working with Rabbi Seth Binus of Congregation House of Jacob-Mikveh Israel and Rabbi Moshe Saks of the Beth Tzedec Congregation as part of the Calgary Jewish community's rabbinical council.

She reports that she has already spoken to the other two rabbis on some issues, and these discussions have gone smoothly.

As for her relationship with her congregation, Rabbi Korngold says that it is not her style to be a forceful leader. Rather, she describes her leadership style as "empowering and inclusive."

Her intention is to make the temple "more congregation-centred rather than rabbi-centred."

There are many things that can be done without involving the rabbi in a primary role, Rabbi Korngold said, citing havdalah services as an example of experiences that can happen in people's homes without the presence of a rabbi.

Rabbi Korngold sees her role as "empowering people to be leaders, guiding them to reclaim their Judaism."

Rabbi Korngold joins Temple B'nai Tikvah at a time when the congregation is preparing to take a major step forward – that is, the building of a synagogue building on the land adjacent to the Calgary Jewish Centre.

The congregation's offices are now housed in two separate areas of the Jewish centre, and regular services are held there. High Holy Day services are held in a rented location downtown.

While Rabbi Korngold is enjoying the experience of interfacing with other parts of the community, she recognizes the disadvantages of being housed in the centre. "We need to have appropriate space for appropriate activities."

Furthermore, Rabbi Korngold believes that it is important for the temple to have a home, a gathering place, and a centre for its activities.

"I have the image of Deborah and her tree. Why did she sit under a tree? Because it was important that she was in a specific place if people needed her judging," Rabbi Korngold said, adding: "Lovely as it is to share space, it would be nice to have a Reform Jewish space."

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JCS arts festival to receive award

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

Tamar Kagan, director of Coloring Ourselves with Susan Posner and Yoni Stanleigh, two of the organizers of the program.

TORONTO —The efforts of a group of students who spent four months helping the Toronto Jewish Campus Services (JCS) organize an arts festival have really paid off.

Coloring Ourselves: A Festival of Jewish Student Creativity has netted JCS, an umbrella organization encompassing Jewish campus groups in Toronto, an international award.

On Dec. 22, JCS will receive the Elie Wiesel Award, given by Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life. This is the first time a Canadian organization has won the award which honors originality and innovation in campus arts and culture programming.

Named after the famous writer and Nobel Peace Prize winner, the annual award, inaugurated in 1990, is open to any Hillel-affiliated campus organization.

Coloring Ourselves, which was held at the Poor Alex Theatre on Brunswick Avenue last March, was the second annual arts festival organized by JCS. The three-day event showcased the photographs, sculptures, music, and other creative works of more than 100 Jewish students from Toronto universities and colleges.

"It captured the creative spirit and vision of so many students and I'm incredibly proud of it," said Tamar Kagan, arts and culture co-ordinator for JCS.

Many of the festival's contributors were not previously active in Jewish campus activities, she noted.

"It was a lot of new faces Jewish Campus Services hadn't met before which was exciting."

The JCS's first Jewish student arts festival was organized by Sidura Ludwig, founding editor of *Dorot*, a journal of contemporary Jewish literature written by students.

"What she [Ludwig] did exposed real interest in creative work and the connection between someone's identity as an artist and their identity as a Jew," said Kagan.

Coloring Ourselves was so exceptional the committee which branded the program a winner will not be giving an honorable mention for the first time in Hillel's history, said Steven Schauder, director of the department of Jewish student life at Hillel International Centre in Washington, D.C.

"They [committee members] wanted to provide full recognition to this program," he said.

Kagan puts focus on Jewish art

By ERIC STEIN
Special to the CJN

TORONTO — Tamar Kagan, arts and culture co-ordinator for Jewish Campus Services (JCS), is passionate about motivating students to create Jewish-themed art.

The organizer of last year's Jewish student arts festival, Coloring Ourselves, Kagan said she hopes to foster the creation of Jewish-themed art through a series of fall workshops that are being co-sponsored by the Bloor Jewish Community Centre.

"We want to encourage people who are exploring their artistic expression in more general ways to explore that expression in a Jewish context.

"The workshops provide hands-on opportunities and a friendly environment for young artists to discover inspiration in the Jewish arts."

Kagan said she hopes the students taking these workshops will submit Jewish-themed art to the up-coming arts festival which will run next year from March 5 to 8.

She stressed that it is not necessary to have a background in Jewish artistic forms or a certain level of religiosity to participate in the workshops.

"We hope people of all backgrounds will come to discover something personal in these workshops. There are no restrictions. Open-mindedness is all that is required," she said.

The following is a selection of the workshops offered:

Scribblers is a forum for creative writing. Local poet, performer and psychotherapist Ronna Bloom will host these sessions held on consecutive Monday evenings until Nov. 8.

Actress, writer and folklorist Leslie Robbins will host a storytelling session Nov. 7, 2 to 6 p.m. Participants will explore the history and sources of of Jewish storytelling, and will learn about presenting Jewish stories orally.

Writer, actor, comedian and renowned Yiddishist Michael Wex will host the final workshop, a session devoted to Yiddish theatre, on Nov. 21.

The fee of $20 covers most of the workshops except Scribblers, which will cost $30.

Kagan is also planning a one-day January retreat to explore the theme of beginnings using Jewish texts. Participants will then apply this study to creative expressions in theatre, visual arts, and creative writing.

The arts festival submission deadline is Jan. 14. For more information about the workshops, festival or retreat, call 878-9658.

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Israel a step closer to ending UN isolation

By JULIA GOLDMAN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

UNITED NATIONS — France has opened the way for Israel's full participation at the United Nations by withdrawing its objection to Israel joining the European regional bloc at the world body.

Now only a handful of European states remain opposed to Israel's membership in the group, a prerequisite for joining important UN committees and the Security Council.

Israel's outgoing UN ambassador, Dore Gold, said the issue could be resolved in a matter of weeks. This would end Israel's isolation as the only country to be denied membership in such a group.

"We are on the verge of a major breakthrough in the normalization of Israel" at the UN, the ambassador said at a luncheon in his honor in New York sponsored by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

France had previously been a chief opponent of the move, a role now held by only Ireland and countries in the southern tier of Europe.

Observers say competition is a key reason for the opposition to Israel's membership in the Western Europe and Others Group. Increased membership in a regional group reduces the chances for each individual member-state to be appointed to important posts.

Admission in a regional group requires consensus on the part of its standing membership: Not all members must approve the admission, but none can object.

Of the five regional groups at the United Nations, Israel geographically belongs to the Asian bloc, but members of that group – Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and others – have consistently blocked Israel's entry.

Gold, who leaves his post Oct. 28 after more than two years, said that at this time last year there was no feeling that a consensus could be reached among the European group's members, which include the United States, Australia, Canada and Norway.

He credited the change, to the work of U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Richard Holbrooke, the American ambassador to the United Nations, who made Israel's inclusion in a regional bloc a diplomatic priority. Gold also commended the work of American Jewish groups who lobbied their international contacts on the issue.

Last month, Albright related to Jewish leaders in New York that when she met with world leaders at the opening of the UN General Assembly, she took along a copy of the American Jewish Committee's full-page advertisement in the *New York Times*.

Resolution condemns terrorism

The ad starkly shows that Israel alone is ineligible to sit on the UN Security Council, while nations cited by the U.S. State Department for terrorism – including Iraq, North Korea and Syria – are eligible as members of regional groups.

In another turn around at the United Nations, the Security Council unanimously passed a resolution unequivocally condemning what has become a global scourge.

The resolution, initiated by the Russian Federation, condemns unequivocally "all acts, methods and practices of terrorism as criminal and unjustifiable regardless of their motivation."

Although it does not mention any nation by name, Gold said the resolution represents a "180-degree shift" in international consensus on terrorism and "creates the groundwork" for international action against "states that support terrorism, many of which are adversaries of Israel."

The resolution draws upon a 1994 declaration against terrorism by the General Assembly, but represents the first strong statement by the Security Council.

In passing the resolution Oct. 19, the 15-member body called on all United Nations member-states to fully implement and adhere to international anti-terrorist conventions, to co-operate on a bilateral and multilateral basis in fighting terrorism and "to deny safe havens for those who planned, financed or committed terrorist acts by ensuring their apprehension and prosecution or extradition."

Gold said that the wording so closely adheres to Israel's stance on the issue that "it could have been written in Jerusalem."

Barak stands up for the Netanyahus over allegations

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ehud Barak indirectly criticized the police recently and defended the man he defeated in a hard-fought national election five months ago, saying former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his wife – facing allegations of pilfering state gifts after Netanyahu left office – must be considered innocent unless proven guilty.

"In a properly run state, every man is considered innocent until proven otherwise. Suspects have rights and are accorded dignity, and these rights are also binding on the police," Barak said during the weekly cabinet meeting.

There has been widespread speculation that police were responsible for tipping off the media before investigators conducted a search of the Netanyahus' home last Wednesday and confiscated boxes presumed to be filled with gifts given to the state. The confiscation was conducted in the full glare of television cameras.

The media have also been tipped off each time the Netanyahus have been summoned by police.

Attorney General Elyakim Rubinstein recently ordered the police to conduct an internal investigation to determine whether police are the source of leaks. He ordered the investigation after State Attorney Edna Arbel severely criticized the media leaks.

Police Chief Yehuda Wilk denied that police were the likely source of leaks in an interview on Channel One.

He said that when he learned that the media had been tipped off that Benjamin Netanyahu was about to be questioned for the first time at the police's national fraud division headquarters in Bat Yam, he notified the former prime minister's lawyer and offered to change the venue of the meeting, but the lawyer declined.

Sara Netanyahu was to be questioned for a third time by police in Bat Yam. She was to face questions over services she and her husband received from contractor Avner Amedi, who submitted a bill for NIS 400,000 to the Prime Minister's Office after Netanyahu left office. Amedi has since turned state's witness.

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Barak has learned to adapt to changing realities

By AKIVA ELDAR
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

Nearly 20 years passed between the time when Jimmy Carter suggested that Yitzhak Rabin talk with the PLO and the day Rabin shook Yasser Arafat's hand.

Analysis

Now, four years after the handshake that cost Rabin his life, and 100 days after Ehud Barak entered the Prime Minister's Office, there are signs that Barak is fast learning how to adapt his positions to the changing reality.

Barak has already learned the most important lesson: he will rise or fall on the strength of the peace agreements.

There is a remarkable similarity between the circumstances in which the two men began their tenures.

Rabin promised a breakthrough in the peace process "within six to nine months."

When the time came, he was hindered by a rickety coalition, a foreign minister breathing down his neck and strikes throughout the economy. He was at a dead end with the Palestinians and was not seeing eye to eye with the United States over the lines of withdrawal from the Golan. Caught in his own predicament, Rabin understood that Arafat's plight presented him with an avenue of escape and his biggest opportunity to achieve peace.

Barak has started out surrounded by rankled, grumpy ministers, with a coalition comprising the same odd combination of Shas and Meretz, with a huge hole in the budget, with strikes and unemployment.

The IDF is stuck in Lebanon and the talks with Syria are stuck at the point where Rabin left them. Talks with the Palestinians on the interim agreements have also not shown promise. Purposely or not, Barak has done the same as Rabin and allotted peace a nine-month gestation period.

Barak believes that cards held close to the chest are that much further from the adversary's pocket. His ministers have therefore been warned not to speak of a Palestinian state. It doesn't mean Barak opposes the idea. He thinks that as long as this card is not laid on the table, more can be obtained in return for it. Behind the scenes, in direct and indirect talks with Palestinian leaders (another meeting with Arafat is expected in two weeks), everyone knows just why the bride and groom are heading to the altar.

The Palestinians were impressed that Barak knows the Yossi Beilin-Abu Mazen accord by heart. The prime minister has basically adopted this document's proposal on the refugee problem, namely, that the Palestinian state will decide how many refugees to absorb.

In return for the Palestinians dropping their demand for the "right of return," the accord says, Israel will allocate agreed-upon funding to reunite families. The international community will set up a fund to help returning Palestinians and to compensate them for property left in Israel.

It seems that on Jerusalem, Barak is no longer fearful of formulas such as the one that would make Abu Dis the Palestinian capital near Jerusalem and would free Israel from control of most of the city's Palestinian residents.

For Barak, the main thing is security. At present, he is not content with the ideas in the Beilin-Abu Mazen document (demilitarization, hilltop warning stations and a buffer force along the Jordan). The lands he wants to annex to the settlement blocs are 10 to 30 percent larger than the Palestinians' declared ceiling; they talk about getting 95 percent of the land, and the widespread notion is that they will compromise on 85 percent. Barak's blocs leave them with 65 percent, and the guess is that he will compromise on 75 percent.

On the Syrian channel, Barak is not ready to step into Rabin's shoes. But people who have seen the minutes of the talks between Ron Lauder and Hafez al-Assad say that when the day finally comes, you'll need a microscope to see the differences between Barak's deal with Syria and the map Netanyahu's emissary sketched in Damascus.

Ehud Barak

Either way, Barak was confident last week that he could keep to the ambitious timetable he has set, and by next year, present a framework accord for peace that would strengthen Israel's security and add more than two Israeli embassies to Arab capitals.

Moreover, he has no doubt that the public will approve all the peace deals in a referendum – by an even more sweeping majority than the majority that elected him prime minister.

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Algerian president calls for Mideast co-existence

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

WASHINGTON — Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika called for peace and reconciliation in the Middle East in an interview that is to appear in the upcoming November-December issue of the U.S. publication, *Middle East Insight*.

"The time has come to give peace the chance it deserves, in order to allow the new generations of both nations (Arab and Israeli) to live the next century in fraternity and to dress the open wounds inflicted during the last century," he told the magazine.

He said that his meeting with Ehud Barak at the funeral of King Hassan II of Morocco was unplanned but was in keeping with Algerian policy.

"My country's position toward Israel is based on the principle of defending just causes," the president said. "We have never shared the doctrine which called for the Israelis to be 'thrown into the sea' nor have we shared the doctrine of the 'Greater Israel' which would include land belonging to its neighbors.

"We are for fraternal co-existence among the peoples of the region in the framework of internationally recognized borders, the territorial integrity of states – that is to say the return by Israel of territories unduly occupied in 1967 – and the recognition of the right of Palestinians to establish a state with Jerusalem as its capital.

"This is in fact what I told Barak, David Levy and Shimon Peres in Rabat. I also told them that Algeria would have stood on the side of the Israelis if they had been in the same situation as the Palestinians."

Bouteflika said Algerians accepted his discussions with Barak as "very normal." He added that he expects Israel to withdraw from the Golan Heights and southern Lebanon and to recognize the legitimate rights of the Palestinians.

"Only under these conditions can a new page be written in the Middle East characterized by peace, stability, shared security, fruitful co-operation and equitably shared prosperity."

The Week in Israel

Oct. 18

• The military industry was given permission to sell light arms to Jordan for the first time. Israeli arms have previously reached Arab states through a third party.

Oct. 19

• Ethiopian activists launched a campaign to raise public awareness of the plight of what they say are 18,000 Ethiopians hoping to immigrate to Israel.

Oct. 20

• Israeli media reported Jordan's press organization expelled three of its members for defying a ban on travelling to Israel. The three had visited Israel at the invitation of Haifa University.

• Police questioned former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his wife Sarah about valuables that were seized during a search of the Netanyahus' home. *(The Netanyahus were called back for more questioning Thursday.)*

• Egypt is undermining Israeli attempts to improve relations with Arab countries, Foreign Minister David Levy told Israel Radio. "Egypt has double vision. On the one hand, the peace with Israel is important; on the other hand, they try to block every attempt by Israel to improve its relations and co-operation with Arab countries."

Oct. 21

• Despite protests from some of their colleagues, Yesha leaders completed the dismantling of five unpopulated outposts in the West Bank, as agreed with Prime Minister Ehud Barak.

• At least 16 Palestinians were killed and 30 injured in a fire at a chemicals factory in the Palestinian-controlled part of Hebron. Most of the dead were female workers who were trapped inside when the fire broke out. Israeli fire crews were called in to help the Palestinian firefighters.

Oct. 22

• The media reported that the military ruler who seized control of Pakistan, General Pervey Musharraf, told Israel he will not change his country's policy toward Israel.

Files from JTA and Ha'aretz

Europe leads efforts to free Iranian Jews

By JULIA GOLDMAN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — Efforts continue to mobilize international support for the 13 Iranian Jews arrested in March for spying for Israel, advocates in the United States say.

European officials have recently been at the forefront, advancing the issue with the Iranian government, which has said it will try the Jews in a revolutionary court in the southern city of Shiraz.

On Oct. 14, Iran's Foreign Ministry reportedly said it was "surprised" that France would raise the issue of the 13 Jews – whose number is believed to include Jewish religious and communal leaders – during a visit by President Mohammad Khatami scheduled for late October.

Iran says that several Muslims are being held along with the Jews, as an indication that the arrests were not motivated by religion or ethnicity.

Iran is considered by observers to be locked in a struggle between moderates under Khatami, and religious hardliners, even as it attempts to strengthen its ties to the West.

"The case of the Jews is an internal Iranian matter and is the proper business of Iran's courts," a Foreign Ministry spokesman was quoted as saying in the Tehran press.

The day before, French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine declared that he and Prime Minister Lionel Jospin would broach the subject with Khatami, who will be the first Iranian president to visit France since the 1979 Islamic Revolution in Iran.

Last month, Austrian President Thomas Klestil raised the case with Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, during what was the first visit to Iran by a European head of state since 1979.

Khamenei reportedly told Klestil that the issue was an internal matter and that "if their crime is proved by the court, they will probably be punished."

Espionage is punishable by death in Iran, and 17 Jews have been executed for spying in the past 20 years.

Last month, however, U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, in a meeting with Jewish leaders in New York, reiterated reports that Tehran had given assurances that "in time of peace, Iran does not apply capital punishment."

As diplomatic advocacy continues to try to free the 13 Jews – or at least secure an expeditious, fair and open trial – Malcolm Hoenlein, the executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, is stressing that there is no need for funds on behalf of the Jews being held or the Jewish community in Iran.

The Presidents Conference, a New York-based umbrella group, has been active on the issue since word of the Jews' imprisonment in the city of Shiraz emerged in April.

Reports of fundraising activity for the Iranian Jews prompted Hoenlein to warn that any such solicitation "should be considered a sham."

Hoenlein also said such fundraising could endanger the Jewish community in Iran because it "sets up a situation where all Iranian Jews would become potential hostages."

Israelis still grappling with legacy of murder

Continued from page 1

Four years ago, in the weeks preceding the slaying, settlers launched large-scale protests across Israel against turning over any West Bank territory to the Palestinians.

Yigal Amir, who was very involved in those protests, shot Rabin on Nov. 4, 1995, and later said his actions were justified by Jewish law.

Last week, echoing the acrimony that preceded the slaying, Orthodox rabbis prohibited the dismantling of West Bank settlements.

Israel's attorney general stressed that while freedom of expression must be upheld, law enforcement officials must ensure it does not slide into political violence.

The renewed momentum in Israeli-Palestinian peace moves, and the concessions it is expected to bring, have sharpened the political debate.

At the same time, religious-secular tensions have also intensified.

Organizers of the dialogue tent hoped the encounters would help the different groups bridge their differences.

Such dialogue "helps create a public atmosphere that could prevent the next political murder," Danny Tropper, chair of the Gesher – Hebrew for "bridge" – Foundation, told *Ma'ariv*.

On Nov. 4, the date of the assassination on the secular calendar, a memorial integrating some of the graffiti art put up at the site of the assassination is to be unveiled.

A week later, on Nov. 11, U.S. first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is due to speak in Tel Aviv as the guest of the Rabin Centre for Israel Studies.

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Gallery dedicated to memory of Nathan Shiff

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
CJN Staff

TORONTO — The recent opening of Now and Then, an exhibition of sculpture and paintings by Karen Reiss at the Nathan Shiff Gallery, was very much a family affair.

The B.C. artist's bold ceramic sculptures and multimedia painting – she describes her work as figurative expressionistic – were shown with work by her husband, poet Murray Reiss. His poetry, which was framed and mounted, was also on display.

Murray, the cousin of the late Nathan Shiff for whom the gallery is named, gave a poetry reading. Shiff's nephew, Matthew Roy, a guitarist, also performed.

The show opened on a day officially dedicated to mental illness awareness. But gallery owner Verna Shiff, Nathan's wife, said the timing was purely coincidental.

Launched in May, the Nathan Shiff Gallery (1252 Danforth Ave.) features the work of artists suffering from mental illness, as well as work by mainstream artists who do not have psychological problems, Verna Shiff said.

"The idea is to give them [artists with mental illness] an opportunity to exhibit their work without making the illness the focus. There are lots of group art shows for people with long term illness. I find that degrading. I wanted to get away from the stigma. I want to bring the art to a higher level."

She stressed that the quality of the works of art is what is important. "I want this to be a gallery that stands on the work. The illness should be the secondary point."

The gallery is a tribute to her late husband, an artist who was diagnosed with schizophrenia in his late teens. He died of emphysema in January at the age of 53.

Last Exhibit

Shiff said that while her husband struggled with mental illness and had many admissions to hospital, he always painted.

"He did primarily acrylic on canvas. He was rarely without a paint brush or pencil. He was always drawing or writing."

"When he got sick in the last two years of his life, he moved to water colors. He was drawing up until the last day with a ball point pen."

During the last months of his life, she said, he asked her to display his work after he died. "He wanted one last art exhibition."

Exhibiting her husband's works in her home was not an option, and following his death, she was not up to making the rounds of the established galleries, she said.

In May she found a storefront on the Danforth and rented the space for a month for a private exhibition of her husband's work.

She said when she was hanging the artwork with Nathan's sister Lucy Roy, who is also an artist, she decided to keep the gallery going.

Shiff said the exhibition of her husband's work was not planned as a commercial venture.

"When I did the exhibition, I didn't think I'd sell anything. I wanted to show, not sell, Nathan's work. I wanted people to see what he did. I wanted to sell a catalogue [of his work] to raise money for mental health."

But "I've sold a lot of his work. It amazes me. I made $4,050 after two weeks. I couldn't believe it."

While the proceeds from the initial exhibition were donated, Shiff said, the success of that first exhibition spurred her on, and she's become part of the local business community on the Danforth.

"In April, I'll be showing the work of the Danforth Tech graduating art school. And one of the teachers is going to take part in the next group exhibit."

The show in which the teacher is participating opens Nov. 11. at 6:30 p.m. It will include works by Lucy Roy, Ann Hardiman, Kevin Turner and Peter Howlett.

A collection of Nathan Shiff's works are on permanent display at the gallery. For more information, call 463-8957.

Poet Murray Reiss and Karen Reiss. [Barbara Silverstein photo]

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Playwright seeks to create 'new community'

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jack Messinger, who grew up in Toronto, but has recently returned here after 15 years directing plays in Israel, is on a mission.

He wants to create a new Jewish theatre that will introduce the community he knew here to the "new community," which includes immigrants from Israel and other countries of the Middle East, Europe and Russia.

To this end he has established Theatre is Real, which offers acting classes in Hebrew and English.

Familiar with Israeli theatre, Messinger is confident that he can bridge the gap between plays that are popular in the Diaspora and those that attract Israelis.

He has directed four plays currently running in repertory in Tel Aviv, *Missing Kissinger*, *Three Tall Women*, *My Ex-Eternal Wife* and *Downtown*.

He wants to stage plays here by Israeli playwrights Hanoch Levin, Hillel Mitttlepunci, Danny Horowitz, Yehoshua Sobol and Motti Lerner in Hebrew and English.

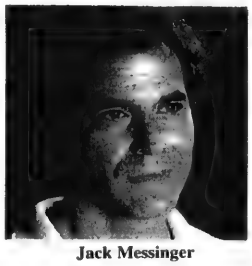
He said he is just as comfortable directing in Hebrew as in English, but when he first arrived in Israel, it took him awhile to get the hang of giving lines in Hebrew to his actors.

To increase the interest of young people in Hebrew theatre, Messinger is giving a workshop Nov. 8 for the Board of Jewish Education on teaching Hebrew through drama and storytelling through drama.

"The community has changed so much, and is so much larger, that I want to use theatre as a way of bringing diverse groups together," he said.

A graduate of Forest Hill Collegiate, Messinger has a BA in English from the University of Toronto and a master's degree in fine arts from Yale University. He had leading acting roles at theatres in Canada, including at the Stratford and Shaw festivals, before going to Israel.

In Israel, he met his wife, Marra,



Jack Messinger

a native of Winnipeg, who was then a cultural officer with the Canadian Embassy in Tel Aviv. Later, she became circulation director of the *Jerusalem Post*. In Toronto, she has become executive director of the Fund Against Poverty in Children.

Their 8-year-old daughter, Atari, attends Associated Hebrew School in Thornhill. "Her chief problem is adjusting to how Hebrew is spoken here," he laughed.

The son of Lillian Messinger, a Toronto social worker, he has a brother, Stephen, a partner in the law firm of Goodman and Carr, and a sister, Fran, who runs a talent agency.

For information about Theatre is Real, call 905 764-4757.

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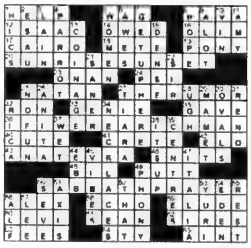

Four artists picked as finalists for Saidye Bronfman Award

TORONTO — Canadian artists Roseline Delisle, Susan Low-Beer, Les Manning, Michael D. Massie and Mariette Rousseau-Vermette have been named as finalists for this year's $20,000 Saiyde Bronfman Award.

Now in its 23rd year, the Saidye Bronfman Award was established by the Samuel and Saidye Bronfman Family Foundation to honor the 80th birthday of Saidye Bronfman, a longtime supporter of the arts, and to provide leadership in recognizing and honoring the high levels of excellence achieved by Canadian craft artists.

This year's announcement, the first time the finalists for the award have been named, was made recently by the Samuel and Saidye Bronfman Family Foundation, in association with the Canada Council for the Arts and the Canadian Museum of Civilization, partners in the award.

A signature exhibition of recent work by the five finalists will be on display at the 25th annual One of a Kind Canadian Craft Show and Sale at the National Trade Centre in Toronto, Nov. 25 to Dec. 5.

The peer assessment committee that adjudicates the award considers all aspects of esthetics, including creativity, innovation and technical mastery, as well as the nominees' contribution to the development of the fine crafts in Canada over a significant period of time. The nomination and adjudication processes are administered by the Canada Council for the Arts.

The Saidye Bronfman Award recipient will be announced at a special ceremony at the craft show and sale, on Nov. 25.

The five finalists for this year's Bronfman Award are:

Roseline Delisle, a ceramist who has expanded her crafting of porcelain vessels to the level of sculpture. She has exhibited worldwide in England, Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Japan, Norway, Poland, Russia, Switzerland, Turkey and the United States.

Susan Low-Beer, a Toronto-based ceramist who bridges traditional craft practice with contemporary sculpture. A sculptor in clay, Low-Beer's figurative work has been embraced by both the craft and fine art worlds. She has exhibited in solo and group shows across Canada and in Czechoslovakia, Japan, Mexico and the United States.

Les Manning, a familiar figure in the Canadian and international ceramic community. Over a 25 year period, he developed the ceramics studio program at the Banff Centre from a summer school to an internationally respected artists' residency program. His unique low-fired functional ceramic work often incorporates his personal view of landscape and demonstrates technical mastery. Manning, who has exhibited widely both nationally and internationally, is now based in Elginburg, Ont.

Michael D. Massie, a silversmith well known in Canada and abroad. A graduate of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Massie now teaches in Stephenville, Nfld.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

CANADIAN MUSICIANS HELP OUT IN TAIWAN

Margot Rydall and **Ivan Zilman**, the Toronto-based flautist and guitarist of the musical ensemble **Duo**, were on a concert tour of Taiwan when a large earthquake struck the island on Sept. 21.

In the following turmoil, telephone and fax lines were disrupted, but Rydall and Zilman were able to set up a benefit performance in Taipei, where they had been staying in a building that sustained substantial damage.

All money raised was donated to the Taiwan Earthquake Relief Fund.

They also donated some of their CDs to raise funds for the relief effort with the help of the Canadian Trade Office in Taipei.

While most other foreign musicians left the country immediately after the quake, Duo stayed. Their concerts in Taichung and Koshsiung were cancelled, but a gala recital in the National Concert Hall in Taipei proceeded as scheduled.

On their return home to Toronto, the band staged a benefit recital at the Beach Interfaith Drop-in Centre for victims of the quake, the worst to hit Taiwan this century.

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Betel Centre: In honor of the International Year of the Older Person, the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living and Cameo Productions present *One Potato, Two Potato*, a new play by **Aviva Ravel** which focuses on a group of spunky children of Jewish immigrants growing up in Depression-era Montreal. Entertaining for all ages.

Admission $5. Nov. 2, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Auditorium, Bernard Betel Centre, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Joan Turner, 225-2112.

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Yiddish Theatrical Gala: The first night of the Toronto run of *On 2nd Avenue*, which opens Oct. 30 (7 p.m.) at the Leah Posluns Theatre, is a fundraising gala sponsored by the Committee for Yiddish Studies at the University of Toronto.

The play is a Yiddish-English stage musical presented by the Yiddish Theatre of Montreal. Gala tickets, $100; includes silent auction and reception with cast. Olive Eye Productions, 324-9413.

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Musical & Dramatic Notes

• **The Amati Quartet** performs the first of a three-concert series, featuring **Mozart, Dvorak** and **Beckwith**, Oct. 31, Living Arts Centre, Mississauga. $24-$18. 905-306-6000. Or hear the same concert at The Rush Hour Concert Series, Artword Theatre. Oct. 27, 5:30 p.m. 75 Portland St. $27.50.

• Medina Theatre Ensemble presents a staged reading of *Sun In My Eyes*, a play by writer-producer **Jack Kuper**, Nov. 1, B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St.

Part of Holocaust Education Week, the semi-autobiographical work centres around a Jewish family struggling to survive in wartime Poland. Admission free.

• Club L'Chaim offers *Amerika Ganef*, a humorous presentation by the Yiddish folklorist **Nathan Garnick**, with **Paul Mathew** at the piano. Adath Israel, Oct. 31, 7:30 p.m. For members only.

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At the Galleries

• Morocco, Land of Our Ancestors, an exhibition of works by Sephardi artist-portraitist **Prosper Trojman**, opens Nov. 3, 6 to 9 p.m., at the Brookbanks Public Library, 210 Brookbanks Dr. (near York Mills and Victoria Park). Portraits include those of the late **Rabbi Menachem Schneerson** and **Princess Diana.** Until Nov. 30. 395-5480.

• *Uncommon Threads*, a major textile exhibition, opens Nov. 4 with a reception, 5 to 9:30 p.m., at A Show of Hands. The curated exhibition features brightly colored quilts, sculpted basketry, whimsical contemporary dolls and mixed media. 1016 Eglinton Ave. W. 782-1696.

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In the Spotlight: Does the name **Sidney M. Cohen** sound familiar? He's the Thornhill-based producer of *The Mad Dash*, a popular television game show that ran on the CTV network from 1978 to 1985.

The show featured a multi-colored game board on which contestants raced to the finish line, competing for big prizes such as cars, trips, appliances, furniture, luxury items and cash.

A new version of the show has become highly popular in Poland. *Duety do Mety*, which translates as "Two People to the Finish Line," is possibly the first English-Canadian television series to be made abroad. Since 1998, the program has been produced in the Polish city of Lodz. Other countries have recently optioned rights or are considering producing their own versions.

Cohen, a former head of news programming for CTV, is a regular visitor to the set in Poland. He is preparing a documentary on the making of the Polish series.

Quartet at Leah Posluns

The Vilnius String Quartet will be performing at the Leah Posluns Theatre in Toronto on Nov.1 at 8 p.m.

The program will feature *Five Pieces for String Quartet* composed by Ervin Schulhoff; Jan Radzynski's **Three Hebrew Melodies** and Moise Vainberg's *Quintet for Piano, Two Violins, Viola and Violoncello, Op.18.*

The concert is a reprise of the historic concert given by the quartet for the opening of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington in 1997.

The quartet features pianist Golda Wainberg-Taitz who received her training in Lithuania, Israel and the United States. She has received numerous prizes including the Prix du Disque from the French Institute in Paris in 1994.

For information and tickets call Jerry Nesker 221-5521.

New theatre program explores Torah text

By JOSEPH SERGE
Arts Editor

TORONTO — The Bloor JCC is the site of a new program that will combine Torah study with the creative arts.

Moon in June Productions is presenting Mythic Theatre, a "spiritual renewal through the performing arts," facilitated by Dorothy Lichtblau.

The program will examine the Torah text of Abraham and Sarah and then look at related texts such as poetry and writings; finally, after a series of writing and acting exercises, a dramatic rendition of the story will be performed.

After studying the texts, "we look at the gap between the black lines. Imagine who else was there, what the place looked like and what else was going on for the people in these stories," Lichtblau said. "We then create a new midrash and shape it into a performance piece."

Lichtblau said the program is extremely stimulating and allows participants to examine themselves.

"These stories deal with questions and issues that are timeless and give us insight into ourselves and the world around us."

The program will suit people who are interested in exploring biblical literature and "want to have an arena in which they can learn acting and writing techniques and free up the imagination."

Mythic Theatre runs for eight weeks every Tuesday at the Bloor JCC from 7 to 10 pm. Cost is $220 for non-members and $180 for members. Call 922-4934.

Saidye Bronfman Award

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He has achieved renown for his innovative teapots, which incorporate themes and symbols from his Inuit culture. His work has been exhibited in France, Greenland, Norway, Russia, Sweden, and the United States.

Mariette Rousseau-Vermette, a textile artist from Sainte-Adèle, Que. She is particularly well known for her commissions of immense tapestries and for mixing textile construction with new technologies including metal and fibre optics. Her career extends to over half a century. She has exhibited in Belgium, France, Japan, Switzerland and the United States.

In addition to the cash prize, works by the award winner, and often by the finalists as well, are acquired by the Canadian Museum of Civilization for its permanent collection.

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Arts & Travel

Russian immigrant is sincere about making music

By JOSEPH SERGE
Arts Editor

It may be a touch ironic but Soviet anti-Semitism may be partially responsible for launching Alla Kadysh's musical career.

Kadysh graduated with a degree in engineering in Moscow, but being Jewish made it tough for her to land a desirable job in that field, she said in a recent interview.

"After graduating you're supposed to be placed in a job" and in the former Soviet Union (FSU) the higher one's marks, the better choice of jobs, she explained.

"I was right up there and wanted to work in a research laboratory, but when they looked at my papers and saw I was Jewish – there was no way. I couldn't get my foot in the door."

Well the science industry's loss is a music lover's gain. Kadysh said she decided then to turn to her first love – music. She hooked up with a Jewish theatre group and started performing in Hebrew and Yiddish. She hasn't looked back.

Now living in Toronto, the 34-year-old mother of three has recently released a collection of 11 original songs in English called *Perichole's Sincerity Theory.*

The album's first song *Woman From the Wrong Century* is a perfect example of Kadysh's beautiful, high-pitched voice which bares resemblance to British pop artist Kate Bush and popular Canadian singer Loreena McKennitt.

The album is very versatile. From contemporary pop, slow piano to world music, jazz and folk, Kadysh blends beautiful melody with her Russian-accented sultry voice.

Although all the songs are good, she's the first to admit her versatility is causing her marketing problems. Because she doesn't fit an obvious niche, record companies are reluctant to sign her, she said.

"Although some record labels showed interest, their main complaint was that I was all over the place. They say, 'I love your voice but you're hard to place in a specific category.'"

Kadysh said the songs she's currently working on are more focussed and probably fit into the broad "world beat" category. But that's not something she planned, it's just the direction her musical tastes are taking her, she said.

"I'm not going to change my style just to fit into a proper category."

Kadysh immigrated to Canada in 1992. It's taken her a long time to get back into music because starting a new way of life, learning a new language and raising kids can be quite taxing.

Recording *Perichole's Sincerity Theory* also was quite distressing.

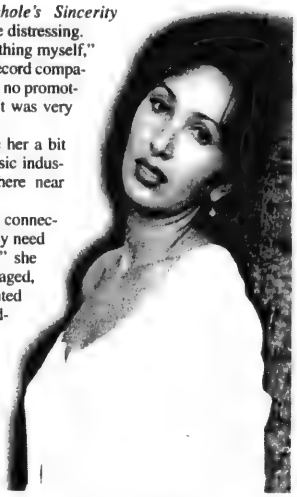
"I had to do everything myself," she said. "I have no record company, no booking agent, no promoter and no producer. It was very difficult."

All this had made her a bit cynical about the music industry, but she is nowhere near giving up.

"I don't have any connections and you certainly need that in this business," she said. "I'm not discouraged, just a little disappointed with the close-mindedness of the record labels."

Kadysh has little fondness for her native Russia. She remembers what it was like to be Jewish in the FSU.

For example, she recalled having a girlfriend who wasn't Jewish, but whose name was "suspicious;" the two used to go to synagogue for social reasons.



Alla Kadysh

"It was a great place to go dancing on Simchat Torah and meet guys. One guy from the Communist Youth League saw her going into the synagogue and that was the end of her job placement."

In Pioneer Camp she used to derisively be called a Jew by the other girls. "I used to fight a lot when I was young," she said with a laugh.

Thus she has no desire to return to Russia and is enjoying her new- found freedom in Canada.

Besides raising her children, she is continuing to manage her music career all by herself until that coveted record label deal comes through.

She performs often at cafes and bookstores and her album is available in major stores.

"I like performing and seeing people reacting in a certain way – it's surprisingly been a very good reaction."

Gentiles celebrate Yiddish

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Russian tenor Igor Bouts may not be Jewish, but he was the big hit of the sold-out annual variety show at the Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC), which celebrated the year of Yiddish culture.

Eight of the nine performers in the show were not Jewish.

When Bouts sang and danced *Quando, Quando,* he had the majority of the audience of 450 keeping time to the music, and cheering when he danced with a woman in the front row.

His jazzed up treatment of *Romania, Romania,* was well received, too, as were his renditions of *Beltz, Cheribim Bom Bom* and the *Last Waltz.* The greatest ovations came when he danced around the stage to the music.

Violinist Michale Zizkind, the only Jewish performer of the evening, entertained with well- known Yiddish and Hebrew songs.

Hewing to the Yiddish theme were the six Russian dancers – Evalina Galina, Galina Shapovalova, Tatiana Shurkina, Alexei Fateyev, Aivor Shurkin and Sergei Orekhovitch.

Fateyev was the artistic director and Galina the choreographer.

Teme Kernerman headed the arrangements for the concert, while Joe Starr was the concert chair.

A special tribute in Yiddish was given by Ed Yuditsky, while Ida Gross, president of the Fifty-five Plus Club at the BJC, also welcomed the guests.

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A.M. Klein's classic novel about to be reissued

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — This month the University of Toronto Press is set to bring out a new definitive edition of one of the most important and influential works of Canadian Jewish literature – A. M. Klein's poetic novel *The Second Scroll*.

One of Canada's largest scholarly publishers, the U of T Press is offering the edition as the seventh in a series of eight volumes of works by the legendary Montreal poet, essayist and novelist, who died in 1972.

Guided by a cross-country academic committee that first convened in 1974, the Klein-focused publishing endeavor is "the most ambitious literary project of its kind in Canada," according to series co-editor Zailig Pollock, a professor of literature at Trent University in Peterborough, Ont.

The Second Scroll has been recognized as one of the earliest examples of Holocaust literature since its initial publication by Alfred A. Knopf Inc. in 1951.

The Canadian literary critic Northrup Frye called the book "one of the most passionate and intense of all Canadian novels" and it is commonly considered the greatest novel of Jewish reawakening written in Canada.

In form it resembles the Pentateuch, with five main books and a patchwork of canonical appendages. Its story, which stretches from the Russian pogroms of 1917 to the emergence of the modern state of Israel, is presented as a rough metaphorical equivalent to the biblical saga that culminates with the children of Israel reaching the Promised Land.

Although often cited by Canadian Jewish writers as a major influence, Klein, who was born in Ukraine in 1909 and arrived in Montreal soon after, never achieved the level of popular fame of some Montreal Jewish writers who rose in his shadow, such as Irving Layton, Leonard Cohen and Mordecai Richler.

As co-editor Elizabeth Popham notes in her highly trenchant introduction, Klein's only published novel is recognized "as one of the first examples of 'Holocaust literature,' the forerunner of works by Wiesel, Bellow, and Roth."

Norman Ravvin, a Canadian writer and specialist in Holocaust fiction, agrees that *The Second Scroll* is "an early breakthrough treatment" of the Holocaust in North American literature.

"He's writing about the fallout for Jews and the Holocaust long before other writers are willing to try it," says Ravvin. "He takes a religious tack, connecting the catastrophe with a declaration of the State of Israel, so there's a kind of triumphant completion to the awful events of the war."

The Second Scroll tells the story of a Montreal journalist who, after the war, wanders to Rome, Morocco and Israel in search of his uncle, a Holocaust survivor whose own peregrinations through secularism, existentialism, Bolshevism, renewed Judaism and Zionism seem archetypical of the Jewish people. Deeply intellectual and poetic, the work is best regarded as an allegory or quest.

Since Klein made constant allusion in his writing to a multitude of Jewish, classical and literary sources, the new edition contains some 70 pages of textual and explanatory notes to clarify his references to everything from the Zohar to Milton to the Sistine Chapel.

The edition also contains selections from a previously-published notebook that Klein kept of a 1949 journey he made to Europe, North Africa and Israel, which prefigures the movement in the novel. The editors have annotated the notebook to indicate passages that made it, usually in altered form, into the final manuscript.

Many Canadian-Jewish writers and readers profess a strong allegiance to *The Second Scroll* that borders on reverence. "If I was going to a desert island, for sure I'd take *The Second Scroll* with me," says Dr. Shel Krakofsky, a southern Ontario poet.

Nora Gold shines in longer works

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

Fortunately for lovers of fiction, Warwick Publishing, a Toronto-based publishing house that usually publishes non-fiction, has departed from its specialty to present *Marrow and Other Stories*, a debut collection of short stories from Toronto author, Nora Gold.

Gold, a professor at McMaster University, offers seven literary creations of varying lengths in the book. They range from the six-page story *Marrow*, which previously appeared in the literary journal *Parchment*, to the 87-page novella *Flesh*, which shows that Gold, at her best, can be as heart-warming and delightful as Ann Tyler or Anita Brookner.

As a rule, Gold seems to shine when given more room in which to work.

The shorter pieces are interesting but more cerebral than moving. The three longer pieces – *Lessons of the Rabbi*, *Final Movement*, and *Flesh* — reveal a dynamic and masterful authorial imagination that seems to stem directly from the heart.

Her themes centre around women, in particular Jewish women, whose concerns and conflicts involve love and loss, and the painful search for ephemeral ideals that seem to slip away between girlhood and adulthood.

Lessons of the Rabbis is a riveting coming-of-age piece in which a rabbi and his family offer emotional support and shelter to Carla, a teenaged student from an abusive home.

A transgression by the rabbi leaves Carla feeling abandoned, homeless and beyond redemption, like someone who has crashed to the bottom of a heavenly ladder and feels she will never rise again.

Another central character confronts her illusions about love's purity in the first-person story, *Final Movement*. Although somewhat convoluted, the tale reflects Gold's central thesis that the physical realities of the world interfere with the delicate, other-worldly purity of romantic love, which must exist only for the angels.

This notion emerges most clearly in *Flesh*. It suggests that all flesh is heir to a diminishment of the holy dream of perfect love.

This remarkable story focuses on two cousins, Eve and Pearl, and their private discussion during the shivah for Pearl's mother.

Set in Montreal, it is filled with warmth, humor, revelation and pain.

Pearl, dysfunctional since her teenaged years, is wasting away. She rarely ventures from her bedroom and almost never goes outside. Eve, a mother, successful professional and former friend and confidante to Pearl, climbs upstairs during the shivah to commune with her cloistered cousin.

Pearl soon reveals that even in her isolation, she had experienced a love relationship with Ricky, the national director of CARE (Canadians for Animal Rights Education). The touching story-within-a-story of Pearl's intense affair with Ricky unfolds.

But caring for Pearl, alas, is something that Ricky proves incapable of in the long run. When she feels loved, Pearl eats and puts some flesh on her bones, but wastes away again after Ricky abandons her. This story is less pessimistic than *Lessons of the Rabbi*, since Pearl ultimately finds enough reason to resume living.

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Health

Team approach used in dealing with stress

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO —The fast pace of today's lifestyles – the pressure to succeed, the overwhelming advances in technology, and the changing role between parents and children – has led to increased stress in most sectors of the community, according to Dr. Howard Winston, the medical director of the Centre for Health and Sports Medicine.

Winston has developed a team approach to helping individuals deal with stress.

A pilot series of workshops titled, The Positive Challenges of Stress, is a 4-week program which will be held 10 a.m. to noon at the Centre for Health at Bathurst and Glencairn on Nov. 14, 21, 28 and Dec. 5.

The workshops, comprised of four two-hour sessions, will be limited to eight participants.

The topics covered will include nutrition, psychology, therapeutic massage, yoga relaxation techniques and exercise, and concepts of preventive medicine.

The motto of the centre is, "committed to educate, not just rehabilitate," says Winston, a practising physician.

He says individuals tend to cope with stress by using various means, such as drinking, smoking, drugs or excessive eating, which can ultimately be more harmful than the stress.

Winston says people who don't exercise, lack a "release valve" and many of them turn to addictive substances as "a quick and easy way" of alleviating stress. "It is human nature to follow the path of least resistance."

Stress, he notes, can be good stress or bad "but the problem is when there isn't a balance."

He promotes a holistic approach to treating individuals – working with them on a physical, emotional and spiritual level.

Winston will be working with Thelma Feldman, a psychotherapist and yoga instructor; Debbie Cowitz, an adult educator; Karen Stone, a dietitian, Karen Wingrove, a massage therapist; and Dr. Andrew Shaul, a clinical psychologist.

We don't want disease to develop," says Cowitz who will facilitate discussions on how to reduce stressful situations. "Fun is a key word for me – having fun and learning at the same time."

Feldman told *The CJN* that most people don't realize the importance of breathing properly. "We breath only 20 percent of our capacity and only from the top half of our lungs.

"If you bring in more oxygen, it oxygenates every part of the body and feeds all the cells and organs which brings down stress and has a calming effect on the nervous system."

For more information about the upcoming workshop call 789-CHSM.

The workshop team prepares for the course on stress management, from left, Dr. Howard Winston, Denise Mercier, Thelma Feldman and Debby Cowitz. **[Photo by Cynthia Gasner]**

Consultation essential in cancer treatment

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The attitude of doctors toward giving cancer patients information to help them make decisions is undergoing a fundamental change, said Dr. Carol Sawka.

"Five years ago we were told to 'butt out' by the general surgeons, but now we are encouraged by their co-operation," said Sawka, CEO of Toronto-Sunnybrook Regional Cancer Centre.

Sawka said patient decision aids, such as a 26-minute audiotape and an illustrated booklet on breast cancer, are now available, and more will be coming soon on other types of cancer.

The breast cancer tape explains the differences between lumpectomy, or partial excision, and mastectomy, or total excision. It is funded by the Canadian Cancer Society and endorsed by the Ontario Association of General Surgeons.

Sawka said a survey of patients with breast cancer showed that a majority were dissatisfied with their initial consultation and wanted information and photographs they could review at home later.

Speaking to about 300 people at the Civic Garden Centre, most of them cancer patients, she said many patients do not understand what their doctors are saying, particularly after being told they have cancer.

Also, some patients are not good listeners and are not adept at following instructions. They do better with materials they can take home, she said.

Supporting the need for patient decision aids, moderator Mary Sue Douglas said she was diagnosed with breast cancer 11 years ago, but now is free of the disease. "And this is my own hair," she added, a statement that brought a hearty round of applause.

Her cancer had metastasized to her lungs and liver, Douglas said, paying tribute to the Bayview Support Network of which Marlene Greenberg is co-chair.

"It's a labyrinth out there, and the physician and patient are travelling companions," she said.

"When I first heard the diagnosis of breast cancer, I heard one thing and my husband heard another. He [later] asked me if we were in the same room."

Sawka said in one survey of 97 women, 84 percent reported difficulties in communicating with their doctor.

Another survey of 1,012 women in 1997 showed that 22 percent wanted to start treatment right away, 44 percent wanted a shared decision, and 34 percent wanted to delegate responsibility to the doctor. But after their initial consultation, only 42 percent believed they had achieved a proper level of control in decision making.

Declaring that physicians need to be trained in decision making, Sawka said patients should get an audiotape of their consultation and/or a summary letter.

She warned that general information audiotapes about cancer tend to inhibit recall of important information if the cancer did not apply.

Referring to other possible sources, she said in the discussion period that "some of the information on the Internet is garbage and can be dangerous."

Asked about naturopathy, Sawka said information about it and alternative medicine is "far from perfect."

When an audience member asked about different treatments for ethnic groups, she replied, "what is taboo in one culture, is perfectly acceptable in another."

She said the medical world has been guilty of "ageism" in the past. "One should not assume that older women will want a mastectomy."

Baycrest unit helps patients at home

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — An 83-year-old woman with multiple health problems who is living alone in a two-storey home is now, in the words of her daughter, "thriving at home" after being cared for by a "dream team."

She was treated at a unique 10-bed unit known as the geriatric assessment treatment unit (GATU) at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, Dr. Shelley Veinish, director of the GATU, said.

The woman who suffers from severe arthritis due to osteoporosis was taking so many medications she worried herself sick about it. She was introduced as Mrs. H to a small group attending a lecture in the Ada Starkman lecture series held recently at Baycrest.

Mrs. H's route to good health was not smooth. She was discharged from the GATU after a month, but spent another two months there with pneumonia. She was readmitted after being treated in an acute-care hospital

Veinish said the treatment team of at least a dozen specialists concentrated on reactivation during Mrs. H's second admission, because she was suffering from social isolation.

A key to her recovery was the increase in medication to decrease her level of pain, said pharmacist Allan Mills.

Mills said Mrs. H's worry about drug interactions was real.

He noted that adverse drug interactions is the cause of 25 percent of all hospital admissions of elderly persons and 10 to 15 percent of all emergency admissions.

GATU beds are reserved for frail, elderly persons over 75, with multiple health problems, and mild to moderate cognitive impairment; they do not require acute-care hospitalization, Dr. Veinish said.

Treatment in this unit is covered by OHIP, she said, but a private room is not paid for by the government plan.

"We keep the waiting list short, but under the triage system we may admit a fragile person who is very ill."

She said a medical referral is necessary for admission to the GATU.

One of the benefits of the GATU is that long-standing ailments such as hearing and eye sight problems can be attended to promptly.

In the discussion period, Veinish and Mills said herbal remedies are being studied to see if they fit into the treatment plans.

One of the problems, Mills said, is that often the herbal remedies, with the same name have different ingredients.

Other participants on the panel were Deanna Cohen, social worker; Iris Weinberg, nutritionist; and Eileen Bourret, nurse practitioner.

Barbara Frances, Baycrest Foundation director of development, was the panel chair.

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TOLEDANO, Michel - on Oct. 13, 1999, late of 429 Walmer Rd.
SILBERBERG (Silver), Lillian - on Oct. 14, 1999, late of 4266 Bathurst St.
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KOHN (Hughes), Bessie - on Oct. 17, 1999, late of 35 Cedarcroft Blvd.
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Single female, petite, brown eyes, fun, loving, professional, red hair, great sense of humour, enjoy music, movies, theater, dancing, dining, travelling, long walks. Seeking a single male, honest, professional, healthy, emotionally and financially stable, non smoker, 52-65, with similar interests. AD#1231

FAMILY ORIENTED
Single Jewish female, 40, divorced, attractive, 5'4", brunette, hazel eyes, non smoker, enjoy dancing, movies, walks, working out. Seeking a male, caring, for a relationship. AD#1719

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Single Jewish lady, European born, attractive, active, great, blond, 53, love music, movies, hanging out. Looking for an established male, with similar interests, 53-65. AD#1548

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Single female, slim, 41, long blond hair, green eyes, 5'1", tall, enjoy casual dinners, movies, day trips, being outdoors in nice weather. Seeking a male, sweet, sincere, who loves life. AD#1597

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Single Jewish female, attractive, 5'7", 140lbs, auburn hair, green eyes, non smoker, enjoy laughter, travelling, 60's music, good sense of humour, kind, sincere. Seeking a male, 55-64, 5'8"+, honest, sincere, romantic, caring, good sense of humour. AD#1027

END MY SEARCH
Single female, cute, sweet, slim, sincere, 41, 5'1", devoted mom, love life. Seeking a male, successful, caring, handsome,40-48,5'6"-5'11". AD#2079

NICE GUY WANTED
Single Jewish female, 38, 5'5", brown hair and eyes, attractive, honest, caring, down to earth, fit, enjoy movies, dining out, dancing. Seeking a Jewish male, 35-45, active, non smoker, honest, caring, down to earth. AD#2005

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Single Jewish female, 40ish, never married, 5'3", wide variety of interests. Seeking a male, conservative, ready to start a family. AD#1395

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Single Jewish male, 22, blond hair, blue eyes, slim, 6'4", employed as a Chef, work long, hard hours, raised in Cleveland, enjoy Sunday outings, good conversation, tennis, swimming, movies. Seeking a Jewish female, for possible relationship. AD#1371

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Divorced male, 50, 5'11", slim, professional, good sense of humour. Seeking a female, attractive, brunette, non smoker, who enjoys classical music, movies, long walks, romantic evenings. AD#1701

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Single male, 5'10", green eyes, not balding, non smoker, rarely drink, down to earth, enjoy sports, movies, theater, long walks, nice dinners. Seeking a Jewish female, nice, caring, giving, smokers OK, to have fun and good times together. AD#1716

ROMANTIC AT HEART
Divorced male, 5'11", slim, professional, good sense of humour, enjoy classical music, romantic evenings, long walks, dining and dancing. Seeking an attractive female, non smoker, brunette. AD#1228

WANT TO SETTLE DOWN
Single male, 40, 5'10", 165lbs, fit, attractive, athletic, health professional, established practice, mentally and financially secure, well travelled, lived all over the world, caring, honest, non materialistic, not religious, enjoy cottage life. Seeking a female, 25-35, fit, attractive, with similar interests. AD#1472

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Single Jewish male, sincere, fit, slender, established, professional, mid 40's, honest, intelligent, down to earth, with a variety of interests and traditional values, devoted, part time dad, enjoy life. Seeking a Jewish female, fit, professional, mom, 40's AD#1712

EUROPEAN BORN
Single male, late 50's, 5'9", 76kg, financially established, good health, non smoker, handsome, active, romantic, passionate, strong Jewish values, enjoy dancing, travelling, cooking. Seeking a female, in her 40's, non smoker, not overweight, with Jewish values. AD#1541

MOST LATIN
Single male, Latin, professional, 45, kind, considerate, warm, caring. Seeking a female, 35-45, who enjoys movies, dining and dancing, outdoor activities. AD#1709

STARTING OVER
Single male, Real Estate Broker and a writer, divorced, no children, good natured, volunteer once a week, jog regularly, adventurous. Seeking a female, preferably Jewish, who wants to start a family, if not, that is fine as well. AD#1519

FRIENDS FIRST
Single Jewish male, 22, 6'4", blond hair, blue eyes, slim, work long hours. Seeking a single Jewish female, 20-25, for Sunday outings, conversations, walks, movies, tennis, swimming, willing to learn to dance or join a co-ed club for possible relationship. AD#1081

WANT COMMITMENT
Single male, 45, school teacher, well travelled, well read, non smoker, drink very little, love cycling, swimming, down hill skiing. Seeking a female, nice, down to earth, intelligent, honest, genuine, good hearted, who is looking to settle down. AD#1521

LET'S HAVE COFFEE
Single male, 46, conservative looking, Day Trader buy and sell stocks, enjoy travelling, country antiques and art auctions, dining and dancing. Seeking a female, no need to be slim, single moms OK, smokers OK, any status, compassionate. AD#1206

THE PHOENIX RISES
Divorced male, 50's, 5'8", lawyer, dark, slim, world explorer, talmid chachim, violinist, poet, thaumaturgical healer, martial arts master, love nature, children, animals, seek to return to Orthodox roots. Seeking a female, attractive, slender, intelligent, adventurous, 30-50, for marriage. AD#1046

SEEK EDUCATED
Single male, 32, 6', brown hair and eyes, have a Commerce degree, studying nursing and paramedics. Seeking a female, attractive, educated, who is a little into religion. AD#1339

COMPASSIONATE AND BOWLS
Single Jewish male, 5'10", gentle, warm, sincere, compassionate, enjoy theater, long walks, bowling, great sense of humour. Seeking a single or widowed female, intelligent, 32-44. AD#1481

TIME FOR TEA
Single Jewish male, 37, professional, honest, caring, sense of humour, fun. Seeking a female, attractive, to enjoy life together. AD#1184

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Single male, 40, slim, 5'11", 165lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, sincere, hopeless romantic, enjoy walking on the beach, bowling, tennis, swimming, sports, 60's music. Seeking a slim, attractive female, with a great sense of humour. AD#1610

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Single male, from Toronto area, retired, good sense of humour, 5'11", brown hair, blue eyes, enjoy sports, 60's music, like to winter in Florida, all expenses shared. Seeking a female, with a good sense of humour, easy going, with similar interests. AD#1203

330 OBITUARIES

LEVENSON, Marjorie - on Sept. 28, 1999, late of 19 Lower Village Gate, #408.

MELMAN, Bryna - on Sept. 28, 1999, late of 28 Argonne Cres.

CIVIN, Ada - on Sept. 24, 1999, late of 262 Ridley Blvd., Apt. #204.

MALOMET, Anne - on Sept. 24, 1999, late of 645 Castlefield Ave., #741.

RAPPAPORT, Samuel - on Sept. 24, 1999, late of 85 Lyndhurst Ave.

SCHWARZ, Claire - on Sept. 25, 1999, late of 5935 Bathurst St.

TAFT, Paula - on Sept. 25, 1999, late of 224 Northcliffe Blvd.

COHEN, Bernice - on Sept. 26, 1999, late of 342 Spadina Rd., #302.

LIEBERMAN, Sally - on Sept. 26, 1999, late of 77 St. Clair Ave. E.

SPEARS, Jack - on Sept. 26, 1999, late of 1166 Bay St., #1301.

STEINHART, Bessie - on Sept. 26, 1999, late of 429 Walmer Rd.

ABRAHAMS, Jeffrey - on Sept. 27, 1999, late of 1 Vanwood Rd.

FREEDMAN, Abraham - on Sept. 29, 1999, late of 125 Brighton Ave.

SNIDERMAN, Richard - on Sept. 29, 1999, late of P.O. Box 1000.

WEINREB, Herman - on Sept. 29, 1999, late of 2100 Bathurst St., #313.

BRODY, Milton - on Sept. 30, 1999, late of 650 Briar Hill Ave., #804.

ZIGELSHTEIN, Sara - on Oct. 1, 1999, late of 205 Cummer Ave.

ADLER, Pearl - on Oct. 2, 1999, late of 1925 Steeles Ave. E.

DASH, Joe - on Oct. 2, 1999, late of 4266 Bathurst St., #809.

BER, Sarah - on Oct. 4, 1999, late of 100 Canyon Ave., #608.

FINE, Sophie - on Oct. 4, 1999, late of 3560 Bathurst St.

GERSTEIN, Bert - on Oct. 4, 1999, late of 3560 Bathurst St.

GREEN, Anna - on Oct. 4, 1999, late of 5935 Bathurst St.

LAWRENCE, Minnie - on Oct. 6, 1999, late of 63 Spadina Rd.

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Canadian Scrabble team off to Melbourne for championships

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — These days find Zev Kaufman deeply immersed in a dictionary. Not just any dictionary, but the definitive Chamber's version, with its thousands of words unique to British nomenclature and dialects.

"I'm trying to learn 30,000 British words and terms," Kaufman says. "Like wex, yex and zex. I don't know what they mean, but I don't have to."

As a world-calibre Scrabble player, Kaufman is less concerned with arcane definitions than with unloading a bunch of vowels or consonants mere mortals would be stuck with. Not only that, but he's likely to land an X or Q on a Triple Letter Score.

The 52-year-old contractor and current Toronto Scrabble champ is studying a British lexicon because he and five other Canadians are off on Nov. 4 to the World Scrabble Championship in Melbourne, where the Queen's English will prevail.

The three-day tournament will showcase the English-speaking world's best players through 24 games. The top two finishers will meet in a best-of-five playoff to determine the world's best cross-wordsmith.

Canadian Scrabble teams usually have a proportionally high Jewish component, and it's no different this time. Joining Kaufman will be two other Jewish players: Joel Wapnick, a music professor at McGill University and reigning Canadian champion; and Adam Logan, a young math whiz and recent PhD from Harvard University. Rounding out the field are Albert Hahn, James Cherry and David Boys, the 1995 world champ.

'This is no parlor game'

The current world champ, American Joel Sherman, is also Jewish.

For Kaufman and his teammates, this is no parlor game.

Players pore over boards like chess masters, always seeking the elusive "triple-triple" (landing a high-scoring letter on a Triple Letter Score, and the entire word on a Triple Word Score), and of course, using all seven letters on one turn, which awards 50 additional points.

Kaufman's highest game score is 666. Even higher tallies are not uncommon at this level.

Any word found in an accepted dictionary is allowed. That includes the odd vulgarity and colloquialism, as well as Yiddish and Hebrew terms.

"I once played *halutzim* (Hebrew for pioneers)," says Kaufman, who's ranked in the top 35 North American players. "I've also played *chutzpah, yeshivah* and *yahrzeit*. As long as it's in the dictionary."

To get rid of those pesky vowels, Kaufman advises, try *eau* (French for water), and for those irritating consonants, go with *cwm*, a Welsh word meaning a valley on a hillside.

And of course, there's always wex, yex and zex.

Zev Kaufman and his son Mendel

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Memorial to murdered Israeli athletes is unveiled in Sydney

By RUTH KAHANE GOLDBERG
Special to The CJN

SYDNEY — A memorial to commemorate the 11 Israelis murdered by terrorists at the 1972 Munich Olympic Games was dedicated recently at Homebush Bay, the site of the upcoming Sydney 2000 Olympics.

"Memorials have been dedicated to them in Munich and Israel, however until today there has never been a permanent recognition at the site of any subsequent Olympic city," Australian minister for the Olympics, Michael Knight, read in a letter from the Israeli Olympic Committee.

Calling the attack "the antithesis to the Olympic spirit," Knight said the initiative by two local Jewish businessmen to erect the memorial had gained the "strong support" of the Olympic Co-ordination Authority, the Sydney Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games, and the Australian Olympic Committee.

The dedication was conducted by New South Wales Chief Justice The Honorable J. J. Spigelman, and Australian gold medal Olympian, Shane Gould.

"The transformation by terrorism of the Olympic Village into a theatre for violence was an affront to all participants in the Olympic movement.

"This memorial will stand as dedicated not only to the lives of the individuals who died, but also to the values of universality, inclusiveness and mutual respect which the Olympic ideals embody," Spigelman said.

He was speaking to federal, state and local politicians as well as Olympic officials, members of the Sydney Jewish community and more than 30 members of the 1972 Australian Olympic team.

The memorial is located in the heart of the Olympic Plaza adjacent to the Sydney SuperDome, an area to be used by more than 30,000 people daily during the games.

It is attached to one of 19 lighting towers named after each city that has hosted the summer games.

It holds two commemorative plaques, one engraved with the names of the 11 Israeli athletes, coaches and officials, another with two Hebrew quotes from the Tanach.

Shane Gould, who was 15 years old when competing at Munich, experienced the fear, confusion and disruption that the Black September terrorists caused.

When the attack occurred, she had already competed, winning three gold medals and setting three world records in women's swimming.

After an official day of mourning, the games went on but she was taken into hiding for security and was only brought back for the closing ceremonies.

She said the commemoration brought her "a sense of completion," and that past experience and Olympic ideals should be used to promote a worldwide truce during future Olympic games.

The commemoration was spearheaded by two prominent Sydney businessmen, Geoff Levy and Brian Sherman, a board member of the Sydney Olympic Organizing Committee.

Sherman said in an interview that Sydney's actions should have an important impact on the international Olympic community.

"I think the International Olympic Committee can feel that the deed was done, it has been acknowledged, and we can now go forward, but still continuously acknowledge that it was the darkest of all days in Olympic history. At last it's been put to bed."

The Inside Back

The diary of red beard the writer

By JORDAN MAX

Last Laugh

Day One: As today is Rosh Chodesh Av, it is time for my annual non-shaving term, destined to last until the day after Tisha b'Av.

Day Three: begins to look as if I didn't actually shave (equal to a 3-day yom tov growth); really itchy. Wife tactfully points out I look like a street person.

Day 8: Beard looks like Yasser Arafat's stubble on a good day. I send away to Lubavitch for their free beard-growing kit, guaranteed to grow a fuller beard in two weeks.

Day 9: Beard looks like Yasser Arafat after a three day yom tov.

Day 10: Last night we broke the fast after Tisha b'Av and were up late eating. When I woke up late for morning davening, there was no time to shave. The moment of decision – to leave alone or remove? My yetzer hatov and yetzer hara duke it out; I opt for leaving alone, for now.

Day 12: Perceptive colleagues at office begin to ask "So, are you growing a beard?" Feeling much more mature, philosophical even. Begin to ponder things I don't usually ponder, such as why I am pondering so many things, philosophically speaking.

Day 14. Note beard is coming in rather reddish tint. Check with other bearded persons, who confirm that colour is often lighter than hair. Make note to begin research into possible genetic descent from King David.

Day 20: Beard growing long but still not filling in. Wife gives quizzical look, then shakes head. Interpreted as confusion. Oldest child asks "Are you going to become a rabbi?" Explain that not all rabbis have beards, and that not all persons with beards are rabbis. Not quite sure he gets it.

Day 30: Lubavitch beard-growing kit arrives. Useful tip #1. Don't Shave. Useful tip #2. Believe that Mashiach will come soon. Not sure how this relates to tip #1. Perhaps Mashiach will come before this thing begins to actually look like a beard.

Day 50: Major Crisis. Pre-Rosh Hashanah haircut turns into the beard and moustache trim from Gehennom. Barber trimmed beard, then asked if I wanted moustache "same length". Before I could scream "NO!" he was shortening half of my moustache to 1/16 inch thickness. My kids and wife don't recognize me when I get home. I tell them it's part of my strategy to become a new person by actually looking like a new person. Hope the last 10 years of moustache will grow back before then. Resolve to do my own beard trims from now on.

Day 65: Moustache beginning to grow back. First white facial hair appears in quadrant 3. Pregnant woman on subway offers me her seat. Do I look that old? Panic. Decide to trim it to a half-beard (face only).

Day 75: Still not happy how beard's not filling in. My chin, on the other hand, is growing like crazy. Decided to trim to goatee, to look like a real writer. Find myself with sudden urges to speak French words like genre, motif, avant-garde, wear berets, smoke unfiltered cigarettes, discuss films (as opposed to movies), listen to accordion music, debate with anyone what Sartre really meant, and drink espresso. Not a good sign. Besides, I don't even smoke.

Day 80: Finding trimming is more hassle than shaving. Have another "discussion" with my wife on the matter. She wins. Goatee goes, but moustache stays. One has to stand one's ground for one's principles, after all.

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Filling: 4 oz. light cream cheese, softened; 1 cup sugar; 2 cups skim ricotta cheese; 1/2 cup nonfat plain yogurt; 1/3 cup cornstarch; 2 large eggs; 3 large egg whites; 2 tbsp. fresh lemon juice; 2 tsp. grated lemon zest; 1/4 tsp salt

In processor, beat cream cheese until smooth. Add alternatively sugar, ricotta, yogurt, cornstarch, eggs, egg whites, lemon juice, lemon zest and salt. Beat until well blended. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 50-55 mins. or until edges are puffed but centre still jiggles when pan is tapped. Turn off oven; let cheesecake stand, with door open for 1 hr. Transfer to a wire rack; let cool completely. (The top may crack.)

Topping & glaze: 1/4 cup red currant jelly; 2 cups fresh berries, such as halved strawberries blueberries, raspberries and blackberries

Remove pan sides. Arrange berries on top. In a small saucepan, warm jelly over low heat, stirring, until melted. With pastry brush, coat berries with jelly glaze. Refrigerate until cold. Makes 12 servings. (Will keep 1 day covered in refrigerator.)

About Teens

Dear Karilani,

Ever since I turned 14, my body seems to be going nuts. I guess it's puberty, but the worst part of it is that now I have the worst acne. I have big, painful pimples all over my face. I know that most girls with zits use cover up and makeup, but it's not socially acceptable for guys to wear any sort of makeup. Sometimes I am so embarrassed that I don't want to go to school or leave my house. I don't have a job or my own money, so I can't buy expensive pimple medicine myself, and I am too embarrassed to ask my parents. What should I do?

Embarrassed to be Seen

Dear Embarrassed to be Seen,

It is important to know that you are not the only teenager who is dealing with acne problems. Although it may seem that you are the only kid who is worrying about their skin, you are not. Almost everyone, at one time or another, has had a skin problem that has embarrassed them to a certain degree.

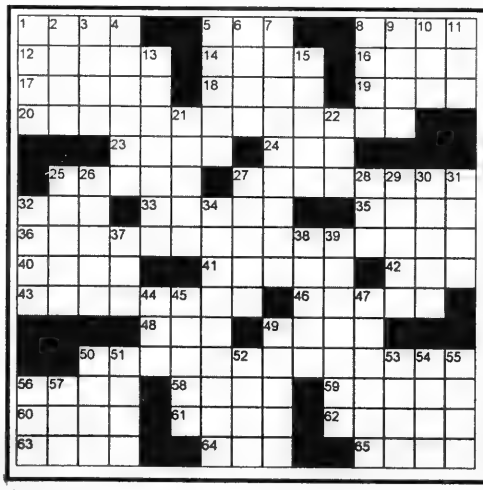
The first problem you must overcome before you begin to deal with your acne is your embarrassment about speaking to your parents. Try to remember that your parents have also lived through their teenage years, and have some understanding of the effects of puberty.

Once you can speak to your parents about your skin and explain how self-conscious it makes you, I am sure they will be more than willing to help you get the medicine you need.

If, however, you don't feel as though you can approach your parents, there are other methods that will help. You can go to your doctor and ask for suggestions as to how you can clear up your skin without purchasing expensive medicine. If that is not possible, and medicine is the only way to go, try saving your money or try to get a job in order to buy medicine.

It is important to keep in mind that one day you will grow out of your acne. It is hard to believe it now, but you will have clear skin again. In the meantime, make sure that you continue to keep your skin as clean as possible, and that means washing it every day, twice a day.

Karilani is a composite name for three girls, who are close friends and in Grade 11 in Toronto



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Across

1 Beatles album
5 Don Rickles, for example
8 "___ Nagila"
12 Jacob's father
14 Had debts
16 Those who have made *aliyah*
17 Sadat's capital
18 Dole (out)
19 Stable guy?
20 *Fiddler* song
23 ___ even keel (level)
24 Greek consonant
25 Knesset member Sharansky
27 *Fiddler* song
32 Actor Silver
33 Aladdin released him
35 Contributed shekels to the cause
36 *Fiddler* song
40 Adorable
41 Island whose capital is Iraklion
42 "Don't Bring Me Down" rock group
43 *Fiddler* song
46 Temper tantrums
48 "The Family Circus" cartoonist Keane
49 Work on the green
50 *Fiddler* song
56 "Jeopardy!" name
58 Canyon feature
59 Dodge
60 *Survival in Auschwitz* author
61 Penn of "Dead Man Walking"
62 Begets
63 Speaker's charges
64 Pig's home
65 Gus Kahn's "___ We Got Fun"

Down

1 Drunkard's comments
2 Biblical twin
3 Read Torah: var.
4 Mimic
5 B'not mitzvah, for example
6 Blows away
7 "Climb the stairs!" command
8 "Gateway of ___" (Petah Tikvah)
9 Tons
10 Wine, to Wiesel
11 Actress Irving
13 New word
15 Like a schmo
21 Less loopy
22 Address for Dayan
25 Boring, so to speak
26 Singer Baker
27 Princess's crown
28 "Oy vey!"
29 *Glengarry Glen Ross* playwright
30 Rounded figures
31 Colleague of Rubin and Kantor
32 Costa ___
34 Jewelry category
37 Dampen
38 "___ to you"
39 English middles
44 Waning tide
45 Nonverbal feedback
47 Home country of 60-across
49 Bogus
50 Ballesteros of the links
51 WW II side
52 Pointed-at object
53 First man in space Gagarin
54 Perfect place
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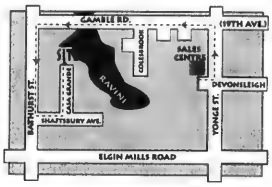

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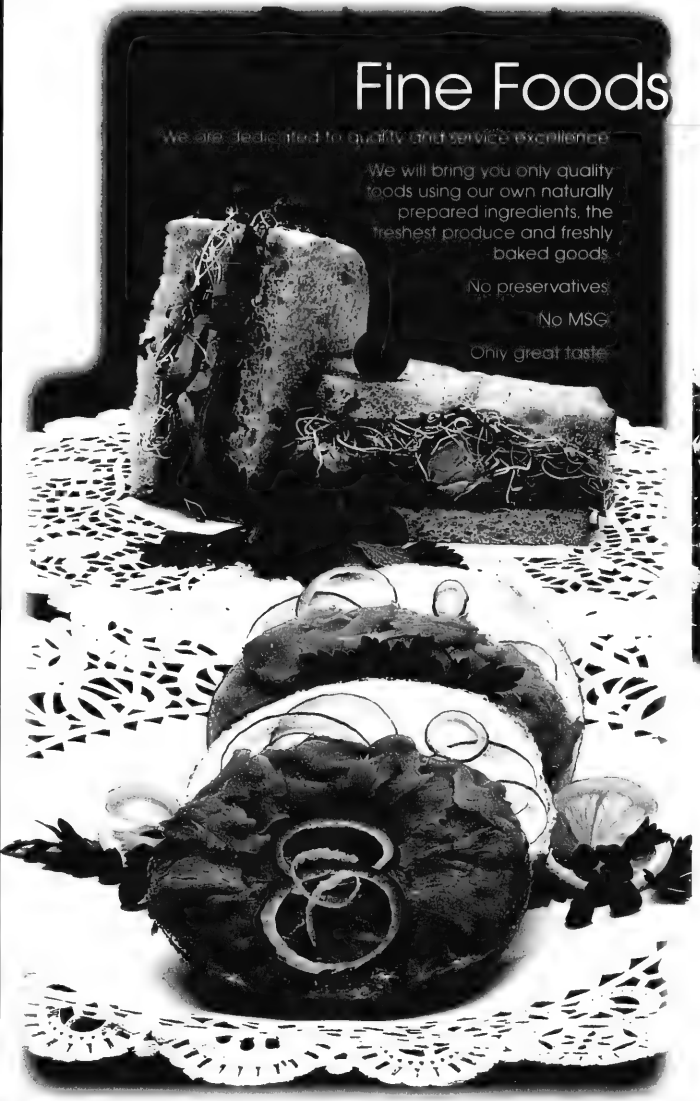
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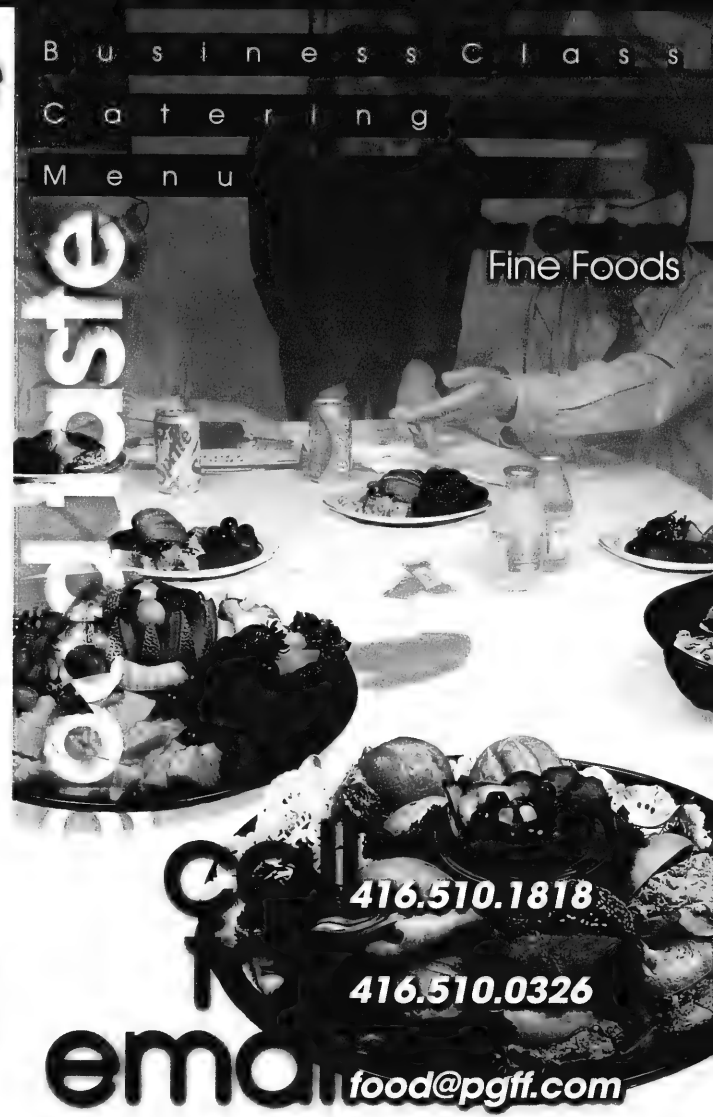

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Airline dispute settled

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

Canada and Israel have settled a dispute over airspace and landing rights for each other's national airlines – at least for now.

Last Sunday, Canadian Ambassador Michael Bell and Israeli Transport Minister Yitzhak Mordechai reached a temporary agreement that will allow Air Canada to retain its daily, non-stop flights to and from Israel.

Air Canada and El Al reach agreement

Mordechai agreed to Air Canada's request "as a gesture of goodwill," he told the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz*.

And according to some reports, Mordechai will ask Israel's Civil Aviation Authority to consider Air Canada's request for more flights to Israel until the end of November, so that the Canadian carrier can bring record numbers of Christian pilgrims eager to mark the new millennium in the Holy Land.

Mordechai instructed the air authority to view the Canadian request for more flights "positively," a ministry spokesperson said, stressing, however, that last Sunday's deal is temporary.

The two sides hope to work out a permanent agreement when Mordechai and his Canadian counterpart, David Collenette, meet in Washington in early December.

The Israeli airline was concerned that if Air Canada's request was not met, Ottawa might close its airspace to Israeli flights en route to U.S. destinations, meaning flights would become longer and burn additional fuel.

Ottawa denied making any threats or discussing possible retaliatory measures, but a commercial attache at the Canadian Embassy in Tel Aviv warned that El Al should not take its North American overflight rights for granted.

Only a week ago, negotiations between Bell and Mordechai fell flat, with the transport minister telling a press conference that he was rejecting Air Canada's request.

The dispute began heating up last winter, when Air Canada requested that its weekly flights to Israel be increased from four to seven.

Israel's air authority said no, but allowed the airline to boost its flights to one a day during the summer months only.

Air Canada wanted that arrangement continued because of the potential for year-end tourists. But Israel rejected the request, pointing out that Air Canada was breaking its end of the compromise by continuing to fly to Israel daily beyond the summer season.

The temporary agreement does not address a major sticking point between the two airlines.

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THE RT. HON. THE LORD IMMANUEL JAKOBOVITS
Former chief rabbi of the British Commonwealth Lord Immanuel Jakobovits passed away in London on the weekend. ***Please see related stories on page 41.*** *[Godfrey Argent photo]*

Canada, Israel sign law treaty

Toasting the treaty are [from left] Yossi Beilin, Israeli Justice Minister; Anne McLellan, Canadian Justice Minister; Joe Wilder, chair of the CIC; Robert Ritter, national executive director of the CIC; Israeli Ambassador David Sultan. *[Bill McCarthy photo]*

By DIANE KOVEN
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — Israeli Justice Minister Yossi Beilin paid an official visit to Ottawa last week to sign a historic legal treaty between Canada and Israel.

The Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty, signed by Beilin and his Canadian counterpart, Anne McClellan, calls for both nations to grant each other "the widest possible measure of mutual assistance" in criminal matters, including locating people and objects; serving documents; exchanging data, such as criminal and government records; executing requests for search and seizure; locating and seizing the proceeds of crime; and transferring detained persons.

Observers such as the Canada-Israel Committee welcomed the treaty as a tool that will enable both countries to share information in the investigation and prosecution of crimes.

The groundbreaking treaty will also open the way for the mutual lending of exhibits in criminal matters, taking evidence and statements, and making witnesses available.

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The News in Brief

CANADA

Order of Ontario

TORONTO — Susan Charness, Victor Feldbrill and Maxwell Goldhar were among 22 recipients of the Order of Ontario last week. The awards recognize people who enrich others' lives. Charness runs a talent agency specializing in actors and models with disabilities; Feldbrill is a violinist and conductor dedicated to promoting Canadian music; and Goldhar, a businessman, was honored for his community service.

Shul's 90th Marked

CALGARY — This city's oldest synagogue will mark its 90th anniversary. The House of Jacob-Mikveh Israel will celebrate the milestone with a gala banquet Nov. 14. The synagogue was founded in 1909 by Alberta Jewish pioneer Jacob Lyon Diamond.

ISRAEL

No Land for Peace

JERUSALEM — A group of Orthodox rabbis in Israel is planning to renew a religious ruling banning the exchange of land for peace. Giving up lands where Jews live will create "a risk to the lives of those Jews," Rabbi David Druckman, a member of a group known as Pikuach Nefesh, or Saving Lives, said last week.

Town Touts Weddings

JERICHO — A former Arab Israeli legislator hopes to help make the desert town of Jericho bloom – with wedding bouquets. Abdel Wahab Darawshe said his company hopes to help Israeli couples interested in a civil ceremony tie the knot in the self-rule town, in services performed by Palestinian justice officials.

'Millennialists' Detained

JERUSALEM — Israeli officials plan to deport 21 people who belong to apocalyptic Christian groups. Israel rounded up the 21, most of them Americans, last week. It was the third time since January that officials detained members of Christian groups flocking to the country to witness what they believe will be the start of Armageddon on the eve of the new millennium.

WORLD

Papon Had Help

PARIS — The short-lived flight to freedom in Switzerland by convicted Nazi collaborator Maurice Papon was organized by a clandestine network of aging French right-wingers, the *London Sunday Times* reported. A French inquiry has established that admirers of Papon smuggled him out of France on the eve of his appeal last month.

Jews Press New President

BUENOS AIRES — Argentine Jews held a large rally last week, calling on the nation's president-elect Fernando de la Rua to find those responsible for the March 1992 car bombing of the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires and the July 1994 bombing of a Jewish centre there.

Indian Jews Leaving

NEW DELHI — Many of the remaining Jews in Cochin, India, are heading for Israel in order to beat a shortage of marriage partners. During the past 50 years, the community has shrunk from 2,400 to 60, with just 18 Jews left in Cochin's historic Jew Town, site of the city's only functioning synagogue.

Anti-Semitism Soars

VIENNA — The head of Austria's Jewish community said threats against Jews have increased 10-fold during the recent election campaign of Jorg Haider and his far-right Freedom party, which placed second in the recent elections. Ariel Musikant said Jews have experienced a significant rise in hate mail, threatening phone calls and harassment on the street. An estimated 12,000 Jews live in Austria.

French Stamp Irks

BEIRUT — Lebanon reportedly plans to ban mail into the country that bears a French stamp featuring the Israeli flag. Lebanon's postal service will return all mail carrying the stamp, which was issued in January to honor 50 years of French-Israeli diplomatic relations.

Request for Property

BUDAPEST — Hungarian Jewish leaders met U.S. officials here recently to request the return of property looted from Hungarian Jews by American forces at the end of World War II. The request came after a U.S. presidential commission found that in May 1945, American soldiers took the property, originally looted from Hungarian Jews by the Nazis.

Conference to Explore Jewish Poverty in Canada

WINNIPEG — Jewish family and social service professionals from across Canada will gather here this month for the National Conference on Jewish Poverty, the first meeting of its kind in this country.

The conference, slated for Nov. 6 and 7, is sponsored by the Association of Jewish Family & Children's Agencies (AJFCA) of Canada.

An estimated 15.7 percent of Canadian Jews live below the poverty line.

The goal of the conference, according to chair Richard Uditsky of Montreal, is to develop strategies for advocacy and service delivery.

The conference will begin with a comprehensive overview of Canadian poverty, presented by Prof. Allan Moscovitch of Carleton University's faculty of social work.

Rabbi Lindsey Bat-Joseph of Edmonton will address how Jewish poverty affects identity, assimilation, communal obligations, expectations and standards.

Other topics to be explored include job-search initiatives, and how agencies, synagogues and federations can work more closely together.

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Israeli consul general says goodbye to Canada

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO —If Jehudi Kinar had succeeded at nothing else during his tenure here, he would have been satisfied to see his idea for an Israel Studies chair at the University of Toronto come to fruition.

The chair is in place and awaiting a chair holder, he is happy to report. But his involvement in this project represented only one aspect of his work as as Israel's consul general to Toronto and Western Canada for the past four years.

Kinar has also played a role in nurturing Canada-Israel business and cultural ventures; he has travelled in his official capacity as far west as Vancouver and as far north as Nunavut, liaising with Jews and non-Jews in the public and private sectors; and he has served as Israel's representative at countless functions.

"Canada has been altogether a wonderful story," he said in an interview at his Toronto office last week, reflecting on his term here. He will return to Israel at the beginning of December, when Meir Romem assumes the post.

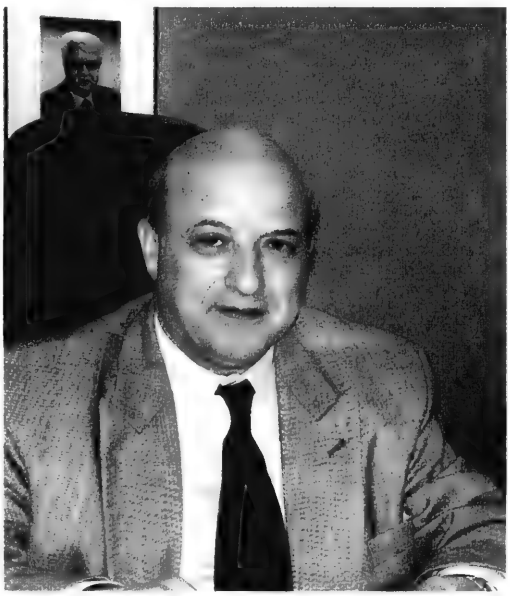
Kinar considers himself "lucky and blessed" to have been here for Israel's 50th anniversary celebrations, and spoke fondly of the warmth of the Toronto community.

"This is a wonderful community," he said. "They made it easy for us to do our work, and easy for us to make friends."

Moving here with his wife Ruti and daughter Yael (an older son, Yaron, was serving in the IDF) just before Rosh Hashanah in 1995, the family was welcomed with food and yom tov invitations. New friends "made our lives so meaningful here," he said.

Kinar noted, however, that the Toronto Jewish community is so close-knit that it's not always easy for newcomers.

He credits his wife – "my right and left hand" – with making his work possible. In addition to her backing at home, Ruti, a Sabra, became involved in a number of organizations here, and in the planning of an Israeli art exhibition.



Israeli consul general Jehudi Kinar. [Frances Kraft photo]

The couple met five days after he immigrated to Israel in 1969.

The consul general, who speaks seven languages, was born in the Netherlands in 1941. He remembers the proclamation of the State of Israel in 1948, and seeing people holding Israeli flags for the first time.

Although he couldn't articulate it as a child of seven, as an adult he remembers "being part of a tolerated minority. I wanted to be part of a majority, and that, for me, was Israel."

At one time he wanted to study medicine, but decided against it because of the high number of doctors in Israel.

A graduate of Switzerland's Geneva University, where he was chair of the Swiss Jewish student organization, Kinar has a BA in Dutch, English, French and German languages, and a master's degree in political science.

He has served with Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs for most of his adult life. Prior to his stint in Toronto, he served in The Hague from 1976-81; in Bonn, Germany in the mid-1980s; and in San Francisco from 1993 to 1995.

It's not uncommon for an *oleh* to be an Israeli diplomat; he and his colleagues from places like England and the former Soviet Union, are part of "a small faction," he noted.

One of Kinar's first challenges here was dealing with the slaying of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in November 1995. "It was like the whole world broke down," he recalled.

Among his most compelling memories of that time was his realization, en route to a community commemoration at Centennial Arena, that what he thought was an ordinary traffic jam was caused by thousands of people heading to the same event.

Despite Rabin's death, Kinar retains an optimistic outlook, he said.

"Keep on doing what you're doing," are his parting words of advice. "If you want to keep the community as it is today, try to get as much Jewish education as possible for your children."

Perhaps that explains his particular pride in the Israel studies chair.

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Jews at the forefront

The Jewish people commemorates Yom Hashoah on the 27th day of the month of Nisan. The date was decreed by the Knesset and accepted by most as a 24-hour pause to ponder the imponderable, a cyclic prod of the collective memory, an appropriate time each year for national, communal and religious reflection on the Shoah.

Of course, the people who "survived" the Shoah need no legislative fiat to set aside time to reflect on what happened. The memory of what happened is ever-present; it hovers close by, just over every horizon of every day; it forms the outline and it shapes the contours of the shadows that fill the darkened rooms each night.

But diminishing in number, alas, are the people who emerged from the Nazis' nearly complete destruction of European Jewry. Diminishing too is their vigor and their ability to recount what must be recounted to their children, to fellow Jews and to the rest of the world.

That is why communities throughout the Jewish world have established Holocaust Education Week or its equivalent.

The truth must be recorded.

The record must be safeguarded.

Safeguarding that record is the imperative and sacred obligation of each successive generation.

But there are many ways of doing so: personal testimony, museums, films, supervised visits to the sites of the death camps and focused programs such as Holocaust Education Week.

Many more ways to safeguard the record however, must be devised to counter the increasingly malevolent attempts to mock the truth and to distort the record.

There are Holocaust deniers, individuals who inhabit society's margins, haunted by their own pitiful inconsequentiality, champions of nothing more substantial than their miserably misshapen vanity.

But even their denials must be rebutted, lest the silences in the street be filled with their mistruths.

There are racist, white supremacists whose constant companions are paranoia and hatred. Because they wield guns as well as ignorance, they too must be "rebutted" lest they be allowed to terrorize and victimize others.

Now, there are also "mainstream" politicians who hug a veneer of respectability close to their business suits, while underneath, they hold tightly to the same sickening xenophobic trash that the Nazi brownshirts boldly bore in the 1930s.

Pat Buchanan is the prototype of this kind of politician in the United States. Some weeks ago in this space, I wrote about him and about the danger he poses to the truth and to the integrity of the record.

Unfortunately, there appears to be a rising number of Buchanan-like politicians around the world.

Last month, the Freedom party of Austria finished a strong second in the elections held there. The key plan in the party's platform is a nationalistic, anti-immigrant screed, calling for an "an end to too many foreigners."

The party's leader, Joerg Haider, evokes very strong suspicions, especially among Austria's remaining Jews, for, among other things, having described the Waffen SS as "men of character," and for the coded anti-Semitic imagery he used in his election campaign.

The political climate in Austria may already have become more hospitable to far-right, reactionary racists.

A news item last weekend reported the arrest of a small neo-Nazi group "seeking to overthrow the Austrian government."

Eight people were arrested. According to police, all of them had contacts with other convicted neo-Nazis in Austria and fellow racists in Germany, the Czech Republic, Britain and the United States.

Two weeks ago, in Switzerland, the right-wing People's party under the leadership of Cristoph Blocher recorded a similarly strong second place showing in the elections.

Like its Austrian cousin, the People's party of Switzerland proposes a heavily nationalistic, anti-immigrant policy.

And like Haider, Blocher is the demagogic chief proponent of those anti-"foreigner" policies.

These men – the Buchanans, Haiders and Blochers – and their policies must also be rebutted.

We, the Jewish people, our "antennae" buzzing with the encrypted codewords of intolerance and hate from these "mainstream politicians," must be at the forefront, rebutting their odious messages.

In every land where Jews reside or have resided, we were all once immigrants. Indeed, as God reminds us almost 100 times in the Tanach, we were all once "strangers" in a strange land. We must never forget that. And woe unto us, and to the world, if we do.

Our rebuttal, of course, begins with, reasserts and reaffirms Judaism's core value, the underpinning of our ethically monotheistic belief system, and that stands in full frontal opposition to the masked and unmasked hatred uttered by all Buchanan-like politicians, namely: *all human life is precious.*

That rebuttal is also at the centre of the Holocaust Education Week programs being held in large and small communities all across Canada.

—MBD

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TWO ANNIVERSARIES, ONE HAPPY, ONE SAD

Former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and King Hussein of Jordan are seen here on the shores of the Kinneret reflecting on the peace treaty between their countries that was signed on Oct. 26, 1994. One year later, on Nov. 4, Rabin was gunned down. **[WZPS/UIA photo]**

Greater Toronto Area

New foundation to promote Canadian history

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Charles Bronfman, chair of the CRB Foundation, has announced that he will donate up to $25 million – matching dollar for dollar with other private-sector contributions – to a fundraising campaign for Historica, a new Canadian history foundation.

Historica, co-founded by Bronfman and L.R. (Red) Wilson, chair of the BCE Inc., is dedicated to increasing awareness of Canada's history and peoples.

With the development of its own Web site, Historica will offer such things as free access to the *Canadian Encyclopedia*; an up-to-date directory of Canadian Web sites; firsthand accounts of Canadian events and achievements; moderated chat groups; multimedia stories; and bulletin boards. At the moment, Historica can be accessed at www.heritage project .ca/histori.ca/index html

Its own Web site – www.histori.ca will be up and running in the near future.

Other ideas include developing school programs, lecture series, essay contests and a travel exhibit on Canadian prime ministers, and creating a volunteer organization in every province.

At the recent launch, Bronfman said that while history is important to Canadians,"it is still not a core subject in many provincial jurisdictions and even if it is, many students and teachers are frustrated by how it is taught. The Internet has information on just about everything, but good Canadian sites are often lost in the sheer volume of information."

Historica intends to bridge the divide, he said, between the potential of our new information age and our inability as Canadians to know each others' stories.

Historica's mandate, said Wilson, is to make Canadian history a priority – to make it more accessible, more enjoyable and more exciting for Canadians of all ages.

Executive director of Historica is Thomas Axworthy, and founding supporters include the Royal Bank of Canada, Imasco Limited, McClelland & Stewart, Westcoast Energy Inc., Bell Canada, CanWest Global Communications Corp., The Toronto-Dominion Bank, the Bank of Nova Scotia, George Weston Ltd., CAE Inc., McCain Foods Limited, Fishery Products International Limited, Maritime Broadcasting Inc., and Aliant Inc.

Charles Bronfman

Bingo fraud charges laid

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Richmond Hill couple has been arrested for allegedly defrauding the public through a bingo that was run in the name of a well-known lodge of B'nai Brith Canada.

Last month, York Region Police and the Ontario Provincial Police's Alcohol and Gaming Commission arrested Harvey Kosloff, 54, and his wife, Rosemary, 52, for running an allegedly fraudulent bingo at the Aurora Bingo Centre.

Police said the centre was leased to Canyon Lodge. But there is no indication of any involvement by B'nai Brith.

According to a statement from York Region Police, the lodge was licensed to operate at the centre.

The alleged offence is said to have occurred between 1994 and early 1999.

Police say the two accused "have benefited personally for a total of $136,250."

Canyon Lodge, with 47 dues paying members, is a well-known lodge of B'nai Brith, and was founded in the mid-1960s by residents in the Canyon Avenue area.

B'nai Brith executive vice-president Frank Dimant told *The CJN* that the bingo was "a rogue operation" and "unknown to B'nai Brith," or to Canyon Lodge.

He said his organization has cooperated fully with police.

Dimant confessed to being surprised that the allegations relate to a period stretching over five years. "It fell between the cracks," he said.

B'nai Brith, which is heavily dependent on gambling to raise funds, directs all revenue from gaming to the B'nai Brith Foundation, which re-distributes money to lodges and other activities, Dimant explained.

The Kosloffs were released on their own recognizance and will appear in a Newmarket court Nov. 22, charged with fraud.

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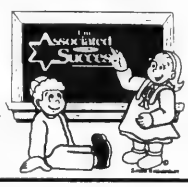

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Beilin pays tribute to Rabin

By ANNA TURKIENICZ
CJN Staff

TORONTO — Israeli Minister of Justice Yossi Beilin had just finished his personal reminiscences of Yitzhak Rabin at a recent memorial when the lights went out.

Yahrzeit candles, which had been lit in the Borochov Cultural Centre in memory of the former prime minister of Israel, were the only lights in the hall after a neighborhood blackout brought the evening to an early end.

Before the lights went out, Beilin drew the audience back to Rabin's early political years.

"Over the years," Beilin recalled, "Rabin was a friend and a rival. We had many disputes and many agreements.

"Rabin was one of the most sincere people on earth," Beilin said. "You always knew when he was with you and when he wasn't."

During the rally that preceded Rabin's assassination, Beilin remembered Rabin's words were: "This rally must send a message... that the people of Israel want peace."

'He was one of the most sincere people on earth'

Beilin then recalled how a copy of the Hebrew song *Shir Hashalom* (Song of Peace), which had been in Rabin's pocket during the rally, was covered in Rabin's blood after the assassination.

"The song, *Shir Hashalom*, was a provocative song when it first came out in the late 1960s," Beilin said.

It came out between the 1967 and 1973 wars, and at that time, Israel Radio decided on its own not to broadcast it, Beilin said. "In many ways, Rabin was killed for the cause of that song."

Beilin also recalled the first time he saw Rabin. It was just before the Six Day War, he said, during the *yamei hamtana* (waiting days).

Beilin was just a private in the IDF and he saw a helicopter arrive while he was stationed near Beersheva.

"From my position," Beilin said "I could see his hat and my commanders, and I said to myself, 'It will be OK.'"

Rabin had a presence that said everything would be OK, and all Israelis somehow felt this, Beilin said. "When Rabin died, it was as if he betrayed this feeling.

"It was clear that we had counted on him too much."

Beilin said it took more than Rabin himself to prove to the people that the path towards peace was the right path.

"We got used to the state of emergency. It helped us to explain some problems, and repress others." Beilin said.

What is happening today in Israel is a lesson from Rabin's death, he said. The government has learned that you cannot make peace with just the majority convinced that it is the right path.

"You have to educate and convince more than the majority that what you are doing is the right thing," he said.

Beilin is also a member of the Knesset constitution law and justice committee, and the committee for the advancement of the status of women.

Some of his previous positions have included deputy minister of finance, deputy minister of foreign affairs and minister of economics and social development.

Beilin received his PhD in political science from Tel Aviv University and has published several books on Israel.

The Yitzhak Rabin Memorial was sponsored by the Labor Zionist Alliance, Na'amat Canada, Bialik Hebrew Day School, Habonim Dror Zionist Youth Movement and the Canadian Zionist Federation.

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Historic legal treaty signed

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Experts say the treaty will make it much more difficult for Israeli fugitives to find haven here, and vice-versa. It is expected to expedite criminal proceedings and remove barriers to prosecutions in both countries.

Joe Wilder, national chair of the CIC, said the treaty "is another important illustration of how growing bilateral ties between Canada and Israel are resulting benefits for both countries."

Apart from signing the treaty, Israel and Canada also signed a joint declaration of intent on co-operation in law, which will facilitate the exchange of lawyers, judges, legal scholars and government officials from both countries.

Beilin's Oct. 25 visit coincided with the opening of the safe passage route between the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

"I am very optimistic about the prospects of peace with the Palestinians," said Beilin, who played a major role in the negotiations which led to the signing of the Oslo accords.

"I feel there is a will on both sides," he told the National Press Club.

"The opening of the safe passage is for many of us a dream come true ...It is another sign of what is happening with the peace process."

In response to a question about possible compensation for Palestinians who fled or were forced out during the 1948 and 1967 wars, Beilin said, "We are not blind to the suffering of the Palestinians. The issue of refugees is one of the main issues on our agenda. I see this issue as an opening for understanding, rather than an impediment.

"We should deal not with solving the historical roots of the conflict, but with solving the conflict itself," he said. "In my view, once we have peace with the Palestinians, there should be no Palestinians in the world in the status of refugee."

While in Ottawa, Beilin also met with Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy and Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, updating them on progress in the Middle East peace process since Prime Minister Ehud Barak's government came to power.

Beilin encouraged Canada to continue contributing to Arab-Israeli reconciliation as the gavel holder of the Multilateral Working Group on Refugees.

With reporting by Ron Csillag in Toronto.

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U.S. sleuths track fate of *St. Louis* passengers

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For Holocaust sleuths Scott Miller and Sarah Ogilvie, the search continues.

Holocaust Education Week

The two researchers with the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington have spent years combing through old files, documents, telephone books and even records of chevrah kadishahs to find people who had been passengers aboard the *St. Louis*, the ill-fated luxury liner that became a microcosm of the world's indifference toward the Holocaust.

Miller and Ogilvie opened Holocaust Education Week in Toronto last Thursday at the Sephardic Kehila Centre with an account of their detective work in tracking the fates of the 937 refugees who were aboard the *St. Louis* 60 years ago.

After years of dogged work and slogging through mountains of records, the two have closed files on all but 10 of the passengers.

The storied vessel, whose plight was dramatized in the 1976 Hollywood movie *Voyage of the Damned*, left Hamburg, Germany, in May 1939, destined for a safe Cuba. On board were mostly German Jews fleeing Hitler's madness.

But the ship was denied entry to Cuba, save for 29 passengers. Desperate appeals to the United States, Canada and other countries to grant the remaining refugees asylum were all turned down.

The *St. Louis* was forced to return to Europe. Only at the last moment did four countries – Britain, France, Belgium and the Netherlands – agree to take in about 200 passengers each.

But when the Nazis overran the latter three countries within a year, Jews became their first victims.

An estimated half of the passengers aboard the ship ended up dying in the camps, ghettos, or in hiding, falling victim to the Holocaust they were so sure they would avoid.

The story of the *St. Louis* is where the Holocaust and American history intersect, noted Miller, because most of the passengers expected eventually to make their way to the United States.

Ironically, Miller said, he and Ogilvie made good use of meticulous records kept by the Nazis. They also advertised in newspapers around the world, and used old phone books to track the passengers' fates.

"It was easier to find the dead than the living," Miller remarked.

The two researchers focused on the Washington Heights section of New York City, which became the largest German-Jewish neighborhood after the war. Six former *St. Louis* passengers still live there.

And two live in Canada: Guenter Krebs of Montreal and Ursula Miller of Toronto. Miller, who was aboard the ship with her mother and other relatives as a 17-year-old, was taken in by Britain. She joined Miller and Ogilvie for a question-and-answer session.

Miller, now a great-grandmother, said the episode left her "extremely disappointed" in war-time U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt, whose nation was the first ally to refuse the *St. Louis* passengers asylum.

Accompanied by grandchildren Amy Oziel and Michael Sandler, Holocaust survivor Cyla Goldlust lights the first of six memorial candles at last week's opening of Holocaust Education Week. [Ron Csillag photo]

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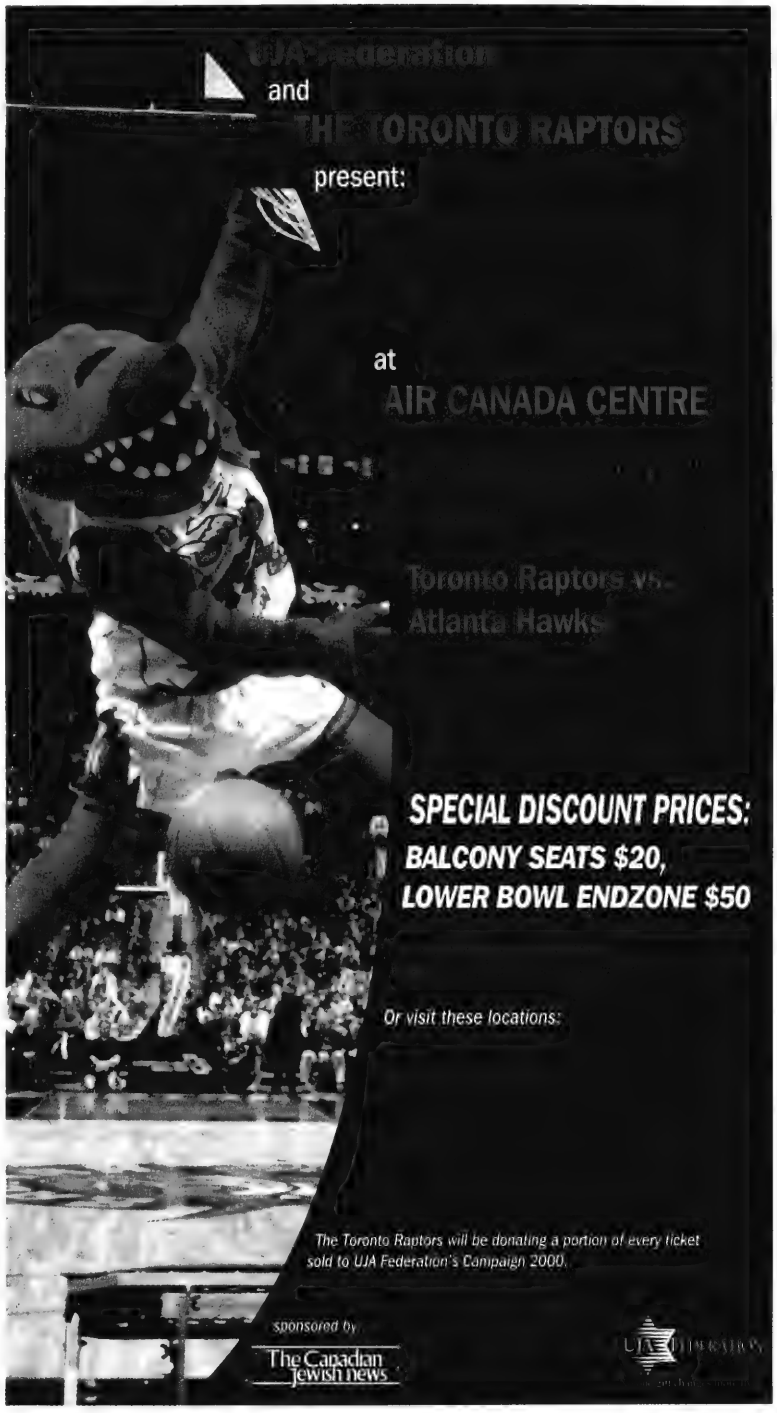

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It's all about priorities

Hockey is to Canada as water is to ice. It is part of the country's very definition, part of the deep structure of our national identity. That is why some of the Canadian NHL franchises, in particular the financially challenged Ottawa Senators, have placed the issue of government aid at centre ice of the national political arena.

But most governments have been reluctant to offer financial assistance to the hockey teams. And rightly so. It would be unconscionable, despite the potential injury to our collective psyche, to open the public purse to sports franchises, while we avert our eyes to the outstretched hands of the homeless, to the parents of children living at or below the poverty line, to the teenagers and young adults unable or unwilling to incur the debt needed to pursue post-secondary school studies.

As its contribution on the side of the troubled NHL franchises, the government of Ontario last week enabled the reduction or elimination of municipal property taxes on privately owned sports arenas. It argued that by doing so, it was merely "levelling the [taxation] playing field" with non-privately owned sports arenas.

But how, in good conscience, can it intervene, even indirectly, to spare hockey teams from paying taxes, when it does not do so, in the same manner, say, to spare developers from the taxes that prevent them from bringing on-stream more affordable rental housing, or to spare impoverished parents from paying taxes on the commodities they must purchase for their children, or to spare students from paying the cloying, debilitating interest rates (read taxes) on their student loans?

It's all about priorities. And the highest priority must always be the basic humanitarian needs of shelter, food, education and dignity.

Mauritania's example

Most people do not know where it is and would be hard pressed even to find Mauritania on a map. It lies on the west coast of Africa, north of Senegal, stretching eastward from the Atlantic Ocean into the Sahara Desert. Some two million people live there, almost all Muslims. Its capital is Nouakchott.

Last week, Mauritania became the third Arab country, after Egypt in 1979 and Jordan in 1994 to establish full diplomatic relations with Israel. The agreement between the two states was signed in Washington by the countries' foreign ministers in the presence of U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. The location, of course, was more than simply facilitative; it was strategic. Mauritania will undoubtedly benefit in tangible ways by spinning closer to Washington's orbit. Its mostly agricultural economy will also surely benefit by its presumed access to the advanced agri-technical expertise of the Jewish state. Israel too can be pleased that it has taken another step, albeit modest and mostly symbolic, on the long, winding, arduous path towards "normal" relations with the Muslim world. It's not yet a trend. Three states will not generate any peer pressure on the remaining 17 members of the League of Arab States to exchange ambassadors with Israel. However, there are diplomatic whispers that Bahrain and Yemen may be next. But Mauritania's example is indeed another click on the rusty, jagged-spoked wheel away from the status quo.

CAPTIVE IN IRAN

The government of Iran still holds the following members of the Jewish community as prisoners. Each is a universe of life and existence unto his own. And each has a name. Let us not forget them.

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NAH.
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Defends use of birth name

Re: letter by Stuart McCarthy (*CJN*, Oct. 21). His insistence that the use of my late sister's birth name is an affront to his sensibilities is a vindictive and incredible insult to Ina and all those who knew her during her short life. The Swedler family is proud of Ina's accomplishments as a mother, journalist, sister and daughter. My family's use of her birth name helps us to reach out to the community to raise money for research into a cure for diabetes, where the Swedler family name is well known.

As far as McCarthy's claim to holding title to photographs and the like that appear in the book *Ina's Way*, my only response is that he does not hold a copyright on the wonderful memories my sister left behind.

Ina's role as a devoted mother to Joshua will be her lasting legacy; even in her illness, she remained his primary caregiver, and was a loving and caring parent to her son.

Harley Swedler
Great Neck, N.Y.

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Memories of Kristallnacht

Hopefully there will not be a Kristallnacht, so I can study day and night.

I went through hell and I came out. I was then only six years old, and I remember everything about that night.

The country I live in I like so much. There is respect which means so much. Canada, my third home.

Ilsa Deckelbaum
Toronto

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Immigration proposal — I

In response to the article on proposed immigration policy (*CJN*, Oct. 1): We think that this new plan will not be successful.

First of all, every society must have different groups within its population, and tradespeople are an important group in society. Just as a factory can't exist without workers, cleaners, electricians, so, too, society can't exist without bakers, waiters, hairdressers, cashiers, and so on.

Secondly, motivation is important, and this does not depend on an educational level; it depends only on one's character, purpose and mental strength.

But most important, in our opinion, is the ability to adapt, to be flexible, and to be able to take a job, even if it's outside one's profession, and to become a contributing member of one's new country.

Lusi Potiyenko
Irina Grigorayeb
Toronto

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Immigration proposal — II

I don't agree with the federal government's new blueprint for immigration. No society has only highly educated people. Society needs a lot of skilled tradespeople. So why does the government want to reduce their part of the immigration quota? Good knowledge of English or French is important, but more important is motivation, the ability to work hard and psychological stability. I think that the opportunity to immigrate to Canada mustn't depend on educational level.

Yuliya Stanislavska-Shteyner
Toronto

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Defends prices in Israel

Having just returned from a fabulous three-week vacation in Israel, I read with grave concern "What price life in Israel" (*CJN*, Oct. 7). Robert Sarner need only visit Toronto to understand that Israel does not have a monopoly on the concept of the market economy. In Toronto, we have a 15 percent tax (PST + GST). One-bedroom apartments, unfurnished, rent for $700 to $1,000 a month. As for ice cream, who wouldn't buy the best? I pay at least $3.50 for a two-scoop ice cream cone in Toronto. I ate in a nice restaurant in Rehovot and paid only 103 NIS ($37.25) for two people. I bought a CD of the local heartthrob Yael Golan on Ben Yehuda in Jerusalem for only 41 NIS ($14.68), and Shlomo Artzi's double CD for only 40 NIS.

As in Toronto, if you're willing to look hard enough, you can find cheaper prices. Eilat and the *shuks* offer the best prices for music because of the tax break.

Your quote for deodorant is fairly accurate. Israel's Super Pharm sells a stick at the regular price of 25 NIS ($9.10); however, it may be on sale for 20 NIS ($7.20). In Petach Tikvah, Beauty Centre sells the same deodorant for 15 NIS ($5.40).

What about the price of public transportation? I travelled return from Tel Aviv to Eilat and paid only 104 NIS ($37). I paid only $1.50 to travel by bus within any city, and Israel's bus fleet is far more comfortable than the buses we have here in Toronto.

Rosanne Stein
Toronto

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Seeks daughter here

I am trying to find the daughter of a Holocaust survivor. The survivor's name is Mira Meller, born in Stopnica, Poland, in 1912. She came to Canada after the war and settled in Winnipeg. She married a man whose name was Isser, possibly from Toronto.

I do not know if she is still alive. They had one daughter who may be living in Toronto, but I do not know her first name or if she has a married name. I would appreciate hearing from her or from anyone who can put me in touch with her.

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Resposibilities of Kashrut council bring accountability

By ARI N. KAPLAN

Readers of the *Canadian Jewish News* are probably at least mildly familiar with the Levitts kosher meats case. The Montreal-based Levitts Kosher Foods Inc. sued three Toronto rabbis on the local Va'ad Ha'Kashrut, Toronto's principal kosher supervisory council (also known as the Kashruth Council or COR), in connection with a letter sent by the Va'ad to a number of kosher restaurants and establishments under COR supervision.

Basically, Levitts alleged that this letter effectively prevented the continued sale of its fresh kosher meat in COR establishments, and accordingly, claimed that the effect of this letter unlawfully damaged its reputation as a kosher meat producer and seller, and interfered with its pre-existing commercial relationships.

The case never made it to trial. In July, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice granted the Va'ad's motion for a stay of proceedings, that is, the court suspended the lawsuit in its tracks. The stay was ordered based on the long-standing legal truism that ordinary secular courts are hesitant to resolve substantive issues touching upon "religious belief and conscience." The court held that the merits of Levitts' dispute with the Va'ad should be decided at a beit din (rabbinical court).

The Levitts case serves as an invitation to the Jewish community to reflect upon and evaluate the manner in which kashrut is regulated. Ultimately, there are broader implications that may flow from this case. However, Rome was not built in a day, and in Jerusalem's case, we still wait while the Messiah tarries.

A background to the Levitts dispute may be helpful. Levitts produces and sells kosher deli and fresh meat products. All of its meat has glatt-kosher hashgachah (certifying its meat as strictly kosher) from Montreal's Va'ad Ha'ir (MK) as well as from the Baltimore-based Star-K. It is important to note that while Levitts reportedly does not have, nor did it ever apply for COR hashgachah, the Va'ad has not alleged that Levitts meat is not kosher.

Since about 1977, Levitts sold its deli meat, but not its fresh meat, in Toronto COR restaurants and establishments. It sold its fresh meat in non-COR establishments (e.g. large supermarket chains), as well as out of its Toronto store. It had been the Va'ad's custom not to interfere with the sale of Levitts deli meat in COR establishments since historically, kosher deli meat has been less scrutinized than kosher fresh meat.

In recent years, some COR establishments and restaurants began to sell and use Levitts fresh meat products, partially on the basis that Levitts had gained a level of trust among these establishments and their clientele by acquiring certification from the strict and highly regarded Star-K in addition to Levitts' longstanding certification under MK.

In 1997, the Va'ad sent memoranda to COR establishments and restaurants advising them that if they continued to sell or use fresh kosher meat not approved by the Va'ad (which by inference singled out Levitts) then they risked revocation of their COR certification.

We heard at the court motion that the Va'ad relied on two halachic principles, adopted as COR policy in recent years, to justify its 1997 decree.

First, the Va'ad led evidence that since Levitts' principal shareholders were not shomrei Shabbat, they did not have the requisite level of trust and credibility among strict adherents to kashrut. Second, the Va'ad expressed concern that Levitts being a Montreal-based corporation was inconsistent with the Va'ad's recent policy of *shchitat chutz* (ritual slaughtering from outside). *Shchitat chutz* requires that a preference be afforded to local shchitah, (by Toronto-based producers of fresh meat).

According to the Va'ad, the shomer Shabbat and *shchitat chutz* policies were implemented in the midst of a "return to meticulousness in the observance of the precepts of Judaism."

This issue is neither limited nor unique to the Toronto community. The court also observed that Montreal is a "closed city" and that Levitts there is, in fact, protected by a similar *shchitat chutz* policy. (There is also a shmerut Shabbat policy, from which Levitts is exempt, because it got its MK certification before the policy was implemented.)

In essence, the Va'ad was saying that despite the fact that everyone knows that Levitts meat is kosher, the Va'ad is nevertheless obligated by its constituency, that is, Toronto's observant community, to determine whether or not Levitts met its recently adopted, new standards of kashrut – namely, compliance with *shmerut* Shabbat and *shchitat chutz*. (Incidentally, the Va'ad also presented evidence that persons who were not shomrei Shabbat, but who had acquired COR certification for their businesses prior to the shomer Shabbat policy taking effect, were exempt from the application of this policy).

The differentiation in this case between what is kosher and what meets the Va'ad's standard of kosher has the same effect on Levitts in respect to the sale and use of its product. The policy implies that Levitts is not kosher enough for those who comprise Toronto's observant community and who rely on the Va'ad for peace of mind when they eat or shop in COR-supervised establishments. Given the historically wide sphere of influence that the Va'ad has enjoyed in the Toronto kosher food industry, the effect of the decree is that for all intents and purposes, Levitts is not institutionally kosher in Toronto.

By ordering the stay of proceedings, we can infer that in essence, the court in the Levitts case was deeming that the parties, by virtue of their practice, custom, and business, implicitly agreed to have their disputed matters resolved internally rather than in court. This is consistent with the halachic principles of *archaot shel nochrim* and *beit din shel hedyotes*, namely, that Jewish law generally frowns upon litigation before laypersons in the secular courts. (This topic presents its own world of internal complexities and contradictions for those of us who are both observant Jews and practise law.)

However, as religious commentators have also observed, "the prohibition of going to non-Jewish courts is rooted in the fear that Torah laws will become forgotten and hence, for practical purposes, nullified." (See R. Simcha Krauss, *Litigation in Secular Courts, Journal of Halacha and Contemporary Society, Vol. III).*

This latter notion is instructive as we reflect upon the role of COR in relation to the very public to whom COR is responsible, namely, the community that follows Torah laws, and more generally, everybody in the Jewish community who cares about kashrut.

Historically, the Va'ad finds its source of authority in the Middle Ages when Jews were legally segregated by the state, and culturally isolated from the outside world. The framework of the self-governed kehilah (Jewish community) saw its leadership concentrated in the hands of a group of four to 10 respected *parnassim* (wardens) who were responsible for all social, economic and religious regulatory matters.

Above are a shochet's seals of kashrut, Manheim, Germany, 1745. In the top photo is the store sign of kosher butcher in the mid-19th century: "Kosher meat available here."

For matters of kashrut, they were assisted by *memunim* (overseers), who also supervised prices as well as weights and measures. The *memunim* were principally honorary, unpaid appointments that took on a political-governmental character. This internal, self-governance model existed for centuries and was expressly recognized (and required) by the state or kingdom in which Jews lived, be it Poland-Lithuania, Persia or Morocco.

The Va'ad today is the modern heir to the *memunim* of the Middle Ages, but not quite their beneficiary. On one hand, in recognition that in the past, each kehilah had its own leadership structure and governance model, Toronto's Va'ad today also recognizes that there are a plenitude of kosher supervisory bodies, each of whom has its own constituency (e.g. Toronto's Sephardi kashrut council, Montreal's MK, Baltimore's Star-K, etc.). The Va'ad led in evidence at the Levitts court motion that "there is no obligation [on any kosher supervisory body] to accept the certification of another."

On the other hand, the Va'ad acknowledges that its authority comes more than anywhere else from below, i.e., COR describes its constituency as "the large group of consumers who purchase kosher- supervised products." Indeed, it was, after all, on the basis of the community's "return to meticulousness in ... observance" that purportedly drove the Va'ad to adopt its stricter policies in the first place.

What comes with such responsibility and trust is accountability. Toronto's kosher-purchasing community should insist that if it is not already, the Va'ad should be a meaningfully transparent forum in regards to its processes, decisions and certifications. For example, while it is true that the Toronto community has become more observant in the past number of years, one wonders who exactly initiated or requested the implementation of the *shchitat chutz* and shomer Shabbat policies?

What public data was collected by COR? Was there a meaningful opportunity for open and public debate and equal representation before the policies were implemented? Was such debate publicized and the findings reported? What was the role of COR's "lay board of community leaders," which presumably represents a cross-section of the Va'ad's entire constituency, in recommending the policies, and on what basis and for what term is the board appointed?

Intuitively, one would expect that aside from local Toronto butchers, there would be little fear in the Toronto Jewish community that Torah law would be "forgotten" and "nullified" by the use of Levitts' MK and Star-K glatt-kosher fresh meat in Toronto restaurants.

At the end of the day, *shchitat chutz* and *shmerut* Shabbat may have been the "right" policy decisions. But this is only the "what" of the matter. We also need to know the why, who, how and when.

The Va'ad serves an important function and trust within the Jewish community. It supervises thousands of kosher products, reacts properly and swiftly when it discovers that a supermarket product bears an unauthorized or inadequate kosher label, and issues immediate notices in this newspaper as well as to dozens of Jewish institutions to warn the public. In this regard, it is constructively responsive to the needs of its constituency.

But the Va'ad should more proactively serve the needs of the community through process as well as substance. It can do this, and at the same time potentially avoid an unfortunate episode such as was the case with Levitts, by being openly accountable to the very public it serves.

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Opinions

Hitler and Eichmann memoirs in the news

The man from Braunau who unleashed the world war that killed 50 million people, six million Jews amongst them, is in the news again. This time it is the book he wrote in the mid-'20s while imprisoned in Germany. Called *Mein Kampf* (my battle), it is the bible of Nazism and anti-Semitism.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

After the war and the demise of the Fuhrer, the German government prohibited distribution of the book, declaring it as belonging to a class of forbidden materials that were deemed opposed to the German constitution. Clearly, *Mein Kampf* fell under this rubric and ever since, distribution of the book in Germany has been illegal.

Of course, that kind of law never works completely. There are always loopholes, and today, with the Internet and other means of communication, any German who really wants to read the book will find it possible to do so.

Also, Germany is the only country where it is illegal and since everyone else in the world so inclined can get the book, send it to Germany, leave it in a hotel room or wherever, there is no dearth of this poisonous stuff. The world today is not foolproof, if in fact it ever was.

It is interesting to note that today's largest publisher, Bertelsmann, is a German concern that also owns a majority share in a number of North American publishing companies such as Random House. I am informed that Bertelsmann is trying to persuade its foreign affiliates to dump all copies of *Mein Kampf*.

It is aided in his endeavor by the Bavarian government which claims ownership rights to the book, for the original copyright passed from Hitler to the Nazi party, and the Bavarian government became the inheritor of its properties. It recently initiated a court case against a Swedish publisher of *Mein Kampf*, with the result that all Swedish copies had to be destroyed.

By a strange coincidence, the Hitler problem is paralleled by another literary inheritance: the memoir of Adolf Eichmann. The infamous little man who headed the extermination policy of the Nazis was kidnapped by Israeli agents from Argentina where he had sought refuge and, after a widely publicized trial, was convicted of genocide and executed in Jerusalem.

While in prison, he composed a memoir, which is said to be his defence. To this date, the document has not been published, although there is great pressure in Israel to let the public have an insight into the soul of this man.

So far, the government has resisted the request, for it fears Eichmann's notes will feed the maw of Holocaust deniers. However, many Israelis believe that sooner or later the government will have to let the book be published.

More than 50 years have now passed since the end of World War II with its terrifying slaughter. Somehow, it seems, the unspeakable evil of those days still rears its ugly head, as these problems and, worse, the recent Los Angeles murderous rampage, proved all too clearly.

Water crisis coming to a boil

Like the long discussed but still non-existent express train between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, Israeli officials like to pay lip service to the need for water conservation and extensive desalinization. Who can argue?

Robert Sarner in Jerusalem

This is, after all, a country that's half desert, home to a growing population with a rising standard of living and where barely a drop of rain falls during the spring and summer.

The taps may not yet be dry but this year's water problems point in that direction. For too long, the usual Israeli reaction to the water situation – as with so many of the country's other ecological time bombs – has been basically not to act until a crisis hits home. The inevitable crisis has now arrived close to our doorstep – and it's not as if we weren't warned.

This year, following one of the worst droughts this century, Israel is facing an acute water shortage. Just how severe the crisis is may be subject to debate among specialists. But there's no escaping that without major innovation the country's limited, increasingly polluted water resources cannot satisfy current needs, let alone future ones.

Try telling that to the general public. To see the way some Israelis continue to hose down their sidewalks and cars and water their gardens with thoughtless abandon is to realize that reality still has not sunk in for many people. How bad does the situation have to become before the country gets really serious about attacking its water problem?

Last month, for the first time, the Water Commission lowered by 30 centimeters the minimum permissible level in Lake Kinneret – Israel's main reservoir of fresh water. Experts say excessive pumping has already made the Kinneret saline, that the country's aquifers are depleted and the quality of drinking water is deteriorating. Environment Minister Dalia Itzik says the situation is worrisome, the result of years of "chronic mismanagement."

In the face of such a water shortage, it defies logic why the government has not launched a nationwide campaign to drastically reduce consumption of fresh water and pulled out the stops on desalinization. Emergencies call for urgent measures such as ordering individuals, municipalities and kibbutzim to check every tap, hose, toilet valve and waterline to eliminate leaks – leaks that can consume nearly half a city's water supply. So far, nothing of the sort seems in the cards – except more talk and the creation of yet another government committee.

In other places bedeviled by drought, governments forbid citizens from watering private gardens and washing their cars. With the added incentive of much reduced water bills, people are told to use water-saving attachments for taps and to take other easy steps like putting a brick in the toilet tank, thereby reducing the volume of the tank and saving up to 50 percent of the water used when flushing. That's no small saving given that toilet tanks account for 40 percent of urban water use.

The water shortage in Israel is not yet felt among the general public because the biggest cut in supplies has been in the agricultural sector, which has suffered a 35 percent reduction. Still, the public must pick up the tab as farmers have been compensated, as required by law, to the tune of 300 million shekels. In contrast, in the urban sector, there have been no cutbacks.

More water woes emerged recently when the Environment Ministry reported that the combination of drought and pollution flow has worsened the condition of the country's rivers and streams, and in some cases the pollution is threatening underground sources of drinking water.

That echoed an earlier report by the State Comptroller who said domestic and industrial sewage, solid waste, fertilizers and pesticides are leaking into the ground and contaminating the water reserves that provide drinking water.

Still, complacency and bureaucratic inertia persist in the government where six ministries have jurisdiction over water-related issues. Last spring, cabinet members refused to provide funding for a major desalinization plan, saying it was too expensive, and besides, what's the panic?

Israel currently consumes some 1.5 billion cubic metres of water a year, more than half of which is used for agriculture. A recent report by Greenpeace predicts that within ten years, Israel will face an annual deficit of at least half of what it consumes every year.

For now, as winter approaches, people pray the skies will open and let loose with 40 days and 40 nights of rain. But it will take far more than a deluge of biblical proportion to solve Israel's long-term water problems.

Washington knows best?

With one year to go before the American elections, and few foreign policy achievements to show for eight years in office, the Clinton Administration and Al Gore need a miracle in the Middle East.

Gerald Steinberg in Jerusalem

In the negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians, the euphoria of the signing ceremony on the White House lawn in September 1993 has long since evaporated. The odds of an agreement in the "permanent status" negotiations within one year are very low.

On the Syria front, the news for Clinton is even bleaker. Absolutely nothing of substance has been accomplished despite dozens of high-level trips to Damascus, and hundreds of hours of talks. Without a miracle, Clinton's historical legacy in the Middle East will be one of failed hopes and inconsistency.

In this atmosphere, there is real concern that Clinton and his Middle East team will become desperate, pressing Israel to make dangerous concessions in an effort for a major success before they leave office. With recent foreign policy debacles in arms control, Pakistan, Russia, and China, there is little left, other than the Middle East, to balance the score-card.

The recent reappointment of Martin Indyk as U.S. ambassador to Israel is a warning sign in this context. Indyk is one of the core members of Clinton's Middle East team, moving from head of the Washington Institute to the government, and serving as U.S. ambassador in Tel Aviv.

However, after openly siding with Shimon Peres and the Labor party in the 1996 election campaign (violating basic diplomatic practice and showing a lack of insight into Israeli conditions), Indyk was not the appropriate representative during the Netanyahu era. Like some other Jewish appointees, Indyk was accused of acting as if he knew more about "what was good for Israel" than Israeli voters and leaders. Indyk then went back to Washington and was active in the tilt towards Arafat.

Now, after Netanyahu has gone and Labor, in some form, is back in power, Indyk is returning to the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv, for one last effort. As a political appointee, he will probably leave government after the U.S. elections.

This could be a dangerous situation for Israel. Signs of desperation from Washington, and pressure on Israel, will be exploited fully by Arafat and Assad.

The Americans are likely to press Israel and the Barak government to make concessions on key issues of security, territory, Jerusalem, refugee claims, water, and Jewish settlements. This formula of one-sided concessions worked (at least for the U.S. and for the Palestinians) during the earlier period after Oslo, and the pattern may be repeated.

Another danger is that the U.S. government will make promises to Israel that it will not be able to keep. The Clinton administration pledged hundreds of millions of dollars in assistance to help offset the costs of moving military bases and adding anti-terrorist defences associated with implementing the Wye and Sharm agreements.

However, the Republican-controlled Congress is waging war with the disgraced President, and has repeatedly blocked foreign aid appropriations. In other words, the American domestic political farce has had a direct impact on the Middle East peace process, and on Israeli security requirements.

In this context, the Barak government has to be careful to insure that outcomes that depend on American pledges are implemented. With respect to Syria, this point is crucial. Any change in Israeli military deployments on the Golan Heights will require new bases and equipment.

Israel also relies heavily on the early warning stations in the area, including the complex on Mt. Hermon, to prevent surprise attacks. If these stations are closed or access is limited, Israel will need U.S. assistance for getting alternative early warning capabilities, including expensive satellite technology. But if the assistance package is caught in the political crossfire of American politics, or becomes another victim of neo-isolationism in Washington, Israel will pay the price.

At the same time, the U.S. remains Israel's only strategic ally and major source of support. Without American leadership, the international sanctions that slow Saddam Hussein's progress in rebuilding his weapons of mass destruction would disappear entirely.

In addition, Washington has been at the forefront of efforts to prevent the fundamentalist government in Iran from accelerating its missile and nuclear programs. These policies are vitally important for Israel, and in the State Department, Martin Indyk has played a major role in developing these policies.

During this transition period in American politics, Barak's challenge is to maintain the positive aspects in the relationship while carefully blocking initiatives that result from personal and political ambition. The Clinton administration's place in history books and Al Gore's election chances should not depend on forcing Israel into one-sided concessions.

The Kirshner File

Portrait of a great philosopher

When Latvian-born Isaiah Berlin (1909-1997) arrived in Britain with his family at the tender age of 11, his English vocabulary consisted of 75 words. For the precocious Berlin, this was not a problem. He mastered English, and as an adult, he was torrentially eloquent.

With his facility for words and his penchant for ideas, Berlin evolved into a renowned philosopher whose works to this day remain fresh and are still avidly read, discussed and analyzed.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

An accomplished essayist, Berlin was the author of many books, among them *Karl Marx*, *The Age of Enlightenment* and *Four Essays on Liberty*. And thanks to his assiduous literary trustee, Henry Hardy, Princeton University Press recently published Berlin's unpublished writings, *The Roots of Romanticism* and *Concepts and Categories*, which are bound to burnish his reputation as one of the century's most influential philosophers.

Michael Ignatieff, a Toronto writer living in London, has written a superb biography of the man, *A Life: Isaiah Berlin* (Penguin), a volume which is both a labor of love and a rigorous examination of his persona and career.

The son of a prosperous Russian timber merchant, Berlin launched himself in 1928 when, as a plump young lad, he went up to Oxford with a scholarship to study classics, modern history and philosophy. He was a gifted student, a loquacious and rapid-fire talker and an astonishing cosmopolitan whose quicksilver intelligence and prodigious memory amazed tutors and friends alike. It was not surprising that he was invited to join a circle of the brightest young dons and undergraduates at Oxford.

Upon graduating, Berlin toyed with the idea of becoming a lawyer, but concluded that law would be too dull. He also considered journalism, but when he confessed that writing did not come easily to him, the editor of *The Manchester Guardian* advised Berlin to look elsewhere.

Returning to academia, Berlin accepted a post as a tutor in philosophy at New College, Oxford. Then, in 1932, he took a fellowship at All Souls, the first Jew ever elected to that select Oxford institution. When the news was announced, *The Jewish Chronicle* ran an article, the chief rabbi sent him a letter of congratulations and a Rothschild invited him to spend a weekend at his mansion.

All Souls, Ignatieff observes, provided Berlin the setting in which all his characteristics could flourish: his zest for learning, his appetite for conversation and his need for company and gossip. Nevertheless, in 1938, he began teaching at New College, Oxford.

On the eve of World War II, Berlin, who was colloquially known as Shaya, wrote his first book, a treatment of Karl Marx. The book, which is still in print, deepened his loathing of Marxian historical determinism.

Berlin spent much of the war in the United States with the British Press Service and the Ministry of Information in New York City and with the British embassy in Washington. He wrote a study of the Associated Press' reportage of British morale during the 1940 Battle of Britain and then began compiling a weekly synopsis on the state of American public opinion. His job was to get the United States into the war on Britain's side.

As part of his duties, the personable Berlin lobbied newspaper and magazine editors, businessmen, clergymen and politicians. Among the Jewish personalities he met were Felix Frankfurter, the Supreme Court judge; Herbert Lehman, the governor of New York; Arthur Hays Sulzberger, the publisher of *The New York Times*; Walter Lippmann, the syndicated columnist; and Chaim Weizmann, the Zionist leader.

Isaiah Berlin

Berlin rarely failed to impress his interlocutors. At the end of a lunch, Harold Ross, the editor of *The New Yorker*, said, "Young man, I can't understand a word you say, but if you write anything, I'll print it."

Berlin eventually tired of the weekly grind of churning out political summaries, and grew depressed working for a government he regarded as pro-Arab. Berlin, a secular Jew, was a Zionist, and paid his first visit to Palestine in 1934.

Ignatieff claims that Berlin's loyalties were tested to the breaking point in 1943. When he heard that Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Franklin Roosevelt would issue a declaration condemning Zionist agitation in Palestine, he leaked the story to a Manhattan newspaper publisher partial to Zionism. This person informed Henry Morgenthau, the U.S. secretary of the treasury. Morgenthau, in turn, tipped off the Jewish lobby. The United States withdrew its support for the declaration.

At the end of the war, new pressures forced Berlin to choose between his British and Jewish identities. After the Jewish underground bombed the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, which housed the British administration in Palestine, Weizmann consulted Berlin over a speech he intended to deliver at the Zionist Congress in Switzerland.

Berlin contributed a strong paragraph condemning Jewish terror. It read:"Terrorism insults our history; it mocks the ideals for which a Jewish society must stand; it contaminates our banner."

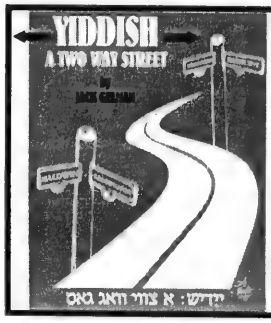
Yet, when Weizmann asked Berlin to be his chief of staff, Berlin demurred. Weizmann was furious. He could not understand how a Jew could prefer to remain in the Diaspora when the fate of the Jewish homeland hung in the balance. Berlin was loath to give up his position at Oxford for the sharply polarized world of Jewish politics. Later, he rejected overtures from David Ben-Gurion and Abba Eban to live in Israel. Not even an offer of the directorship of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs enticed him. "There is irony in all of this," Ignatieff observes. "A life-long Zionist discovering that he had no place in Zion." Berlin's interest in Israeli politics, however, never flagged, and like all liberals, he favored a two-state solution to Israel's dispute with the Palestinians.

In 1950, Berlin, whom Ignatieff describes as a social democrat, wrote his longest and most significant essay to date, *Political Ideas in the Twentieth Century*, in *Foreign Affairs*. The piece was a western liberal's defence of freedom against the Soviet threat. Berlin had visited the Soviet Union in 1945, had conferred with such dissidents as Anna Akhmatova and Boris Pasternak and had emerged from that trip with a loathing for Communist tyranny.

Berlin, in 1952, delivered a series of talks for the BBC. With the broadcast of *Freedom and its Betrayal*, he became a public intellectual. In Ignatieff's view, Berlin's most influential lecture, given at Oxford in 1958, was entitled Two Concepts of Liberty. Throughout the 1960s, he gave guest lectures in the United States, first at Harvard and then at City University of New York.

Despite a frantically busy social life, Berlin was often lonely. He might well have remained a "sexless don" had he not met and fallen in love with Aline Halban, a married French woman whose father was Baron Pierre de Gunzbourg, the scion of the illustrious Russian-Jewish banking family. Berlin courted her, she divorced her husband, and ultimately they were married. By all accounts, they lived happily ever after.

In concluding, Ignatieff singles out Henry Hardy for having had the foresight to ferret out Berlin's scattered body of work from obscure scholarly journals. Ignatieff suggests that if Hardy had not undertaken this important task, Berlin's star might not have shone so brightly in the firmament he brilliantly illuminated.



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A Jewish myth

By ELLIOTT MALAMET

Recently, I was involved in the creation and development of a 12-part documentary series about Judaism, which is currently airing on Canadian and American television.

When I reflect on the experience of interviewing Jews from across the religious spectrum, it becomes strongly apparent to me that the concept of "Jewish unity" must be relegated, at this point in our history, to the status of a myth.

The radical split between various factions on many matters relating to Jewish law and belief make it difficult to accord the unity claim even a semblance of truth. The different denominations cannot agree on the most basic of ideas, such as the nature of Revelation, whether adherence to Halachah is binding or voluntary, or the relevance of mitzvot. In many past centuries, Jews experienced some kind of polarization, but the schism is particularly turbulent at present.

The issues are very complex. Rabbi Elliot Dorff, a leader of the Conservative movement, has explained that in a religious context, pluralism "is the position that one can affirm one's own views and practices while being open to communication with, and appreciation of, those who think and act differently."

But as Rabbi Dorff goes on to say, this statement entails serious problems: "How can I justify my own view while granting legitimacy to others? Are there any boundaries to the legitimacy I should extend to others?"

This last question is particularly relevant when applied to Orthodox Judaism. Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, the chief rabbi of the United Kingdom, once noted: "The concept of Orthodoxy presupposes the possibility of heresy. A community is defined by boundaries. Boundaries may be sharply or loosely defined, but there must exist a territory outside them for them to be boundaries at all. Each of the denominations draws some kind of line, inside of which they believe can be placed a legitimate form of Judaism, but outside of which is beyond the pale."

Rabbi Sacks adds that there "is a collision of consciousness between traditions and modern ways of understanding." The dominant theme of tradition is certainly the secure knowledge that the customs and beliefs of one's parents are there to be continued and not questioned. But the modern sensibility is that there is more than one way to think and act.

For Prof. Arthur Hertzberg, the issue regarding pluralism is that whether one likes it or not, it is a fact, a living reality in Jewish life. It is an inevitability.

But for Rabbi Mayer Schiller, pluralism is simply another word for heresy. His definition of Judaism rests on acceptance of the authority of written and oral law as binding on every Jew. Since the Enlightenment, Rabbi Schiller argues, various movements have begun to deny the authority of these texts, leading to a breakdown in Jewish faith.

The roots of this clash can be traced, of course, to the difficulty of integrating Judaism into modernity.

Rabbi Irving Greenberg argues that the schism currently forming is, paradoxically, an outcome of freedom. Previously, anti-Semitism united Jews. But in an age of comfort and the onset of modernity, Jews turn on one another. In Rabbi Greenberg's words, "Jews cannot handle freedom very well."

Will our children and grandchildren on different sides of the religious fault line be able to talk with and learn from one another? More seriously, will they recognize each other as Jews at all? These questions are deeply troubling and will not succumb to quick solutions. In the meantime, our children grow up in a Jewish world of acrimony and name calling, surely not the best tools that we can offer them in their search for meaning and God.

Rabbis answer on the Web

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

Today, more rabbis on the Internet who are willing to field your questions and maybe engage in some online debate. A reminder: check out the credentials of the rabbi you are dealing with and direct complicated problems to a reliable authority.

If you have a question about kashrut, Rabbi Chaim Davis may have the answer **[http://www.koshersupermarket.com/rabbidavis.htm]**. One writer asks whether sushi can be kosher, since fish in its raw state contains "blood." The answer: "Jews have been eating raw fish ever since herring was invented. Although the Torah forbids animal and fowl blood, kosher fish are permitted without removing their blood." Hungry for more? KosherQuest's Rabbi Eliezer Eidlitz may have a solution **[http://www.kosherquest.org/html/toc.htm]**.

What to say when confronted by missionaries? Rabbi Tovia Singer has some answers and welcomes your questions **[http://www.outreachjudaism.org/asktherabbi.html]**. Rabbi Singer is with Outreach Judaism, an organization dedicated to helping Jews in the church come back to Judaism. For more questions and answers about proselytizing, take a look at Jews for Judaism **[http://www.jewsforjudaism.org/javasite/FAQ/index.html]**.

After my articles appeared earlier this year, I received an e-mail from Baruch Sienna who pointed me to Reb on the Web, run by Kolel: The Adult Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning **[http://www.kolel.org/cgi-ubb/Ultimate.cgi?action=intro]**. Writes Baruch: "Reb on the Web, has, in my humble opinion, the best ask the rabbi column (with attitude.)" Here are some of the questions the Reb addresses: What's the story with tfillin? Converted, married a Jew, divorced. Now what? Should liberal Jews work at food banks on Shabbat?

Baruch is also Webmaster for clickonJudaism which operates another Ask the Rabbi site **[http://www.clickonjudaism.org/pages/askus.html]**.

One of the oldest and best sites around is Ask the Rabbi **[http://www.asktherabbi.org]**. This marvelous site is run by several rabbis at Ohr Somayach in Jerusalem who are knowledgeable, sensitive and humorous. No question is too sublime (Why did God create the world?) or practical (According to Jewish law, can you go 65 miles per hour in a 55 mph zone? The answer: Perhaps, but if you get a ticket, that's your problem.)

You can also comb their archives by subject and join the mailing list to get new questions and answers delivered to you weekly. And even if your question isn't chosen to appear on the Ohr Somayach Web site, you will receive a personal reply.

Still looking for answers? Here are some more Ask the Rabbi sites: Orthodox Seattle Kolel **[http://www.seattlekollel.org/ask.html]**; Eretz Hemdah Institute for Advanced Jewish Studies in Jerusalem **[http://www.eretzhemdah.org/asktherabbi.htm]**; Rabbi Levi Fogelman of Chabad Centre of Natick, Mass., **[http://www.ziplink.net/~chabad/gen/ask.htm]**; Rabbi Y.Y. Rubinstein **[http://www.compsoc.man.ac.uk/~yy/Ask.htm]**; Rabbi Chaim Goldberger **[http://www.shemayisrael.co.il/ask/ask.htm]**; Aish HaTorah **[http://www.aish.edu/rabbi/current.htm]** and Hillel's Dr. Cyberstein **[http://www.hillel.org/hillel/RabbiCyb.nsf/RabbiCyberstein]**.

Of all the rabbis that I have (virtually) met through the Web, none has been quite like Rabbi R. Mermelstein **[http://www.jpfo.org/askrabbi.htm]**.

According to his Web site, in addition to his background in rabbinics, Rabbi Mermelstein is on the editorial board of Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership and "is of course, an avid shooter and handloader."

Some sample questions: Should pious Jews own firearms? What are the best handguns for self-defence for a novice? Are Jews allowed to carry weapons outdoors on the Sabbath? (Rabbi Mermelstein's response: Possibly, but consult your local rabbi.)

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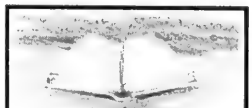

Rabbinic Reflections

Chesed essential for Jewish continuity

By RABBI RON AIGEN

Continuity has been the buzzword of the '90s in the Jewish world. With all the commissions and innovative programming on "continuity," the question still remains: What is most likely going to ensure a Jewish future for the next generation?

The weekly portion, Chaye Sarah, deals with this theme of continuity in the story of how Abraham concerns himself with securing a burial place for his wife, Sarah, and then ensures that his son, Isaac, will marry the right woman.

In this search for the "right woman," occupying the longest chapter in the book of Genesis, we find a character test devised by Abraham's servant to ensure that the woman he brings back for Isaac will be generous and kind.

What we learn from this is that the tradition of Abraham is not merely defined as a system of beliefs and practices that constitute a "religion." In the perpetuation of Abraham's tradition, the core concern is the creation of a way of life, a culture and a community of people with a shared set of values.

In searching for a woman who will offer water to his camels and himself, Eleazer asks God for "signs" that are not magical or supernatural, but rather indications of human characteristics that are a natural part of seeking human fulfilment.

The key words found in reference to Rebecca, the prospective bride, are the same terms applied earlier to Abraham: native land, father's house, going to the land, blessing, and becoming great. The crucial verb, "to go," occurs seven times in connection with Rebecca, thus signalling the importance of this term.

The Jewish way to go – Halachah – eventually becomes a rabbinic system of dos and don'ts. But what is most striking in this biblical narrative is that we find none of those criteria expected by the Halachah for being a good Jewish wife. There is no mention of the many mitzvot we would think of today as necessary for Jewish continuity. Instead, the servant sought out for Isaac a woman who would be kind and hospitable.

There is more at issue here, however, than simply being nice. Surely Jewish continuity must depend upon something more than just being a nice person.

The quality Eleazer was looking for was chesed – the quality of devotion to another, the attitude toward life that asks, "What can I give you?" rather than "What do I need from you?" Chesed connotes a gift of unexpected kindness, an act of grace. It is covenant-love – the devotion to something that transcends oneself.

This quality is an amazing gift, the gift of unexpected kindness. And indeed, we find that when Eleazer receives that kindness from Rebecca, "the man was astonished" – *veha'ish mishta'eah lah*, Rashi tells us, he was "transfixed," "devastated," "confused," "struck-dumb," "not sure whether God had made his errand successful or not."

How can we ever be sure? Our quest for success in life – whether as Jews or as human beings in general – can never be guaranteed or known in advance. Nor will all the rules and dogmas we might devise guarantee success. To be sure, if we seek Jewish continuity, we must find a particular Jewish map for making our way in life that distinguishes us from other people in the world who may also be good, kind or nice people. But what we also learn from Abraham's servant is that we cannot even begin to set out on this Jewish journey if we have not looked deep within for a special kind of openness to being human – an openness that allows us to respond with chesed, the gift of loving devotion to the tradition of Abraham.

Perhaps it is the nature of chesed that is essential to understanding our quest for the future of Judaism. Chesed is something that cannot be demanded or engineered. It can only be given freely of one's own will – as a gift. Jewish life cannot be engineered by governments or willed by rabbis or parents; it can only be chosen freely by those who are open to it – those who come to it with an attitude of chesed.

Rabbi Aigen is the spiritual leader of Congregation Dorshei Emet in Montreal.

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Zionist-Arab conflict

***Righteous Victims – A History of the Zionist-Arab Conflict 1881-1999*, by Benny Morris (Random House of Canada, $62).**

Books
Bernard Baskin

Are we our own worst enemies? Why is it that a group of Israeli writers, academics, intellectuals and artists are busily engaged in derogating their own country? Israel's cause, they argue, is not just; the State, established in 1948, was "born in sin."

Post-Zionism, as this unfortunate trend is called, is in the process of rewriting Zionist history in favor of its relentless adversaries and foes.

Some years ago, Nathan Alterman, the esteemed Israeli poet wrote a short poem which contained an ominous prophecy. "Then did Satan say: 'How will I conquer this beleaguered one? He possesses courage, ingenuity, resourcefulness and tools of war.' And then he said: 'I'll not rob his strength, nor bridle him, nor rein him in, nor enervate his hand. But this I'll do – blunt his mind, till he forgets his cause is just.'"

Israeli post-Zionist historians insist that the solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict based on simple territorial compromises cannot make Israel moral. This, they say, is because modern Jewish nationalism did not create (as Zionist ideology claims) a beneficent and well-meaning progressive national movement, but rather a colonialist, racist, and evil one.

Actually, such calumny is not new: the doctrine that Zionism is a colonialist movement exploiting and enslaving Arab peasants was formulated and disseminated in Soviet propaganda organs embellished with "scientific" terms from the Marxist-Leninist lexicon.

Benny Morris, professor of history at Ben-Gurion University, is perhaps Israel's leading post-Zionist historian. The book under review is a well-written, comprehensive account of the military and diplomatic aspects of the Arab-Israel conflict – and also purports to debunk some of his country's most cherished ideas.

Concerning Israel's War of Independence, for example, he notes that, contrary to popular belief, the fledgling nation enjoyed clear military and strategic superiority. He writes that during the period between the two world wars, the Jews in Palestine lived under "the protective carapace of British rifles and under a beneficent and efficient administration that made the tasks of the settlers and their Jewish Agency infinitely easier." That conclusion will come as a surprise to those who suffered under the British rule.

While relating Israeli human-rights violations and atrocities against Arabs, Morris also omits corresponding Palestinian and other Arab acts. Thus, there is almost no mention of the fact that, during the Jordanian occupation of the old city of Jerusalem, all synagogues and other Jewish holy sites were desecrated.

Morris points out that after 1967, any resistance to Israeli rule met with quick and brutal repression.

Only the intifadah, which started in December 1987, at last propelled the Israeli leadership toward moderation and concessions. He concludes that in the long run, "the only language that either side has understood in this conflict is force."

The Israelis, of course, did make mistakes and cause injustices, but in fact there has never been another national liberation movement in history which so strove to attain its goals without violence, so endeavored to guide its steps by moral principles.

As every historian knows, there are no objective statistics; even the ostensible appearance of truth is tendentious. All historians select from that "pile of detritus of past facts" that suits their object, obscuring the remainder. A history of World War II could be written focusing on the suffering of Germans from Allied bombings and invasions – all based on facts. All one need do is distort proportions.

In a recent article entitled *Has Israel Lost its Nerve*, Norman Podhoretz warns of a crisis that may one day confront Israel. "I hope and trust that the Israeli fighting spirit can and will come roaring back at that moment. But instead of being encouraged and cultivated as in the past, it will have to resurrect itself in the teeth of a culture full of the self-hatred that the early theories of Zionism mistakenly believed would be purged by statehood from the Jewish soul." The Jewish people have been given a state, if they can keep it.

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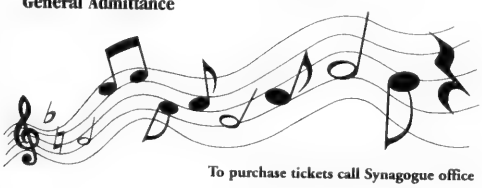

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'Does Judaism want me?'

Decision to convert overwhelming

Freelance journalist Marlane Smith begins a series of articles on her personal experiences about converting to Judaism. She lives in Vancouver and is engaged to be married to a Jewish man in August 2000.

By MARLANE SMITH
Special to The CJN

I will never forget the conversation I had with a rabbi soon after I made the decision to convert to Judaism.

I served him and his wife breakfast in my restaurant. Don't ask me how we got onto the topic of my conversion, but he had an incredible impact on me. I don't usually have such a meaningful, memorable conversation before 8 a.m. Perhaps that's why his words have been so lasting.

He told me Judaism is fortunate to have someone like me who is enthusiastic and fascinated about committing to become a Jew.

Flippantly, I asked him if Judaism is lucky because it is gaining a Jew in me or because it isn't losing one in my Jewish partner. He chuckled and took a sip of his decaffeinated non-fat latte, as I held my breath, afraid that I offended him.

An interesting question, he mused, and dove into his cholesterol-free omelet. My breakfast-serving tact kicked in and I left him in mid-chew.

Unfortunately, I never received an answer. Eighteen months later, I'm still pondering his comment and many larger questions: Does Judaism even want me? Will I ever truly identify as Jewish?

When I agreed to convert, I could not have imagined how overwhelmed I would feel. I did not take the decision lightly, but I never thought it would make me so confused.

Guest Voices

I was not raised with any religious teachings. My mother is a Catholic who refused to bring my sister and me up in the same strict religious environment in which she was raised; my father is a non-practising Protestant. If anything, I thought it would be easy to convert, since I had no religion to abandon.

And it's not as though I made a hasty decision, found a suitable synagogue and rabbi, and started the process immediately after deciding to convert.

My fiance and I just returned from a one-year trip around the world. We've both had plenty of time to discuss and think. Easy. Hah! What an over-simplification!

In the two weeks since my initial meeting with the rabbi my fiance and I have chosen to work with, I've been in tears during the Shabbat candlelighting and davening, and then again following one of my meetings with our wonderful rabbi at Or Shalom synagogue.

Fortunately, I have enrolled in an immersion and conversion class with some people who identify as Jews, some who identify as non-Jews – and some who feel they are halfway in between, like me.

As we went around the circle introducing ourselves, a Jewish man divulged that he had cried bittersweet tears during his first prayers many years after he had renounced God and religion.

His experience gives me great hope and relief. It reaffirms that I'm not alone in this overwhelmingness. I have no idea why I cry (and I write that in the present because it is ongoing), but I know they aren't tears of sadness. I'm confident that I will soon have a better understanding of where they originate.

My paternal great-grandmother was Jewish. Could my tears be through her?

I've read that in the Bible, when the Israelites were given the Torah, their response was: "We shall do and we shall hear." In other words, they promised to act first and hear or understand second. To leap before looking. I feel that's what I'm doing.

I still don't have the answer to the question I asked the rabbi nearly two years ago, but perhaps I don't need it articulated by him.

The answer to most of my questions and initial doubts are within me. Eventually they will surface. For now, I'll just continue leaping.

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Education conference planned

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jewish education in the coming thousand years will be the theme of the 16th annual Board of Jewish Education conference of the Association of Jewish Day School Administrators and Principals.

The conference, titled From Text to Technology: The Challenges Facing Jewish Educators in the Sixth Millennium, will be held at Blue Mountain Resort in Collingwood from Nov. 12 to 14.

Zita Gardner, principal of Leo Baeck Day School, and co-chair of the event along with Michelle Lynn of Holy Blossom Religious School and Faigie Davids, executive director of She'arim Hebrew Day School, called the weekend "an opportunity for educators and administrators to be together over Shabbat, to socialize, learn and pray with each other."

Guest speakers will be Seymour Epstein, new director of the Board of Jewish Education, and Susan Jackson, director of continuity for UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

The program will include workshops and lectures, opportunities for informal discussions, and a Klezmer on the Mountain concert after Shabbat.

The Board of Jewish Education is funded by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto. For more information, call 633-7770.

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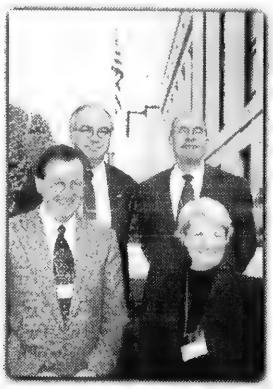
Washington Greets Record UJA Federation Delegation

Getting up at 4 am for 18 hours of non-stop activity is not the way most people plan time off work. But 128 UJA Federation supporters - a record turn out - participated last week in a whirlwind pre-dawn to pre-midnight day on UJA's Washington Fly-In. The trip took delegates to the Canadian Embassy, Capitol Hill, the State Department, FBI Headquarters and the Holocaust Memorial Museum.



Israel and the peace process dominated briefings by diplomatic personnel. Jon Allen, a Canadian Embassy Middle East specialist conceded that Canada, Israel and the United States don't always see eye-to-eye on Middle East policy.

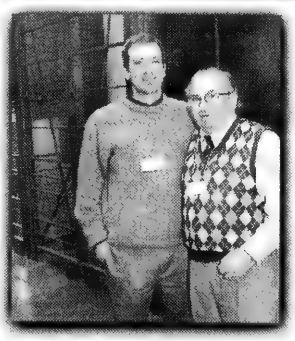
"We don't accept everything that Israel does simply because it has the right to exist," he said. He noted, though, that Canadian-Israeli relations are warmer with Ehud Barak's election as Israel's Prime Minister.

Jake Walles, who heads the U.S. State Department's Office of Israel and Arab-Israeli Affairs, offered praise for Jordan's new king, Abdullah. "He can not only make tough decisions, but he can make them happen," said Walles referring to Abdullah's decision to close down Hamas facilities in Jordan.

David Gillete, senior lobbyist for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, claimed that Barak's commitment to leave Lebanon in a year has thrown Syrian President Hafez Assad "into a tizzy." Assad, he said, will no longer be able to use attacks on Israeli troops as a bargaining tool to get back the Golan Heights.

Many Fly-In participants came especially to see the Holocaust Museum, which welcomes 2.4 million visitors a year – 96% of whom are non-Jewish.

Auschwitz survivor Max Moneta, who has visited the museum twice before, brought his son Fred for the first time. "It's overwhelming," said Fred. "I've seen these images before but the accumulated impact is overpowering. When I come here, I can't believe that we lived through it," added his father Max.



"To see what man does to man while the world stood by watching and did nothing is particularly overwhelming," observed Walter Moodie, representing the Royal Bank, a UJA Federation corporate partner.

And, at the end of a seemingly endless day, the atmosphere among participants was surprisingly fresh and certainly upbeat. "It's a great way for people with a common cause to get together," said an enthusiastic Joel Flatt. "You really see how strong a community we are by being here."

(Clockwise-top left) UJA Federation Corporate Partners (front row left) Walter Moodie, Barbara Haire. (Back l-r) Bill Collier and Michael Shannon.

Dr. Brian Chapnick (L) and Gerald Pearson

Fred (L) and Max Moneta at the entrance to the Holocaust Museum.

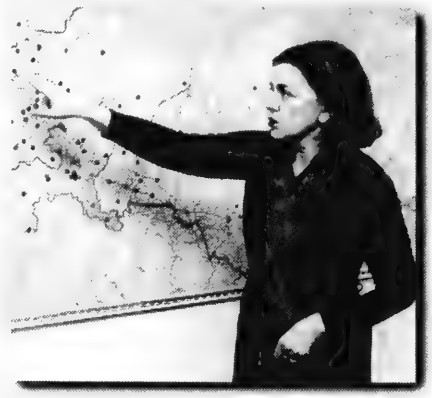
UJA Federation Washington Fly-In Co-Chairs Howard Sokolowski and Honey Sherman.

Photos: Beverley Abramson

Dramatic Increase in Aliyah

Jews from the former Soviet Union are fleeing to Israel at an astonishing rate.

A recent special report on aliyah released by the Jewish Agency reveals that the number of Jews immigrating from the FSU is expected to reach 65,000 by the end of the year – a 20% rise from earlier forecasts.



Alla Levy, Head of Jewish Agency operations in the former Soviet Union, indicates the areas in which the largest concentration of Jews is still located. Levy will speak about a new wave of aliyah at the UJA Federation Major Gifts dinner in Toronto later this month.

Between January and September alone over 44,000 FSU Jews were brought to Israel, representing a 40% climb over the same period last year.

The most dramatic increase comes from Russia, where economic devastation and rising anti-Semitic incidents have driven 21,000 Jews to aliyah in the last 6 months – an increase of 130% over the same period last year.

According to the Jewish Agency, funded by the worldwide UJA Federation network, immigration from Russia alone, during 1999, may exceed 33,000, if present trends continue

UJA Federation funds, designated for overseas use, are directed to the Jewish Agency for, among other things, the transportation and re-settlement of Jewish immigrants in Israel.

Hot Talking Hollis

Women's sexuality, food and body image were the steamy topics at the *Hot and Heavy Evening For Women*, sponsored by UJA Federation's Women's Campaign and Jewish Women's Federation. More than 450 women heard psychologist and well-known author Dr. Judi Hollis talk about issues with which women struggle related to their spiritual and physical well-being. Hollis, who has published several books and articles on various addictions, is about release her fourth book entitled "Bagels to Buddah." The event was co-chaired by Lori Disenhouse and Ingrid Kay.

Beit Halochem members display their art works

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Creative arts can be one of the main rehabilitation methods used to help people with disabilities.

"Through art, the disabled can explore unknown talents, gain insight into themselves and realize a sense of self-esteem," says Toby Feldberg, president of Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel, Beit Halochem Canada.

An art show of works by members of Beit Halochem in Israel is on exhibit at Holy Blossom Temple to Nov. 15.

"Beit Halochem is the sports, rehabilitation and social centre for Israel's 48,000 disabled veterans and their families. Four Beit Halochem centres in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Nahariya offer a wide variety of sports, social and creative programs geared to individual disabilities," Feldberg says.

She notes that bringing the art works to Toronto is just one of the ways the organization became acquainted with these Israeli heroes.

"When you view their accomplishments and read their biographies, you will be able to relate more clearly to them as individuals."

The exhibition includes paintings, drawings, silver jewelry and ornaments created by more than 30 disabled veterans – on display and for sale. The proceeds from the art sales will be used for much needed equipment in the Beit Halochem centres.

The disabled veterans are both male and female. Their art work is done using a variety of mediums and styles – oils, charcoal, acrylic, watercolor, pastel and crayon.

Yosi Arditi, one of the artists in the show, was severely injured by a molotov cocktail in Gaza in 1988 and suffered severe burns over his body. He was hospitalized for 10 months and had countless plastic surgery operations.

He visited the Beit Halochem in Tel Aviv for physiotherapy and learned about the other activities at the centre.

He liked the art program, which, with the support of family and friends, helped him learn to accept his fate and rise to the task of his own rehabilitation.

He has been painting at Beit Halochem for several years, where he is known as a poet and artist.

For more information on the art show, call Beit Halochem, 416-787-8950 or toll free, 1-800-355-1648.

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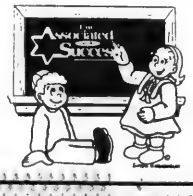

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Ezrath Nashim honors Schachter for medical work

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Dr. Ricky Kanee Schachter has received numerous awards for her outstanding contributions to medicine, to her community, and to the rights of women.

At a recent Gala Benefit Concert at the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts, Schachter was presented with one more award, the International Award of Science by the Canadian Friends of Ezrath Nashim-Herzog Hospital.

She was honored for her many years of service in both practice and research, and for her advocacy in women's health.

Speaking of the honoree, Dr. Dorothy Pullan said that friends, family, and colleagues have been "touched by the depth of her compassion – Ricky has an intuitive sense of caring and nurturing that goes beyond the ordinary scope of medicine and friendship. To know her is to be inspired by her and to love her."

Schachter has been a dermatologist at Women's College Hospital since 1945 and has served as medical director of the hospital's Psoriasis Education and Research Centre since 1976.

In 1991, through the efforts of patients, friends and with government support, a world class dermatology centre was developed and named after her at Women's College Hospital.

In 1998, in recognition of her contribution to her community, she was awarded the country's highest honor, the Order of Canada.

Renee Rubinstein, president of Canadian Friends of Ezrath Nashim-Herzog Hospital made the presentation to Schachter, who was accompanied by her husband of 57 years, Dr. Benjamin Schachter, a retired biochemist.

Rubinstein said the award was for Schachter's "outstanding lifelong contribution to the science and art of medicine," adding "and for giving to people with all of her heart."

Born and raised in Melville, Saskatchewan, Schachter said that her parents were deeply commit-

Dr. Ricky Kanee Schacter

ted to Israel, and that her mother believed that every woman should have a skill.

She gained acceptance to medical school, and received her medical degree from the University of Toronto. She married in her 4th year of medicine.

Schachter told *The CJN* that when she was an intern a young baby died of an infectious disease of the skin.

There were very few antibiotics in 1943, and that piqued her interest in skin diseases.

"I was fortunate enough to come into medicine at a time when there were major discoveries in medicine.

"I stress the fact that dermatology was cutaneous medicine which reflects the physical, mental and emotional well being of the patient."

She said that her life has been "an uphill move. If I was unsuccessful, I'd step back and develop a new strategy to achieve the goals – I'd never give up."

The funds raised at the Gala Concert, part of an ongoing campaign, will establish a Unit for the Enhancement of Healing in Schachter's name at Ezrath-Nashim. The unit will include an osteoporosis clinic, a comprehensive wound care unit and a research department to strengthen overall treatment of osteoporosis and pressure sores.

The Ezrath Nashim hospital, founded in 1895 by a group of women concerned about emotionally ill people in Jerusalem, is currently a leading institution serving the geriatric and psychiatric population of Greater Jerusalem.

The hospital is recognized worldwide for its research in Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease, and major psychiatric disorders.

Pullan said that it was fitting that Schachter, who dedicated her life personally and professionally to the needs of women, "should more than 100 years after its founding by women be recognized by this fine hospital."

The Gala Concert featured international performers, harpist Erica Goodman, flutist Susan Hoeppner, and pianist Halida Dinova.

The concert was produced by Srul Irving Glick whose Sonata for Flute and Piano was performed by Hoeppner, accompanied by Lydia Wong. Concert chair was Beverly Minuk.

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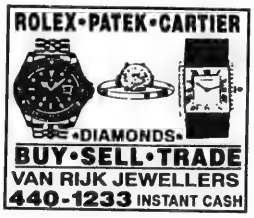

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Being a 'good Israeli citizen' important for Ethiopian olah

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — To thousands of Ethiopian Jews, Micha Feldman, consul and director of the Jewish Agency mission in Ethiopia, is known simply as "Aba."

Among those who think of him as a paternal figure is Mehereta Baruch, a 19-year-old Haifa University student who represents the story of successful Ethiopian aliyah.

Feldman, 56, and Baruch spoke at a recent UJA Federation Women's Campaign Lion of Judah luncheon, held at the home of Rosalie Sharp.

As a child, Baruch lived in a small Jewish village in Ethiopia, with no running water and no electricity. "My neighbors were the cows and the sheep," she said.

Fulfilling a dream nurtured over generations, Baruch's father prepared to leave for Jerusalem with most of his family. Mehereta's mother did not join them until later, having remained in Ethiopia to care for her parents.

Travelling in a group of about 50 people, Mehereta and her family began a dangerous, arduous trek that took them to a Red Cross refugee camp in Sudan.

An older sister who had been ill was the first to be allowed to go to Israel, along with Mehereta, then 10, and a younger sister.

They were taken to a Youth Aliyah boarding school, where Baruch was surprised to see that her classmates were all white-skinned. "I thought everyone is like me," she said, smiling. "Of course, they were surprised too."

She quickly adapted to modern life and became a good student, but she worried about her family and prayed for their safe arrival in Israel.

Her prayers were answered with the arrival of her father and brothers, and later, her mother.

Around the time the Baruchs were adjusting to their new life in Israel, Feldman was involved in what was to become a Jewish exodus from Ethiopia.

Mehereta Baruch (left) and Micha Feldman. [Frances Kraft photo]

Operation Solomon, in 1991, involved "a lot of miracles," Feldman said. Although 20,000 people, all desperate to leave, descended on the Israeli consulate in Addis Ababa, nobody was hurt, he said. Over 14,000 were transported to Israel in one weekend.

There are now 70,000 Ethiopian Jews living in Israel.

Despite Baruch's successful integration, she believes it will take "a huge effort to make Ethiopian immigrants an integrated part of Israeli society – from [Ethiopians], from Israeli society, and from Jewish communities all over the world."

She thanked campaign supporters for helping her.

Feldman echoed her thanks, adding that their support made them part of "history-making."

In an interview, Baruch noted that there are now about 2,000 Ethiopian university and college students in Israel. As recently as four years ago, there were only a few hundred, she said.

She attributes her success in part to having learned to integrate her Ethiopian and Israeli identities. At first, she wanted to speak only Hebrew, not Amharic, and to discard Ethiopian traditions. "It took some time until I realized these two have to come together."

Now she is working on a master's degree and collaborating with Israeli writer Smadar Shir on a play based on her own story. "The main idea is to tell Israelis about our heritage. I also want the Ethiopian youth to feel proud and comfortable with their heritage," she said.

Her sister, who works for the Israeli telephone company Bezeq, deals with corporate clients, who sometimes ask her co-workers whether she really knows what to do.

"Some people think we come out of the jungle, that we cannot do many things," said Baruch. Another sister is completing studies to become an auditor.

Baruch hopes that sharing the rich heritage of Ethiopian Jews with Israelis will promote greater understanding.

It's a bigger adjustment for the older generation, she said, noting their frequent loss of status at home – in Ethiopia, a child wouldn't say no to a parent, for example – and in the community, where it is difficult to find or keep a job comparable to what they did before.

"Our parents need the help the government and the Jewish Agency gives, and I needed it," she said. "Now I can be a good Israeli citizen."

Jewish cemetery vandalized

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Police are investigating the desecration of a Jewish cemetery, discovered on Halloween.

Six tombstones and a Holocaust memorial at the Lambton Mills Cemetery on Royal York Road were sprayed with anti-Semitic graffiti some time between last Wednesday and Sunday, said Detective-Sergeant Dave Landry of Metropolitan Toronto Police, 22 Division.

The monument to the people of Ostrowiec, Poland, who perished in the Holocaust, dates back to 1965.

"We have never had any problems out there in all the years," said Albert Speisman, president of the Ostrovtzer Society.

This desecration was "particularly bad," said Keith Landy, chair, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, referring to the viciousness of the words including "Die Burn Pigs" written in light blue paint.

Landy also noted the timing of the vandalism, prior to Halloween, "a time when neo-Nazis tend to express their views.

"It's also tied in to the beginning of Holocaust Education Week, when these issues are in the papers."

The act is not just a desecration, said Landy. "It's an outrage to all fair-minded communities."

CORRECTION

The story "Toronto ORT launches mentoring program" (*CJN*, Oct. 28) contained an incorrect name. The president of Toronto ORT is Gordon Berger. We regret the error.

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Yiddish group gathers for shmooze and schnapps

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
CJN Staff

TORONTO — Step into the board room of the Borochov Centre, the weekly venue of the Jewish culture circle, and you enter a time warp.

The Tuesday morning meeting harkens back to another era, when Yiddish was a language spoken by many and discussions about Yiddish literature were commonplace.

On this day, some 40 people – men significantly outnumber women – sit around the long table drinking coffee or tea, munching biscuits, and chattering in Yiddish. Most of the participants are elderly immigrants (the oldest is 102).

The president of the club, Jay Lipsey, a sprightly 94-year-old, turns on the microphone and brings the meeting to order. Minutes of the previous meeting – a highly detailed report – are read. Some people drink a l'chaim courtesy of a member who has recently returned from Israel.

The meeting is essentially a series of presentations by members. On this day, the cultural fare includes the recital of poetry, some musical performances and the reading of three short stories. One turns out to be a rather lengthy tale, and some members have difficulty hiding their irritation. They want time left for other presenters.

The topics are wide-ranging: one man reads a poem about the last day of the British Mandate in Israel; another reads a story by Shalom Aleichem about Lag b'Omer; a third man reads about the emotional impact of the Holocaust; and a woman reads a poem about a Yiddishe mama.

People read works by famous Jewish writers like I.L. Peretz and Sholem Asch or they may choose to showcase their own work. Toronto-based poet Simcha Simchovitch, also a regular in the group, reads some of his Yiddish poems.

Lipsey, who has been president for the last 10 years, deftly leads the group with good humor. After the meeting, he listens patiently to requests. And of course there are complaints, and on this day, he gets an earful.

Presentation times are booked weeks in advance, and there is no shortage of volunteers, he says with a smile, noting that many members enjoy being in the limelight and that he does his best to accommodate everybody.

Jay Lipsey

The format of the meetings has changed over the years, Lipsey explains. About 15 years ago it was essentially a Yiddish discussion group, which drew about a dozen participants.

But he stresses that in recent years, the focus of the meetings has become more educational and attendance has increased.

"We're more than a discussion group. We're teaching here."

Lipsey, who completed an honors BA in political science at York University in 1992, says when he initially joined the club he was asked to teach, and he gave lectures on history and Jewish philosophy.

And while he still gives lectures – like everyone else he waits his turn – members seem to prefer the current participatory format, he says.

Lipsey notes with pride that the group now has about 150 names on the membership list. (Meetings continue through mid-December and resume in March after the winter hiatus in January and February.)

Organizing the group's weekly programs, lecturing, balancing the members' requests and dealing with their complaints is work, but it's worth the effort, Lipsey says.

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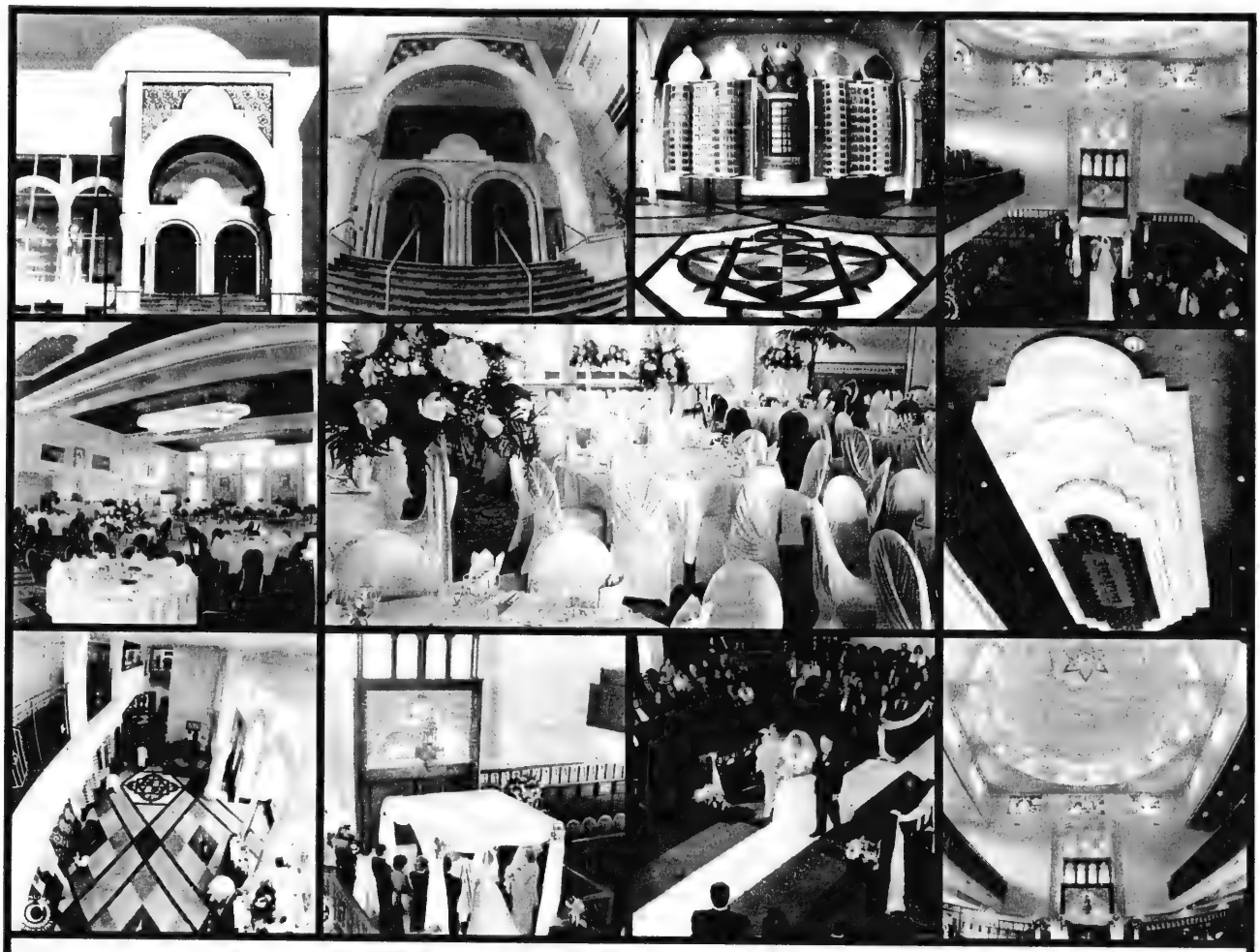

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Former Israel ambassador addresses BAYT dinner

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When Israelis are asked what they want from the peace process, they will answer "peace;" when the Palestinians or Arab states are asked the same question, they will reply, "A Palestinian state, with Jerusalem as its capital," says Dore Gold, outgoing Israel ambassador to the United Nations.

The guest speaker at the 18th anniversary dinner of Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation, Gold said that Israel must be just as clear and just as concrete in its goals as the Palestinians if it is to be taken seriously and be successful in getting its point across.

"Israel's goal is to have secure and defensible borders, and to have Jerusalem as its undivided capital," he said.

The status of Jerusalem is a matter of national consensus, Gold said in an interview with *The CJN*. "No Israeli government will make concessions over that."

The Palestinians have succeeded in persuading Israeli and American Jews that a Palestinian state is inevitable, he said. "Israel must be just as effective in getting its view accepted."

It is essential, he said, that Jews pull together. "That is when we are strong."

Israel's status at the peace conferences will improve if it is accepted into a regional group, which will make it eligible for nomination to key UN bodies, such as the Security Council, said Gold. Currently, it is the only member of the UN not in a regional group.

While geographically, Israel should be in the Asian regional group, Iran and Iraq have adamantly objected to its admittance. Its attempts to be accepted into the regional group for western European countries and other governments, appear to have a better chance since France withdrew its objections last month. (While all the countries in a regional group do not have to support the admittance of another country, no state must actively object.)

When Arab states sense that Israel is isolated internationally, their positions harden, Gold said. "If they sense that Israel has broad backing, that can only improve the negotiating climate."

Dore Gold

At the moment, the principal difficulties in being accepted into the western Europe group come from the European Union, Gold said. Israel is counting on support from Australia, New Zealand and Canada, he said.

The whole issue has to do with the fact that the United Nations is violating its own charter, he said. "There is the principle of sovereign equality in the UN charter. If one country is excluded [from full participation], then there is no sovereign equality."

Gold considers it "intolerable that Israel is expected to make concessions on one hand and at the same time face renewed efforts [by Arab countries] to impose boycotts. We can't accept that kind of duality."

The increasingly vocal lobbying efforts by Palestinian lobbyists in Washington is not so much of a concern as it might be, if Jews pull together, Gold said.

"What is critical is not whether the Palestinians open an office in Washington, but how we as Jews work together. If we pull in different directions, we are weak, and they [Palestinians and their supporters] can be successful."

Gold pointed out at the dinner that the most critical issues in the peace negotiations – water, the status of Jerusalem, and the need for secure borders – are being addressed at a time when the Middle East is a less secure place, not only militarily but diplomatically as well.

"Just because the Cold War has ended, the threat to Israel has not ended," and Israel needs the same dedication and solidarity that previous generations provided, Gold said,

"Stand by us in this critical time," Gold promised, "and we in the State of Israel will stand by you."

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More than 700 people filled the banquet hall of Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation (BAYT) in Thornhill to celebrate the synagogue's 18th anniversary.

To mark the occasion, the shul honored two of its members, Larry and Sue Zeifman, and presented the first BAYT Community Leadership Award to Lorna Jackson, mayor of the city of Vaughan.

The evening was a conscious tribute to the vision and dreams of Joseph Tanenbaum, who orchestrated a community in what was then the wilds of Thornhill, with affordable housing, a shul, shopping centre, community centre, library and schools.

The Zeifmans initiated at the dinner the BAYT/Israel Matching Scholarship Fund, which will enable young people from 15 to 25, who have had three years or less of full-time Jewish education to participate in an educational program in Israel.

The evening was a nostalgic retrospective of the history of the shul, from its first days in the basement of the rabbi's house, to its years in a house converted to a shul, complete with a women's gallery, Aron Kodesh, kitchen and social hall, and finally its move to its present location on Clark Avenue.

Photographs and slides showed early picnics and Purim parties (complete with Rabbi Taub enthusiastically playing the drums), Torah dedications and sisterhood programs. Those attending, many of them from the founding families in the shul, cheerfully pointed out people they remembered.

Guests included members of Vaughan and York Region councils and staff, local MP Elinor Caplan and MPPs Al Palladini and Tina Molinari, Israel Consul General Jehudi Kinar and Yesha representative Yaakov Katz, known as Ketzele.

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Survivor returns to Poland to help honor savior

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "I owe them my life," says Anita Ekstein of the Polish family that rescued her from certain death during World War II. So, Ekstein figured, one way to make good on a debt that cannot possibly be repaid is to have the family installed in the rarefied company of other Righteous Among the Nations.

That's why Ekstein, a well-known local Holocaust educator and volunteer, along with her husband, son, daughter-in-law and two granddaughters, flew to Warsaw recently to take part in an emotional ceremony at Israel's Embassy that paid tribute to the family and awarded them a specially struck medal on behalf of the government and Yad Vashem.

Honored as Righteous were Amelia Mlot, 76, and posthumously, her parents, Josef and Paulina Matusiewicz. The family hid a young Ekstein in their home in Nazi-occupied Poland.

Born in the city of Lwow, now in Ukraine, Ekstein and her parents were deported to the Jewish ghetto in Skole in 1941. Ekstein was just eight years old.

Her father was put to work as a slave, and he met Josef Matusiewicz, a forced laborer who had been brought in to repair a railway bridge. Ekstein's father made a passionate plea to the Polish Catholic to save his little girl.

By this time, Nazi troops had plucked Ekstein's mother off the streets of the ghetto, and she was never heard from again.

The family took Ekstein in, but after a few months, a suspicious neighbor betrayed her as a Jew, and before the local militia could come, the little girl was literally pushed out a window by the daughter, Amelia, 10 years her senior.

Ekstein hid in an outhouse before re-joining her father, by then, in a labor camp. There, she hid in a large wardrobe for seven weeks, all day, every day.

The Matusiewicz family then arranged for Ekstein to be hidden by their nephew, a priest, near Tarnopol, further east, where she cried herself to sleep every night. The young girl was then shipped back to the family, who explained that they had taken in an orphaned niece.

To avoid suspicion, Ekstein was not allowed to leave the house by herself, and was drilled in Catholicism. The young girl was baptized, taken to mass and given false papers identifying her as Anna Jaworska.

When the family was repatriated to Poland after the war, young Anita went along, and she stayed with them until 1946.

"They fed me, they clothed me. They saved me," says Ekstein, who came to Canada in 1948 in the care of an aunt. She lost 35 members of her family, including both parents.

Ekstein stayed in touch with the family over the years. The two exchanged frequent letters and visits.

To cap off an emotionally charged trip, Ekstein also returned to Ukraine, to the site of the labor camp where her father had been interned.

There, in a building that's now a post office, she discovered the wooden wardrobe in which she had hidden during the daylight hours for seven weeks.

"I lost it," she admits. "My son opened the door, and I just ran."

Anita Ekstein (left) with Amelia Mlot, named Righteous Among the Nations at a recent ceremony at Israel's Embassy in Warsaw. Mlot's parents were honored as Righteous posthumously.

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Reprimand removed from teacher for Pesach absence

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Jewish teacher who was reprimanded for taking a day off to prepare for Passover has had the reprimand removed from her file.

Lisa Wolfman was also awarded a day's pay, which she expected to lose for having taken off March 31 to prepare for Passover seders.

Teachers are currently allowed five days off a year for religious observance.

Wolfman believes the reversal in her case opens the door for Jewish teachers and school staff to take additional days off, at their discretion, for religious observance and preparation.

The removal of the reprimand also averts a grievance against the school board, which Wolfman was willing to file.

Wolfman's woes began last spring, when she informed her principal in writing that she needed to take March 31, the day of erev Pesach, off to help prepare for two large seders. She volunteered to lose a day's pay.

Wolfman, who has been teaching for 18 years, explained the religious significance of the seders and how much work is involved in their preparation.

But her principal turned her down, saying that the day before Passover is not a religious holiday.

When Wolfman took the day off anyway, she returned to a formal reprimand, something that can damage a teacher's reputation and chances for advancement.

She then launched a complaint, explaining that Passover begins at sundown, and that a seder is an elaborate ritual, not just a meal. Wolfman also pointed out how much work is involved in housecleaning and changing of dishes. She had letters of support from two Toronto rabbis.

In May, a panel upheld the reprimand as justified.

But last month, York Region Board of Education superintendent Diane Finlay lifted the reprimand from Wolfman's file.

The CJN's repeated attempts to reach Finlay were unsuccessful.

"I'm very happy," Wolfman, a Grade 8 teacher at German Mills Public School in Thornhill, told *The CJN*. "My job is to teach children."

Puppets help kids relate

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Puppets in the Kids on the Block troupe answer kids' questions about people who have disabilities or are otherwise different from the majority. Shown with the puppets are some puppeteers from National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section.

TORONTO — Eveline Berger spent 10 years acting like a kid.

Berger, a member of The National Council of Jewish Women Toronto Section (NCJW), was a puppeteer for The Kids on the Block, Inc., a troupe of disabled and non-disabled puppets who travel across the Greater Toronto Area performing at no charge for school-age children.

Although NCJW volunteers no longer perform for The Kids on the Block, Inc., an American-based organization, the organization is still one of the sponsors of the troupe that travels across the city. "This group of nearly life-size puppets tackles everyday problems. There are puppets who are blind, deaf, developmentally disabled – problems that face any kid on the block," says Berger.

She was one of the volunteers trained in bun-raku – a type of Japanese puppetry in which the puppeteer stands behind the puppet – when NCJW decided to be one of the pilots of the project in Toronto in 1984.

"There is a five-minute skit, and at the end of that skit, kids in the audience realize that everyone has differences. Afterwards, the puppets answer any questions the kids have. It is wonderful to see how well the kids respond to the puppets."

Kids on the Block, Inc. was developed in 1977, said Berger, as a direct response to a U.S. law which gave disabled children the opportunity to be educated in regular schools and regular classrooms. As the children became part of the classroom, questions would arise, she said.

"Somehow, the kids feel free to talk to the puppets; they ask them questions they may not ask an adult. It's rewarding to the puppeteer when they realize they've reached a child," she said.

When a group orders a Kids on the Block, Inc. program it receives a puppet with a biographical sketch and background information on the disability or difference; a script; sample questions that children have asked; follow-up discussion topics; and resource material.

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Holocaust centre planning to expand resource area

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto, UJA Federation is one step closer to its goal of expanding the resource centre, after a fundraising tea netted more than $5,000.

The tea, which attracted about 75 people, was organized by Fanny Pillersdorf, a Holocaust survivor who volunteers at the centre, and often speaks of her experiences to students in Toronto and Miami.

Carole Ann Reed, director of the centre, said the centre plans on renting space in the Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library – across the hall in the Lipa Green building – to house a book and material collection. The present space will remain offices, and a lounge will be built, in which survivors can relax after giving a talk.

"Talking to students and adults is quite an emotional experience, and people often need a place to unwind," said Reed.

The centre also plans to purchase additional resource materials for teachers, she said.

Teachers particularly like the discovery trunk recently commissioned from the Vancouver Holocaust Centre, she said. "The trunk, called *Beyond the Attic Walls*, contains facsimiles of artifacts centred around the Anne Frank story, as well as facsimiles from a survivor from Holland. A teaching curriculum comes with the trunk."

They plan on commissioning another trunk about war orphans, called *Journey to Canada*. Included in the trunk will be such things as copies of identity papers, notebooks and newsletters from concentration camps, and photographs. Again, a curriculum will be included. "Part of our fundraising is to get more materials like this. They are in great demand."

Reed said that the tea, which is still bringing in some money, is the first social event ever to raise money for the centre.

It is "our duty to talk about the Holocaust, because it is so important for Jews to see what hate and racism can do to humanity," Pillersdorf said. "It is also essential to reach the second generation, so they can continue our work."

BBYO to celebrate 75th anniversary

TORONTO — B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) has announced plans for its 75th anniversary celebration.

"BBYO has become one of the most important institutions in the Jewish community for encouraging young people to participate actively in leadership activities," said board chair Jeff Wagman.

To mark this milestone all BBYO alumni are invited to attend the reunion 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13 at Beth Torah Synagogue.

"We are hoping that the thousands of alumni from over all Toronto and neighboring areas will come to share an evening of fun and memories," said Wagman.

To encourage people to register for this event, a special Web site has been set up at www.bbyo.on.ca/75.

Alumni are invited to register for the reunion and fill out information about their involvement in BBYO and also help to locate other members.

One of the goals of the evening is the launch of the BBYO Leadership Endowment Fund. "As BBYO prepares for the next 75 years, we must make sure that the organization has the resources to deliver the high-calibre leadership programming it has become known for in the community," Wagman said.

"This fund, with a target of $1 million, will help the organization maintain its position as the premiere Jewish leadership program."

BBYO Toronto Area Council, supported through grants by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, is youth-run. The focus of the program is on leadership development and instilling positive Jewish values.

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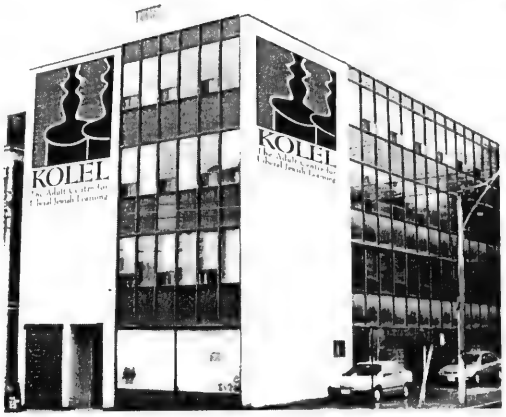

After eight years, Kolel will have a home of its own. The organization plans to move into the building at 151 Eglinton Ave. W. in mid-January.

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — After eight years, Kolel, the Adult Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, will have a home of its own.

The centre, which has been running at Leo Baeck Hebrew Day School and other locations throughout the city, has bought a building at 151 Eglinton Ave. W., near Yonge Street. They expect to move in, in mid-January.

At the building's recent unveiling during a gala evening honoring Kolel's major donors, Kolel director Rabbi Elyse Goldstein said, "After eight years of wandering, we finally have a home that will be a beehive of Jewish activity and a centre of Jewish learning for everyone and anyone."

The 9,500-square-foot, four-storey building with wheelchair access has an elevator, six classrooms, four boardrooms, office space and an auditorium that seats up to 180 people. It will be available to community groups, and will offer childcare space. A library, a meditation area and a large student lounge will be added, and plans for a cyber-cafe are in the works.

"It is amazing that what began as an idea in 1990 with no mailing list and no students has grown into this. It is a huge development for us. I give credit to Toronto for sustaining such a program. We've grown from nothing to having this gorgeous building, with the help of our community. We're embarking on a furnishing campaign, and there is the opportunity for naming different rooms in the building," said Rabbi Goldstein.

Joanne Rose, chair of Kolel's board of directors, said that although some classes will still be held throughout the city, most will be in the new building.

"This building will give us a presence in the city and allow us to have a faculty. With over 1,500 students, we needed a centre," Rose said.

Kolel is also celebrating the establishment of the department of outreach headed by Rabbi Neal Loevinger, and the department of interactive technology headed by Baruch Sienna.

"The outreach department is intended to help people who are unaffiliated with the community. Kolel is a gateway to other facilities," Rabbi Goldstein said.

The priority of the department of interactive technology, funded by the Zukerman Family Foundation, said Sienna, a Jewish educator, is to produce high quality CD ROMS on Torah study. "The first CD ROM, *Gates of Torah Volume 1*, which will be available next month, includes a museum gallery of Torah ornaments and interactive exercises.

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"Our second project will be to update the Kolel Web site, www.kolel.org. This virtual building has classrooms, a lobby, offices, and a place to leave messages. On some weeks, we have had over 200 visitors.

"With the introduction of online courses, we are providing students from all over the world, the opportunity to stay connected with Torah study," Sienna said.

Keynote speaker for the evening was Thomas Cahill, who wrote *How the Irish Saved Civilization* and *The Gifts of the Jews*. He said he has "never come across a religious community as extraordinary as Kolel. I am in awe of what is being done here.

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Women's health issues on NCJW's agenda

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The National Council of Jewish Women of Canada has a decidedly Winnipeg tint to its new executive.

The new national president is former Winnipegger Carol Slater, now of Vancouver, and another Winnipegger, Phyllis Spigelman, is national treasurer. Brenlee Gurvey Gales of Toronto, one of two national vice-presidents, is also originally from Winnipeg.

Torontonian Roz Fine is the other national vice-president and Lottie Copoloff of Montreal is national secretary. The immediate past president is Hinda Simkin of Vancouver.

The new executive was installed at the 30th Biennial Convention of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) of Canada which was held in Winnipeg Oct. 16 to 18.

Along with the installation of its new slate of officers, NCJW honored past national president, Sharon Wolchock and her husband Sidney, for their contributions to the organization.

One luncheon, which was sponsored by Eli Lilly Canada Inc., focused on women's health issues. The main speakers were three Winnipeg-based healthcare professionals – Dr. Elizabeth Salamon, a specialist in endocrinology at the St. Boniface Hospital; Barbara Biladeau-Shumely, the director of the newly opened Breast Health Centre across from the St. Boniface Hospital; and Dr. Robert Corne, a cardiologist.

Corne noted that after menopause, a woman is twice as likely to die from heart disease than from all cancers combined. He reported that in 1997, 40,000 Canadian women died from cardiovascular disease. In many cases, there was no previous history of coronary disease.

Generally, women begin to be affected by heart disease 10 years later than men, Corne said. That may be one reason why doctors have tended to overlook the seriousness of the situation.

"A lot of women are likely to be diagnosed later than men and receive less aggressive treatment," Corne noted. "The perception is that diagnostic tests measuring heart disease are less accurate for women and that the disease in women is benign.

"Yet the reality is that the probability of complication is higher for women, as are the number of incidents of sudden death."

The "good news," he added, is that once a woman has a heart attack, she will receive the same aggressive treatment as a male patient. Corne also noted that the medical profession's attitude to women and heart disease has begun to change in recent years.

Preventive strategies include regular exercise, a healthy diet and a healthy lifestyle, he said. While estrogen does seem to protect pre-menopausal women from heart disease, Corne reported that contrary to popular belief, the jury is still out on whether estrogen therapy in post-menopausal women is effective in preventing the disease.

Speaking on breast cancer, Biladeau-Shumely reported that Ashkenazi Jewish women have a slightly higher genetic risk of developing the disease than the general population. She noted that one in nine women will develop breast cancer and that the risk factor increases with age.

Salamon's presentation was on osteoporosis, a bone disease that primarily affects women. She said women usually have smaller bones than men. After menopause, which is on average at age 52, women lose six to eight percent of their bone mass per year.

The most serious consequence of osteoporosis in later years is a hip fracture. More than 50 percent of women who suffer fractured hips in their later years die within two years from complications.

A second consequence is development of curvature of the spine, which causes back pain, and makes breathing difficult.

Salamon recommended regular exercise, vitamin D, and 1000 milligrams of calcium a day as preventive measures. An eight-ounce glass of milk contains 330 milligrams, she said, adding that skim milk has more calcium than whole milk.

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Rabinovitch prepares to take helm of CBC

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The man who will be running the CBC for the next five years didn't have television in his home until he was about 12 years old, and then his parents strictly limited his viewing time.

"I didn't watch much TV as a child," said Robert Rabinovitch, 56, who takes over as CBC president Nov. 15.

"The first thing I saw on television was the coronation of Queen Elizabeth, at a friend's house, in 1953. We were definitely not the first on the block to get a set," he said.

That block was in the Darlington area, where Rabinovitch grew up. He went to elementary school at United Talmud Torahs, then on St. Joseph Boulevard.

What he remembers most about the CBC in its early years was his fascination with "the Indian head," the profile of a chief that was the station's test pattern.

In recent years, Rabinovitch admits he has not been glued to the CBC. That's partly due to having been busy as chief operating officer of Claridge Inc., a Bronfman family holding company, and sitting on several corporate boards, and, since July, chairing the McGill University board of governors.

But like most other Canadians, he chooses from the 100-plus, mainly American channels, cable brings into his home. He even admits to occasionally catching the new White House drama, The West Wing, on a rival network.

Rabinovitch believes the CBC, as a public broadcaster, can set a standard for quality and has an important role in keeping the country together.

"The CBC must recognize the new environment. Broadcasting has changed dramatically... The CBC monopoly is not there anymore, but that does not mean there is not a role for the public broadcaster. Because it receives government money, because it is not motivated solely by ratings and selling ads, it can do things no one else does."

One point Rabinovitch is definite on is that that the CBC

Robert Rabinovitch *[file photo]*

should not try to emulate PBS in the United States, which he sees as spending too much time "pandering to the elite" and rebroadcasting British shows.

"The CBC has a broader mandate. Its job is to link the country, by explaining one part of it to another part... and to bring a Canadian interpretation to events," he said. There's a place for a wide variety of programming on CBC, including sports and entertainment.

One decision Rabinovitch has already made is that he will continue to make his home in Montreal.

Traditionally, CBC presidents have been based in Ottawa. However, he plans to divide his time between the main production centres here and in Toronto.

Rabinovitch moved to Montreal from Ottawa in 1985 when he left his post as deputy minister of communications. A civil service career that began at the start of the Trudeau era in 1968 came to an end when Brian Mulroney came into power.

Rabinovitch's parents, Sam, 89, who grew up in St. Henri, and Esther, 86, who immigrated to Canada at 7, are still living in Montreal.

His wife Cecil, a one-time executive-director of the Saidye Bronfman Centre, is well-established here. (She chairs the annual Jewish Film Festival.) Their daughter is studying at McGill, and a son is at the London School of Economics.

Rabinovitch himself is an economist by training, earning a master's and doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, after a B.Com. from McGill. His entry into the civil service and specialization in broadcasting was a fluke.

He needed a computer to write his PhD thesis in 1968. The data he needed was stored on a mainframe in Canada, and he was not permitted to take it out of the country.

So he took a job with the Department of Finance mainly because they let him use their computer. He figured he'd stay around for eight months.

But Pierre Trudeau was elected that year for the first time, and Ottawa became an exciting place to be. Rabinovitch began working for the new secretary of state, Gerard Pelletier, in one of his areas of responsibility: broadcasting.

Soon he was advising the government on broadcasting and communications policies. In 1982, at 39, he was named a deputy minister.

After so many years as a civil servant and in corporate board rooms, Rabinovitch readily acknowledges that taking on the higher public profile required of a CBC CEO is not in his nature.

"I have been more comfortable in the backrooms. Giving interviews is not typical of me. I don't mind if my name doesn't get into the papers."

Rabinovitch is keeping his chairmanship at McGill, but is giving up his position at Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) as Quebec region chair of the executive.

"It would be a conflict of interest. The job of CJC is advocacy. It would be wrong for the head of the largest news organization in the country to be involved."

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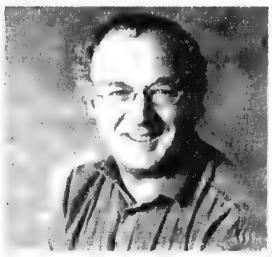

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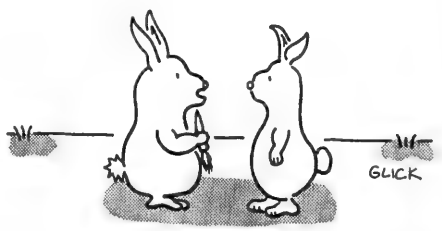

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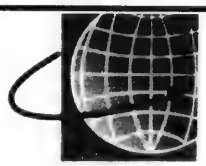

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CJC chair urges greater outreach to communities

KITCHENER — Keith Landy, Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario region (CJC) chair, made a recent commitment to make smaller Jewish communities a full working partner of the region.

Following its first officers' meeting outside the Greater Toronto Area, CJC Ontario region is calling on federations to strike a joint committee to address the urgent needs of students on campuses, particularly in communities without Jewish federations.

After hearing from student leaders at the open meeting at Congregation Beth Jacob in Kitchener, Landy promised that Congress would contact the federations about the lack of basic financial assistance and resources for the province's Jewish campus organizations and students, and propose a joint committee to address those needs.

"This is crisis situation," said Landy after listening to Heath Applebaum, chair of Kol Hastudentim, the representative body for Jewish students on 16 Ontario campuses, and leaders of a 20-person delegation from the Waterloo University-Sir Wilfrid Laurier University Jewish Student Association. Landy was especially concerned about the "disturbing" lack of funds and resources for the approximately 500 Jewish students at the Waterloo-area universities.

Most of the students come from Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal. The organization operates without staff support.

Applebaum, who is also a CJC regional officer, told the meeting that this group last year received a $5,000 grant from UIA Federation of Canada, which CJC administered on their behalf. There has been no grant forthcoming for this fiscal year. The student-run body, in operation since 1996, functions as a unifying body by promoting, organizing and facilitating province-wide campus programs.

"This is our last chance at Jewishness before we go off into the working world," said Beth Suraski, co-president of Waterloo-Laurier Jewish Student Association.

Michael Soberman, regional director of community services and youth activities, pointed out that "a much higher percentage of Jewish students on smaller campuses participate in Jewish groups, partly because they are away from home. We, who service these students, have to ensure that there is Jewish life on campus. They want it."

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Landy said that he is committed to increasing CJC's contribution to servicing and responding to the needs of province's smaller Jewish communities. However, he pointed out that Congress is not a funding body.

The Kitchener meeting focused on CJC programs and services for small communities.

The region plans to hold some future meetings in other small communities including Sudbury, Peterborough and Guelph.

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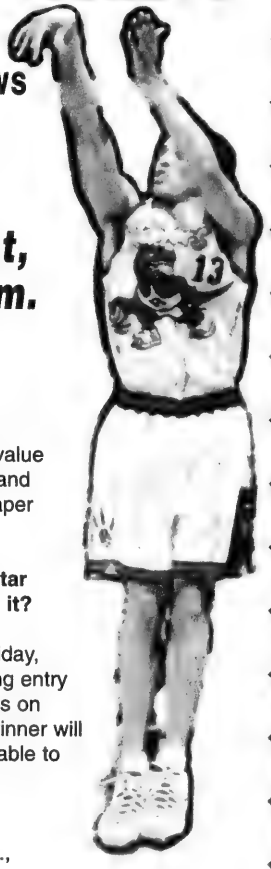

The Canadian Jewish News is sending four readers to see the Raptors play the Atlanta Hawks on

Jewish Toronto Night, November 30, 7:00p.m.

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Or fax to Raptor Contest (416) 391-0949.

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Co-chairs Malca Braker and Harriet Lyons examine a tallit.

Award for tallit-weaving

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Western Canada's only tallit-weaving program has been recognized by the Solomon Schechter award committee of the United Synagogues of Conservative Judaism with a gold medal in the category of Judaica and Fine Arts.

The tallit program was initiated in 1983 with the purchase of six table looms by the sisterhood of the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, Winnipeg's oldest and largest congregation.

"We run fall and spring sessions," says Malca Braker, who co-chairs the program with Harriet Lyons. "With seven looms, we can turn out 14 tallises a year. In the 10 years that we have co-chaired this project, our students have produced more than 150 tallises."

Often, the weaving is a family affair organized around a bar or bat mitzvah. The family chooses the colors and the design, and the finished product is presented formally on the bimah.

Last May, Lyons and Braker made a special tallit in honor of the 85th birthday of Rabbi Louis Berkal, who has been an integral part of the Shaarey Zedek for 45 years.

The looms have also been used to make Torah mantels, kippot, challah covers, and even a chupah.

Braker and Lyons said they were looking forward to attending the United Synagogues' Biennial Convention in early November in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where they will be accepting the award on behalf of the synagogue.

Coast to Coast

Scene in Ottawa

By G.K. SIMCOE

Not everything is as it seems.

The Canada-Israel Parliamentary Friendship Group is one of only three parliamentary associations with standing in the House of Commons.

CIPA (Canada-Israel Parliamentary Association), as it's commonly known, recently held its annual general meeting. Dr. Carolyn Bennett was re-elected as the chair of the group and talked about plans to expand CIPA's activities in collaboration with the Canada-Israel Committee and the Israeli Embassy.

The event, which was hosted by Israeli Ambassador David Sultan at his residence, was, by all accounts, a pleasant enough affair. However, with the exception of New Brunswick Senator Ermine-Joy Cohen, there wasn't a single Jewish parliamentarian present at the event. How strange – a parliamentary group whose only purpose is the promotion of friendship between Israel and Canada, and none of the Liberal MPs or senators, and only one of the four Tory senators bothered to make an appearance!

Their collective absence from the event is more than a little disturbing. Or, perhaps, not.

Is it possible that Jewish parliamentarians deliberately distance themselves from such events for fear of being too closely identified with a forum that unabashedly promotes Israeli and Canadian friendship? Perhaps their low profile is meant to allow for Israel's non-Jewish supporters in Parliament to take a more visible and public leadership role?

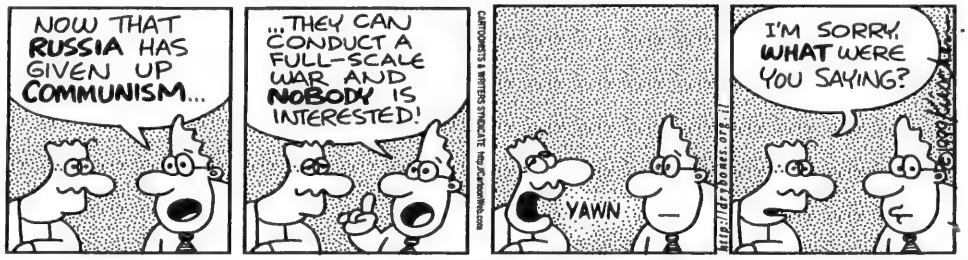
It could be that their absence is entirely strategic in nature and here's the rationale:

A substantial Jewish presence within CIPA would dominate the group. If the whole point is to attract increased support for Israel, then it makes sense for the Jews (presumed to be supportive in any case) to make room for their non-Jewish colleagues to assume a higher profile.

In addition, a pro-Israel group dominated by Jews would simply be dismissed as a "shell" and couldn't compare in credibility to a group dominated by non-Jewish politicians.

It may be that we are giving them more credit than they deserve. But the alternative interpretation is that their absence from the CIPA AGM is a reflection of indifference. Given the track records of most of the Jews privileged to serve in Parliament, the smart money is that they are anything but indifferent.

Dry Bones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What's New

By Miriam Herman

CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR YAD VASHEM
Annual Dinner honouring Woman of the Year
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Mon., Nov. 8, Inn On The Park
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DEADLINE REMINDER

What's New and About People deadlines: Monday, Nov. 8, is deadline for Nov. 18 issue, and Monday, Nov. 15, is deadline for Nov. 25. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 391-1836, fax 391-0829.

Thursday, Nov. 4

SINGLES EVENT

Thank God It's Singles Thursday group is going to the Koffler Gallery opening of Portal, 7 p.m. at the Bathurst Jewish Centre. RSVP **Marni** 636-1880, ext. 298.

BOOK CLUB

Holy Blossom Temple Book Club facilitated by University of Toronto **Prof. Henry Auster**, 7:30 p.m. **Anne** 789-3291, ext. 235.

Saturday, Nov. 6

OHR SOMAYACH

Ohr Somayach Toronto presents Exotic Reptiles and Amphibians, a hands-on demonstration for kids, while adults enjoy the lecture Would You Buy an Apple from this Snake: A Jewish View on the Evil Inclination by **Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz**, 7-8 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. 905-886-5730.

Also on Saturday, Nov. 20, 7-8 p.m. at Temmy Latner Jewish Learning Exchange, 446 Spadina Rd., Suite 203.

PARTICIPATION SERVICE

Traditional Shabbat service at Congregation Beth Haminyan, 9:30 a.m., West Prep School, 70 Ridge Hill Dr. Equal participation by men and women in Torah reading and Musaf service from about 10:15 a.m. Regular traditional Shabbat morning services held throughout the year. **Lisa** 631-5704 days or **Jeffrey** 789-5766 evenings.

Sunday, Nov. 7

JEWISH MUSICIANS

Jewish Musicians in Nazi-Germany: Persecution, Suffering and Exile is the topic of **Prof. Michael Kater,** York University. 8 p.m. Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

HOLOCAUST AFTERMATH

Temple Sinai Breakfast Series presents Psychological Aftermath of the Holocaust on Survivors by **Dr. Robert Krell**. 10 a.m.

LOVE, DATING, MARRIAGE

Love, Dating and Marriage seminar for singles and couples ages 21-33, 8 p.m. Aish HaTorah, 949 Clark Ave. W. Register. 905-764-1818, ext. 225.

JEWISH STORYTELLING

At Beit Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave., 7:30 p.m., hosted by **Alec Gelcer**. All welcome to listen or tell. Presented by Jewish Storytelling Arts 699-8914.

BOOK DISCUSSION

The Colour of Water by **James McBride**, discussed by the Feminist Book Discussion Group, North York Chapter, Older Women's Network, 2 p.m., Barbara Frum Library **Ruth Goldsmith** 782-6414.

HABONIM BREAKFAST

Habonim Breakfast Club features **Dr. J. Burger**, psychiatrist, in a talk about Medical Ethics – Bio-Engineering – Cloning and Relation to Jewish Ethics, 10 a.m., Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. (Bathurst-Glencairn).

Monday, Nov. 8

EXPLAINING HITLER

Explaining Hitler: The Search for the Origins of His Evil with author **Ron Rosenbaum**, 8 p.m., Adath Israel Congregation.

Tuesday, Nov. 9

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

Debate and Discussion of the Oscar-winning film *Life Is Beautiful* with **Prof. Stuart Liebman** of City University of New York, and **Prof. Judy Doneson** of Washington University in St. Louis. Moderator **Sid Adilman**, entertainment and film columnist, Toronto *Star*, 8 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation.

WHY BE JEWISH

Ohr Somayach Toronto welcomes **Rabbi David Orlofsky** from Ohr Somayach Jerusalem speaking on Why Be Jewish, 8:30 p.m., Temmy Latner Jewish Learning Exchange, 446 Spadina Rd. Suite 203. 905-886-5730.

ENVIRONMENT DANGERS

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood program on Environment Dangers in Your Home, Your Children's Future, 8 p.m.

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What's New

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NEVER FORGET
New Fraternal Jewish Association marks Holocaust Education Week with an anti-Nazi film *Never Forget*, with **Leonard Nemoy** 8 p.m., Lodzer Centre, 12 Heaton St.

CHUG TANACH
Chug Tanach meets at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 8 p.m. to study Jeremiah, Chapter 3. Presenter **Rabbi Pinchas Tessler**. Text in Hebrew, discussion in English.

THE RIVER MIDNIGHT
Adath Israel Sisterhood's literature and film series led by **Heather Kassel** focuses on **Lilian Nattel's** book *The River Midnight*, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 10

MAGEN DAVID ADOM
Open House, Information session for students (18 plus) interested in volunteering for Magen David Adom this summer in Israel. In attendance is **Meir Nitzan**, director, general Israel Department, Jewish Agency for Israel, 8:30 p.m., Haifa Room, 788 Marlee Ave. For information, **Offer Isseroff,** regional director, Israel Aliyah Centre, 633-4766.

BIBLICAL EPISODES
Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue lecture series, Trying to Understand God: Three Troubling Biblical Episodes, with **Elliott Malamet,** continues with Akedat Yitzhak, 8 p.m.

MEMORY AND AGING
Baycrest Centre Wellness Education Group session, Memory and Aging, with **Dr. Kelly J. Murphy,** Baycrest Psychology Department, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Wagman Centre. **Judy Chu** 785-2500, ext. 2340.

HEALTHY HELPINGS
Temple Sinai Sisterhood presents the cooking demonstration, Healthy Helpings, with **Norene Gilletz**, who will also be autographing her latest book, *Meal-LeaniYumm!* 7:30 p.m. For tickets, **Sondi** 441-6181.

HEALING PROJECT
Toronto Jewish Healing Project study evening with **Rabbi Ronald Weiss** speaking on A Path to Healing – Psalm 12 – My help comes from God. 7:30 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation.

NEEDLEWORK & TEXTILES
Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles meeting, Framing Your Needlework and Textile Treasures with **Angelina Masterangelo**, 8 p.m., at the Lodzer Holocaust Centre, 14 Heaton St. 402-7189.

And What Else Is New

THE CIGARETTE SELLERS
The Jewish Book Fair presents the Dr. Abraham Shore Academy She'arim Hebrew Day School play *The Cigarette Sellers of Three Cross Square*, based on the true story by **Joseph Ziemian** on the Holocaust, Thursday, Nov. 11 and Friday, Nov. 12, 10:30 a.m., Leah Posluns Theatre. 636-1880, ext. 368.

CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH
Adath Israel Brotherhood's annual fundraising draw champagne lunch, Sunday, Nov. 14, 11 a.m. Grand prize $5,000, special draw for JNF trip to Israel, early bird special prize. Deadline for subscriptions Nov. 5. **Neil Melman** 633-3791, **Stan Grossman** 730-0579, **Sam Goldman** 636-1917, **Ken Schelberg** 905-886-6698.

WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY
Mekorot Institute of Torah Study for Women 3-session mini course on Greeks Bearing Gifts: Chanukah and the Clash of Cultures taught by **Rabbi Pinchas Brumer**, Mondays Nov. 15, 22 and 29 at Beth Jacob V'anshei Dridlz, 147 Overbrook Pl., 8-10 p.m. Register 398-1510.

HEBREW CLASSES
Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., announces that registration is now open for winter courses for adults, teens and preteens in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced students: Tuesday mornings Jan. 18-April 18; Wednesday mornings Jan. 19-April 19; Thursday mornings Jan. 20-April 20; Friday mornings Jan. 21-April 21; Thursday evenings Jan. 20-April 20. Register. **Joseph Klinger** 787-0197.

VENDORS WANTED
For craft sale, Earl Bales Community Centre Sunday, Nov. 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hand-made items only. To book a table, 395-7873.

ARTISTS AND ARTISANS
Synagogue showcase windows need artistic works, Judaica content preferred but not necessary. **Rhonda** 905-731-9441.

HEBREW AUDIO COURSES
The Language Department of the Toronto Reference Library offers free self-service audio courses in Hebrew. Library, located at 789 Yonge St (just north of Bloor), is open seven days a week. 393-7157.

ART CLASSES
Learn the principles of drawing and the techniques of mixed media Sunday mornings 10 a.m. to noon at Antibes Community Centre, 140 Antibes Dr. These are family classes for all ages **Helen** 665-9050.

JF&CS GROUPS
Jewish Family & Child Service groups. Register. **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800, ext. 215.
One Family: Two Homes, a 3-session group for parents and children experiencing separation or divorce. Parents will gain insight into their children's feelings and will develop skills to help them adjust during this difficult time. Children will discuss myths, feelings and other issues about the separation, in age-appropriate groups, begins Nov. 18.
Parenting the Young Child is Hard Work, begins Nov. 10; The Challenge of Anger for Women, begins Nov. 9.

LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE
Ladies 10-pin bowling league is looking for new bowlers for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday league. **Karen** 229-4488.

FOR SENIORS

Beth Tikvah Friendship Group presents a significant 90-minute film and author **John Loftus** discusses his recent book, *The Secret War Against the Jews*, Monday, Nov. 8, 8 p.m. at the synagogue.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Nov. 4, bingo; Nov. 11, video, *Lawrence Welk*; Nov. 18, Chinese restaurant; Nov. 25, lecture, **Rabbi Joseph Landau**; Dec. 4, Chanukah dance with Teddy Band, call **Malka Colla** 630-5771 for tickets. **Jerry Bengall** president 905-707-7334.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club trip to Israel Nov. 21-Dec. 9, 2 meals daily, 8 days touring. **Lena** 785-5773. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Casino Rama Nov. 10, 24; Sunday dances Nov. 14, 28; *Swing Step*, new musical at Ford Centre, Nov. 17; pre-Chanukah sale Nov. 21; day trip to Cadbury Chocolate Factory Nov. 23; celebrate Year 2000 at a dinner and dance Jan. 2. 395-7881.

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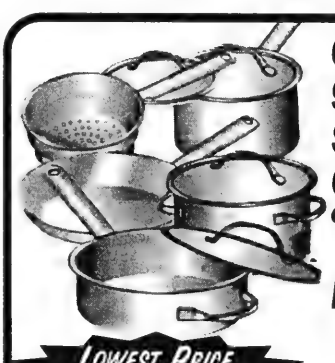
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Jewish student population growing at Queen's University

Academia

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Queen's University, for decades a bastion of white Anglo-Saxon Protestant culture, is finally ethnic blind. Robert Silverman exemplifies the startling transformation. For the past three years he has been dean of the faculty of arts and science, the first Jewish academic to hold that pivotal position.

"I like to think that Queen's in the late 1990s is pretty much ethnicity blind," he said in an interview. "The group currently on campus would likely make the traditional Scottish Presbyterian base of this university blink. We are making a conscious effort to encourage diversity in our population."

Queen's today hosts students from a melange of backgrounds, and while Silverman – a sociologist and a criminologist – cannot take credit for the fresh approach – he encourages it.

He is particularly pleased that Jews are gravitating to Queen's, in Kingston, Ont.

"Historically, Queen's has not been a popular destination for Jewish students, but things are getting better," he observed.

"We have an active Hillel, as well as a growing Jewish studies program. Gerald Tulchinsky, an important Canadian Jewish historian, has just become the new chair of Jewish studies.

"Queen's has the highest academic admission standards in the country. I hope that more good Jewish students will come here, as the Queen's experience is unbeatable. This sounds like an ad, but I really believe it."

Born in 1943, Silverman, a Torontonian, is the son of the late Sid Silverman, retailer, liquidator/auctioneer and a past president of Adath Israel Synagogue.

Silverman arrived at Queen's from the University of Alberta, where he had been director of the Centre for Criminological Research.

But within weeks of settling in, he was faced with an unpalatable situation. "I had to cut $5 million from the arts and science budget,'" he said. In his infinite wisdom, Premier Mike Harris had slashed transfer payments to Ontario universities.

Being resourceful, Silverman coped, keeping programs going while offering students "the kind of education Queen's is well-known for."

Indeed, since being installed as dean, Silverman has unveiled new programs and launched a process that, he hopes, will result in a global curriculum change. As he put it: "Arts and science is about one half of the university, so staying on top of things and keeping it running is, in itself, an accomplishment."

Asked what he has in store for the future, he replied, "I have a year and eight months left in this term as dean. We'll see."

A graduate of Toronto and Pennsylvania universities, Silverman is still very much of a researcher despite his heavy administrative duties.

"My current work involves adolescent and delinquent behavior,'" said Silverman. "It started from an interest in vandalism and testing theory, and is based on a survey I did in Edmonton."

A lot of his research, however, focuses on homicide. "As an area of study, homicide has the advantage of being very well reported in the media and of generating good data,'" explained Silverman, co-author of *Deadly Deeds: Murder in Canada*, a survey of homicide over the past 30 years.

Asked whether criminal violence is a function of poverty, genetics, psychopathology or conditioning, Silverman said, "This is a very big question. It is what all the books are about. But generally, we think that people learn how to behave in society."

Robert Silverman

In one of his first monographs, published in the journal *Issues in Criminology* in 1971, Silverman dealt with criminality among Jews.

"My conclusions were that Jews committed mainly white collar crimes and did not go to prison very often. I did not deal with the Jewish mob in that paper. Later in my graduate career, I was given a tour of a Philadelphia Jewish mob hangout by a U.S. Treasury agent."

It is virtually impossible to track the pattern of Jewish criminality in this country, he said. "In Canada, we do not collect the data that would make it possible to answer this question."

And, he added, no one knows how many Jews are behind bars in Canadian prisons in per capita terms compared to other minorities. "Statistics Canada does not report the ethnicity of the prison population. Besides, I have not studied Jewish criminality since that 1971 article.'"

In recent, independent studies, Scott Wortley of the University of Toronto and Frances Henry of the Ryerson School of Journalism reported that Canadian newspapers unfairly portray Vietnamese and Jamaicans.

Silverman has not read their papers, but says it is likely that the media is unfair in portraying visible minorities. "What happens is that when a member of a visible minority commits a crime and it is in the press, all members of that group are tarred unfairly with the same brush.

"When a white person commits a crime and it is in the press, there is no similar impact. On the other hand, if you ask, 'Are some minority groups over-represented in prison?' the answer is clearly yes."

Silverman takes a dim view of racial profiling, an increasingly popular procedure. "It's unfortunate in its consequences to innocent people who are stopped. But as a police practice, given what they think they

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Coast to Coast

Air Canada and El Al reach an agreement

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El Al has long contended that Air Canada enjoys an unfair advantage because of its proximity to the United States. The Israeli airline charges that most Air Canada passengers flying directly to and from Israel are Americans taking advantage of daily flights to and from Toronto or Montreal.

El Al asserts that this cuts into its lucrative U.S. business, and says that, to be fair, Canada should allow it to collect passengers to and from the States through Canada.

A year ago, Israel served notice to Canada that it would terminate a bilateral air agreement the two countries signed in 1987.

The agreement expires Nov. 9.

The dispute between the two air carriers even caused dissent in Israel's cabinet. Mordechai at first backed El Al, while tourism minister Amnon Lipkin-Shahak said Air Canada should be granted its three additional weekly flights.

In August, Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy discussed the impasse with his Israeli counterpart, David Levy, in an unpublicized meeting in Ottawa.

Ruth Ben-Tsur, who once headed the Israel Government Tourist Office in Toronto and is now Air Canada's general manager in Israel, last week told *The CJN's* Edgar Asher that reservations from Canada are at an all-time high, with advance bookings filled until the spring, based on seven flights a week.

She said it is not in Israel's interest to turn away tourists, and wondered why Air Canada should be penalized for its success. El Al should simply try harder and deal with a free market, she said.

She also told the Israeli daily *Yediot Achronot* that as of Nov. 9, El Al planes would be denied entry into Canadian airspace.

But Colin McKay, a spokesperson for Transport Canada said Ottawa is trying for a more conciliatory long-term solution.

"The solution we want is to increase the number of El Al flights to Canada, rather than constrain Air Canada," McKay told *The CJN*.

At the same time, however, McKay said Israel took "a very serious step" in terminating the air agreement it had with Canada.

He said that without an agreement in place, flights to and from Canada and Israel "would be up to each country." That could mean, in an extreme case, El Al revoking all landing rights to Air Canada, and Canada doing the same to El Al.

However, that's unlikely, McKay said.

Stan Morais, sales and marketing manager for El Al, said this is a case of Israel trying to protect its government-owned airline.

"It's protectionism," he conceded, "but in a fair and equal way. Canadians protect their interests, and Israelis protect theirs."

Morais said fully 80 percent of Air Canada passengers to and from Israel are Americans, and that 70 percent of group traffic from Canada – including Christian pilgrims – fly El Al.

An irony arising from the dispute is that since Air Canada increased its weekly flights from four to seven, Canadian tourism to Israel has gone up by 25 percent, said Rob Ritter, national director of the Canada-Israel Committee.

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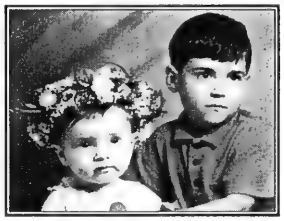

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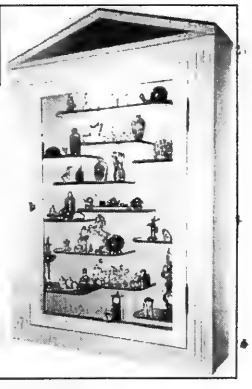

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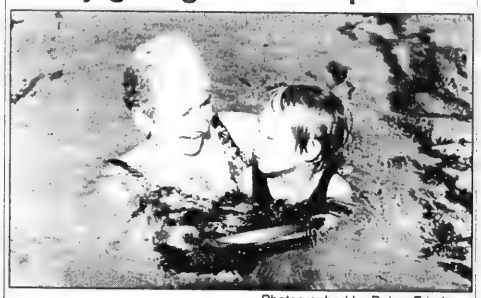

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New national campus plan helps to improve student life

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A new national campus plan has improved student life on campus, say student leaders and professionals.

The plan was created by UIA Federations Canada, the umbrella organization that assists federations in local fundraising and community building across the country.

Two of the plan's main goals are improving co-ordination among campuses and increasing the number of campus professionals.

Many of these goals have already reached fruition, according to the campus leaders and professionals.

Danielle Chahine, co-president of Queen's University's Hillel, has already noticed an increased co-operation among Jewish campus organizations.

"We're able to bring in bigger speakers. We're finding ourselves a lot more connected with other universities and planning a lot more joint events," she said.

Queen's Hillel already has two joint programs on its agenda: a Chanukah party at Waterloo University in November and a joint-campus Purim party in March.

A new staff person, Rosanne Brown, has been hired by Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region. She will supervise Jewish campus organizations in Guelph, Kitchener-Waterloo and Kingston.

Brown helped Queen's Hillel access resources for Holocaust Education Week by picking up materials from the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto, UJA Federation.

Organizing Holocaust Education Week would have been difficult without Brown's help, and the contact with the Holocaust centre, Chahine said.

Jewish campus life at the University of Waterloo and Wilfred Laurier University has also improved due to the hiring of Brown, said Jeremy Shimkofsky, vice-president of programming for the Waterloo-Laurier Jewish Students Association.

"It's taken a lot of the load off the shoulders of the president and other executives," he said.

Shimkofsky believes that Brown will help maintain a sense of continuity at the Waterloo-Laurier students association, something that has been lacking because Jewish student executives often have to leave their posts for co-op terms, he said.

The plan, which aims to make Hillel: The Foundation For Jewish Campus Life a formal partner on Canadian campuses, is also improving life at the University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg by "enabling us to do things we wouldn't normally be able to do," said Aaron Katchen, director of the joint JSA/Hillel of the U of M and U of W.

The Jewish student group has already received funding from Hillel in the form of a Soref Initiative For Emerging Campuses, a grant designed for campuses with small Jewish communities. With this money, it held a Sukkot event called Pizza in the Hut.

Funding from Hillel will also improve this year's Western Canada ski trip in November, Katchen says.

The plan has created a better, more intimate campus structure, he said.

"We're paired up with campuses more like our own," Katchen said.

Sheldon Maerov, associate executive vice-president of UIA Federations Canada, said, "Now we have the ability to connect with every Jewish student on nearly every campus in Canada."

Zac Kaye, director of Jewish Campus Services of Greater Toronto, agrees the plan has been a success, so far.

"For us, it's a major accomplishment. It doesn't mean our need for increased support and funding is over. Our needs grow...we still have a long way to go but it means we're getting there," he said.

Parental concern led to the changes

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

Sheldon Maerov

TORONTO — Seventeen years ago, community leaders gathered at the National Budgeting Conference for Canadian Jewry, and discussed the need to help Jewish students.

Many of them were parents who were worried about the state of Jewish campus services.

They wondered what services existed for students when they left home, said Sheldon Maerov, associate executive vice-president of UIA Federations Canada.

Only a sprinkling of Hillel houses and other Jewish student centres existed on campuses, and while there were a few Jewish fraternities, the Jewish frat movement was dying out, Maerov said.

"At that time, there was a patchwork quilt of support programs on campus."

As a result of this disparity, parents became increasingly concerned that their children would be assimilated and would lose their Jewish identity, Maerov said.

Students have also expressed concern about the lack of Jewish campus support.

Zac Kaye, executive director of Jewish Campus Services of Greater Toronto, recalls an incident at a national campus conference in London, Ont., held about eight years ago, when a Halifax student decried the lack of Jewish student services.

"I remember him saying, 'We don't get any support, there's no professional support or program resources,'" he said.

In November 1998, Heath Applebaum, then chair of Kol Hastudentim, an Ontario student-run body, spoke at a meeting of Canadian Jewish Congress officers, held in Kitchener, and said: "We can't continue co-ordinating the entire province alone. Investment needs to be made in campus services."

Within the last decade, B'nai Brith, traditionally an important source of Jewish campus funding, changed its focus because of financial difficulties, and withdrew some of its funding to youth.

The UIA stepped in, increased its funding and later formed the national Jewish campus services committee. This committee has joined forces with campus professionals from across Canada to introduce a new national campus plan, which was approved in January at a board meeting of UIA Federations Canada.

The campus plan they devised, which is currently being implemented on campuses across the country, divides Canada into three regions: western Canada; central Canada; and Quebec and Atlantic Canada.

Each region has an "anchor" – a campus organization chosen for its experienced staff, strong organiza-

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On Campus

Parental concern led to the changes

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tional structure and excellent track record in its own communities, said Maerov.

The anchor organizations are: Jewish Campus Services in Toronto, Hillel at University of British Columbia, and Hillel at McGill University.

"Because the country is so large, professionals and students need to link up with others regularly," he said.

It is hoped this regional structure will pull campuses in each region together to make the best use of money, resources and professionals, he said.

Professionals in each anchor organization are expected to help maintain communication between campuses in their region.

The plan also creates a new partnership between Hillel, UIA Federations Canada and UIA's member federations across Canada.

While many campus groups already have an affiliation with Hillel, this plan would formalize the relationship and increase Hillel's involvement in Jewish campus life in Canada.

"It means, for students there is more access to program resources, professional resources and financial support. We access Hillel's grant system and there's a commitment to bring its expertise and energy...to Canada," said Zac Kaye.

Zac Kaye

Presently, the majority of funding for campus services comes from UJA campaigns across the country, said Maerov.

While UJA will continue to fund a major portion of campus services, Hillel will step in to help Jewish campus organizations raise funds.

Hillel will also provide grants, especially to campuses with small Jewish communities, and assist in leader development and staff training.

"Hillel should become the primary resource for Jewish campus services in Canada because that is their [strength]" said Maerov.

The board of UIA Federations Canada will vote on this partnership with Hillel at its December board meeting.

Jewish student population is up at Queen's University

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know, it makes a certain amount of sense."

He does not think highly of a recent Angus Reid survey, in which seven out of 10 Canadians claim that sentences meted out to criminals should be more severe.

"My opinion is that seven out of 10 Canadians do not have a clue what current sentences are! Sentences in Canada are among the most severe in the world."

Silverman said criminology was not on his mind when he entered the University of Toronto as a freshman in 1962. He was originally interested in advertising and the law.

But as it turned out, Silverman majored in economics, with a minor in sociology. This led him to criminology. He decided to study the subject at the University of Pennsylvania because of its renowned faculty.

"One of my professors, Marvin Wolfgang, played an important role in showing that race was a factor in death penalty sentencing in the United States. My master's project – I did not do a thesis – used the race data to show there was prejudice against blacks in homicide sentencing in Georgia."

Silverman and his wife Elaine, who met at Bathurst Heights High School in Toronto, have two children. "Our older son, Jason, is in Jerusalem at a yeshiva. Our younger son, Michael, lives in Toronto."

In his spare moments, Silverman listens to jazz, plays the saxophone and clarinet, logs onto the Internet, reads novels and perfects his skill as a photographer. "If I had time to do any of these with consistency, I'd be very happy."

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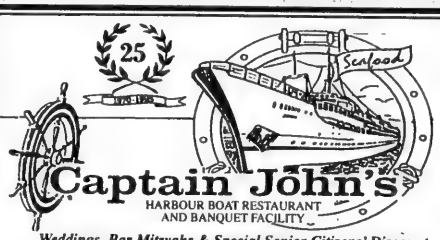

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Barak to offer statehood to Palestinians

By AKIVA ELDAR
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — The framework agreement to be signed by Israel and the Palestinians this February will include Israeli acceptance of the establishment of a Palestinian state in part of the territories, as a result of informal contacts between Israel, the United States and the Palestinian Authority.

The actual establishment of the Palestinian state will occur on the eve of the signing of the detailed final agreement, which is slated for the end of next year. Senior diplomatic sources explain that Israel prefers to sign an agreement with a recognized state rather than with a temporary authority or the Palestine Liberation Organization, which has signed agreements until now.

Prime Minister Ehud Barak would prefer that the implementation of the framework agreement take place only after the signing of the fully detailed agreement. But he does not object to the principle of the Palestinians' establishing their independent entity in any way they choose – including a sovereign state – as part of the framework agreement.

As a result of recent contacts between the parties, it appears Barak wants the framework agreement to include several key points:

• There will be no return to the 1967 borders;

• Settlements around Jerusalem and along the Green Line will be concentrated into three main blocks;

• Settlers choosing to remain in Palestinian-controlled areas will get special rights – as will Palestinians choosing to remain in Israel-controlled areas;

• Jerusalem will remain undivided but will be expanded to include Palestinian neighborhoods, with the Palestinians recognizing West Jerusalem as Israel's capital;

(No decision has been reached on the fate of the Old City. According to one proposal, offered by Ministers Yossi Beilin and Haim Ramon, the Old City would remain on the negotiating table for future talks.)

• The Palestinians will give up the right of return to territory inside the Green Line, but the refugees from 1967 will be allowed back into the territories according to the new entity's ability to absorb them. Israel will compensate the refugees from 1948 for their lost property and will enlist international support for their rehabilitation outside Israel;

• The Palestinian state will be demilitarized, and will not sign any military agreements with states hostile to Israel;

• The two sides will establish security arrangements to protect both states from external threats.

So far, the United States is backing the Palestinians' position calling for implementation of the framework agreement immediately upon its signing in February 2000.

According to an Israeli source close to the Palestinians, PA negotiators Abu Mazen and Abu Ala convinced PA Chairman Yasser Arafat that operative moves toward the establishment of a Palestinian state, even within temporary borders, should begin immediately after the signing of the framework of principles.

Barak knows that it is difficult to make a deal between a sovereign state and a national liberation movement. Such a deal is bound to last only as an interim agreement in which one side remains the occupier and the other remains the occupied.

Would be part of final deal

None of the agreements signed since Oslo, through the Sharm el Sheikh agreement, touched on the issue of sovereignty. So far, all the agreements have dealt with the division of responsibility, whether civilian or military, between the state of Israel and the temporary Palestinian Authority.

The Americans maneuvered within this asymmetric equation by referring to "the Israeli side and the Palestinian side."

But final status agreements are different. The PLO cannot be a partner to an international agreement that settles the conflict between two sovereign states. For example, the PLO cannot commit the Palestinian entity to refrain from military alliances with elements hostile to Israel.

Thus, heading into the final status talks, the issue of the partner has raised the question of the Palestinian state. How can Israel sign an agreement with a state before it is established? Especially when Israel's agreement to the establishment of such a state is an important negotiating card.

Barak's solution is found in the two-stage framework laid down at Sharm. A Palestinian entity will be the first article mentioned in the framework agreement to be signed in February.

That will allow Arafat to establish an independent state within the temporary borders of Area A on the eve of the signing of the final, detailed agreement – and allow the prime minister to head into a referendum with a draft treaty with a state, not with a former national liberation (terror) organization.

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Islamic movement causes renewed concern

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Mideast Analysis

The Islamic movement in Israel is causing renewed concern. As a result of two major incidents late last summer, the spotlight has shifted to a movement which had been known exclusively for religious fundamentalism and good works in the Israeli Arab community.

On Aug. 29, Abdullah Agbariya, an Israeli Muslim, murdered two Jewish hikers, Yehiel Finfeter and Sharon Steinmetz, in the Megiddo forest. The indictment against Agbariya said he had acted after reading Islamic publications and listening to sermons in a mosque which convinced him that Arab lands had been confiscated by Jews, and that killing Jews is an Islamic commandment.

On Sept. 5, a day after Ehud Barak and Yasser Arafat signed the Wye II memorandum in Egypt, three Israeli Muslims from the Galilee, including the imam of a village, were killed when the bombs they intended to plant on buses went off prematurely in Haifa and Tiberias.

Israeli security officials speculated that the bombers had been recruited by Hamas, whose suicide squads have claimed the lives of scores of Israelis since 1994.

Within weeks of these incidents, the Israeli government announced a package of surveillance measures designed to monitor the Islamic movement. Publications issued by the Islamic movement, and sermons delivered by imams in the movement's mosques, will be supervised with greater vigilance. In addition, an investigation into the funding sources of institutions associated with the movement was launched.

The Islamic movement, whose emergence was influenced by the 1979 Islamic revolution in Iran, is split into two wings.

The southern wing, headed by Sheik Abdullah Nimr Darwish, is known for its moderation. He lives in Kfar Kassem, where 49 villagers were slain in 1956 for breaking a curfew. Until 1966, Israeli Arabs lived under direct military rule.

Darwish, a former radical who was imprisoned for two years in 1981 after burning Jewish farmers' fields, supports the Oslo peace negotiations, calls for Arab-Jewish coexistence, has consistently condemned Palestinian terrorist attacks, and participates in Israeli politics. Two of his acolytes are members of the United Arab List, the largest Arab party in the Knesset.

The northern wing, led by Sheik Raed Salah Mahajneh, mayor of Umm el Fahm, the second largest Arab town in Israel, tends toward radicalism. It is critical of Oslo, takes a separatist approach to Israeli national affairs and has accused Israel of trying to undermine Muslim rights in Jerusalem.

Mahajneh, however, has condemned, and disassociated himself from, all acts of violence. His associate, Suleiman Aghbariya, deputy mayor of Umm el Fahm, has been detained by police several times on charges of transferring funds to Hamas, but was released each time due to lack of evidence.

The events in Megiddo, Haifa and Tiberias beg a question: Are Israeli Arabs, who constitute 20 percent of the population, loyal to the state? Historically, very few have been charged with security offences.

But since the Six Day War, Israeli Arabs have undergone a gradual process of Palestinization and radicalization. Some Israeli Arabs, for example, believe that Israel should be a secular rather than a Jewish state, and that Zionist institutions such as the Jewish National Fund should be phased out.

Although equal under the law, Israeli Arabs are in practice second-class citizens. In a recent commentary in *Ha'aretz*, Moshe Arens, a former defence minister, wrote that successive Israeli governments have not dealt fairly with them. They face discrimination in employment and housing, their lands have been expropriated, and Arab municipalities and schools do not receive a fair share of government funding. "It is high time for (Israel) to address the problems of Israel's Arab minority," he warned, adding that current conditions are pushing Israeli Arabs toward hostility and a growing sense of alienation.

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The Week in Israel

Oct. 25

• Israel opened a safe-passage route for Palestinians travelling between the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

• Prime Minister Ehud Barak travelled to Turkey to help open a housing project for victims of the earthquake that devastated Turkey in August. Israel added more than $4 million (US) to some $1 million raised by Israeli and Jewish groups for the project.

Oct. 26

• Israeli troops fired rubber bullets at Palestinians protesting in Bethlehem against a soldier's killing of a Palestinian earlier in the week. The Palestinian had attempted to stab the soldier.

Oct. 27

• Barak phoned Jordan's King Abdullah to mark the fifth anniversary of the peace treaty between the two countries.

• Barak appointed David Ivry to serve as ambassador to the United States. Ivry is the head of the National Security Council, former head of the air force and a former director general of the defence ministry.

• According to accusations made public this week, the publishers of two of Israel's major newspapers were the assassination targets of the publisher of *Ma'ariv*, Ofer Nimrodi.

Oct. 28

• Barak named the nation's current ambassador to Jordan, Oded Eran, to serve as the head of the team that will negotiate a final peace agreement.

• A court ordered the Islamic Movement in Israel to dismantle a protest tent that has become the focal point of a dispute between Christians and Muslims in Nazareth.

Oct. 29

• Israel and Mauritania established full diplomatic ties. The Arab League nation becomes the third Arab country, after Egypt and Jordan, to agree to send ambassadors to the Jewish state.

Files from JTA and Ha'aretz

Obituary Former British chief rabbi passes away

By SHARON SADEH
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

LONDON — Britain's former chief rabbi, Lord Immanuel Jakobovits, died Sunday at the age of 78, from an apparent brain hemorrhage.

He was laid to rest Monday on the Mount of Olives in an official ceremony attended by representatives of Britain's Jewish community and Israeli religious leaders.

Lord Jakobovits' successor, Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, issued a statement saying, "Lord Jakobovits was the outstanding rabbinic figure of his generation. He led the Jewish community with great dignity, wisdom and courage. His influence was immense. He was a giant of the spirit, and we mourn him deeply."

The Board of Deputies, the umbrella organization of Britain's Jewish community, said, "Lord Jakobovits had a deep moral conviction which displayed itself in the manner in which he led the Jewish community during his time as chief rabbi, and in his later years as a peer in the House of Lords. He will be sorely missed, not only by the Jewish community but by British society as a whole."

Lord Jakobovits was chief rabbi of Britain from 1967 to 1991. He attended religious services as usual on Friday and Saturday and showed no sign of ill health. A memorial service was held Sunday at the Hendon Synagogue in North London, after which the rabbi's body was flown to Israel.

Britain was represented at the funeral by Lord Michael Levy, who brought with him a letter signed by British Prime Minister Tony Blair. Blair said Rabbi Jakobovits "was a man deeply respected and widely admired throughout the whole of this country for his faith, his ability and his courage. He will be sorely missed."

William Hague, leader of the Conservative party, said, "I am profoundly sad to hear of his death. He will be long remembered as both a leader and a teacher, unwavering in his commitment to moral responsibility, education and tradition."

Rabbi Jakobovits was born in Koenigsberg, Germany, on February 8, 1921. He came to Britain in 1936, and the rest of his family fled Berlin and joined him two years later, following Hitler's rise to power.

He was educated at Jews' College, London and at the University of London. He was chief rabbi of Ireland at the age of 28 and in 1958 became first rabbi at New York's Fifth Avenue Synagogue, a post he held for nine years. He was a respected authority on Jewish medical ethics.

Rabbi Jakobovits served as governor of several Israeli universities and as the president of the Conference of European Rabbis. He believed the destiny of Israel was to become "a beacon of light to other nations."

He received a knighthood in 1981 and was given a peerage by the Thatcher government in 1988 – the first Jewish religious leader to ever be made a lord.

He is survived by his wife, Lady Amelie Jakobovits – whose own personality and caring qualities contributed immensely to his rabbinate – and by children and many grandchildren in Israel, the United States and Britain. He is also survived by brothers in Toronto (Rabbi Shlomo Jakobovits), Montreal (Rabbi George Jakobovits), London and Israel.

'Rav Jakobovits was a leader in advance of the Establishment'

By PAUL SHAVIV
Special to The CJN

Rav Jakobovits – as he preferred to be known – was a distinguished, unusual and very brave Orthodox rabbi, independent of thought and opinion, and a leader far in advance of the Anglo-Jewish Establishment.

After fleeing from Germany as a teenager, and completing his rabbinical studies in London, he served as chief rabbi of Ireland from 1949-1958, and then as rabbi of New York's Fifth Avenue Synagogue.

There, he was one of the group centred around the magazine *Tradition* who began formulating the ideology that later became known as Modern Orthodoxy, although Rabbi Jakobovits was never comfortable with either the name or, later, the positions with which the group was identified.

His Jewish antecedents were from a world that has almost disappeared from today's Jewish stage. It had its roots in Hirschian Germany, and combined a profound belief in halachic, Orthodox Judaism with a sensitivity to universal vision, and a willingness to embrace the world rather than withdraw from it. He was named after Immanuel Kant, who came from the town of his birth, Koenigsburg.

In 1966, he was appointed as chief rabbi of Great Britain, and arrived in London to take up his post in the weeks before the Six Day War.

In the tense days before war broke out, he addressed a mass rally of British Jews in London's Royal Albert Hall. Few who were there will ever forget his commanding presence, his inspiring words and the impression he made on his community.

He arrived into an English community still mentally stuck in Victorian times, whose Jewishness was almost an embarrassment to them, and who had no concept of community activism.

Through his creation of a major foundation, which funded a series of educational initiatives, Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits changed the face of Jewish education in Britain. For England it was revolutionary, and was part of many enormous changes he brought to the Chief Rabbinate and to the image of the Orthodox rabbi in Britain.

'He was a passionate Zionist'

Equally visionary were his views on Israel and Zionism. He was a passionate Zionist, but followed no party line, and resolutely refused to be identified with any political group.

From 1967 onwards, he advocated three policies on Israel with equal energy: the pursuit of peace with the Palestinians, including territorial compromise; the use of education rather than politics or legislation to advance Jewish values and Judaism in Israeli society; and the need for Israel to see itself in the framework of the religious, universal vision of Judaism that he himself espoused.

His views were expressed fearlessly and publicly. They made him unpopular with many constituencies, and there were periods when he was persona non grata in Israel itself, and in many Orthodox circles.

Many, however, were glad to hear support from such an eminent quarter; others, who disagreed with him, nevertheless respected his integrity, moral courage and religious vision.

By the early 1980s, he had become a national figure in British society. He was as comfortable speaking to politicians, cardinals and professors as he was giving a Talmud shiur.

Margaret Thatcher compared him favorably as a religious leader to the Anglican bishops. On retirement, in 1990, he was created a life peer, and sat in the House of Lords, where he gave several notable speeches on social issues. In 1991 he was awarded the Templeton Prize as an outstanding world religious leader.

His major interest in Judaism was the application of Halachah to modern medicine. His doctorate was on the subject of Jewish Medical Ethics, and it may be said that he invented the now-fashionable field. He often remarked that had he not have entered the rabbinate, he would have been a doctor.

In an age when conformity and particularism characterise much of the Orthodox world, Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits was an impeccably Orthodox non-conformist and universalist. Even before he was "officially" an aristocrat, he brought an aristocracy of mind and of presence to the Jewish community.

The world and the Jewish world are poorer by his passing.

Paul Shaviv is headmaster of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto.

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Switzerland latest far right flash point

By FREDY ROM
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

ZURICH — Fears that voters across Europe are succumbing to the pitches of hard-right populists were given credence by the latest election results in Switzerland.

As a result of last week's parliamentary vote, widely described by Swiss commentators as marking a watershed in Swiss politics, the right-wing People's party came in second and is poised to snare a larger role in the government.

Political analysts here were stunned by the showing of the People's party, which had campaigned on a nationalist, anti-immigrant platform and had called on Switzerland not to join the European Union.

In 1995, the party placed a distant fourth.

Last week's vote took place less than a month after Austria's Freedom party, led by populist firebrand Jorg Haider (notorious for past comments praising Hitler and the SS), came in second in that nation's parliamentary elections.

The voting in Switzerland threw a spotlight on the dominant figure of the People's party, Christoph Blocher.

Political commentators are already speculating that Blocher, the head of the Zurich branch of the party, may get a cabinet seat.

Swiss Jewish leaders have repeatedly spoken out against Blocher, who has made speeches before Parliament laced with thinly veiled anti-Semitic appeals.

In 1997, when Switzerland was confronting charges that it profited from wartime dealings with the Nazis, Blocher launched a campaign to prevent public funds from being used to support victims of the Holocaust.

That same year, Blocher, a millionaire businessman, told a rally that Switzerland had no reason to apologize for doing business with Nazi Germany.

Now, Jewish leaders are warily watching the ascent of Blocher and his party.

"We are concerned and worried" about the showing of the People's party, Thomas Lyssy, vice-president of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Switzerland, told JTA.

A leader of Geneva's Jewish community, referring to the campaign Blocher launched in 1997, said Blocher has been rewarded by Swiss voters for his insistence that the government should not pay a cent for any "wrongdoing perpetrated by the Swiss during World War II."

Drawing more fire from Jewish leaders here and abroad, Blocher told the Israeli daily *Yediot Achronot* last week the threats of a boycott that Jewish groups made against Swiss firms in 1997 and 1998 were similar to Nazi-era boycotts of Jewish businesses.

Those threats came during a period of often-contentious negotiations in which Switzerland was being urged to settle Holocaust-era claims.

In August 1998, Switzerland's two largest banks agreed to a $1.25-billion settlement of those claims.

The tactics Jewish groups used during those negotiations were "clear blackmail," Blocher told *Yediot*, adding that those actions left many Swiss people feeling "threatened and extorted."

Not all of the leadership of the People's party is happy with some of the elements supporting Blocher.

Adolf Ogi, a popular member of the party who serves as defence minister, said in an interview after the election that "extremists and anti-Semites have no place" in the Swiss political spectrum.

Who helped Papon flee?

By LEE YANOWITCH
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

PARIS — After 18 years of legal manoeuvering, convicted Nazi collaborator Maurice Papon is finally behind bars.

But questions persist about the preferential treatment the 89-year-old former Vichy official appeared to have enjoyed.

Swiss police seized Papon late last week in a hotel in a swanky ski resort and whisked him back to France, where he was taken to a prison hospital.

Papon had fled to Switzerland on Oct. 10, some 10 days before a Supreme Court appeals hearing was held last week that upheld his 10-year prison sentence for crimes against humanity.

He was found guilty of helping deport some 1,500 Jews to Nazi death camps during World War II.

At the beginning of Papon's trial in Bordeaux in October 1997, the presiding judge allowed him to remain free during the proceedings in an unusual decision that triggered outrage among the civil plaintiffs, most of them relatives of Jews who had been deported to Nazi death camps.

This is why, even after his conviction, Papon stayed out of prison pending his Supreme Court appeal. When he fled into exile, he was certain he would lose his appeal.

"The question that has to be answered is whether he benefited from any collusion or help in fleeing," said Alain Jakubowicz, president of a regional branch of the CRIF, France's umbrella group for Jewish organizations, and lawyer for B'nai Brith France in the case.

French prosecutors are planning to investigate who helped Papon flee to Switzerland.

Under French law, aiding a fugitive can result in a three-year prison term and a heavy fine.

In a related development, the Swiss Foreign Ministry confirmed to JTA last week that it had received information, two weeks before Papon fled France, that he was going to come to Switzerland.

But the ministry did not act on the information, which came from a former Swiss ambassador to France, Eduard Brunner.

One of Papon's most ardent defenders confirmed this week the existence of an underground ring of retired military officers and former Resistance fighters with close ties to conservative Catholic organizations. The network was reportedly responsible for initial rumors, made in an attempt to throw pursuers off his track, that Papon had fled to Spain.

Papon's closest associates reportedly visited him at his villa near Paris earlier this month and urged him to leave France before he was due to enter jail, as is customary in France, on the eve of his appeal.

His supporters regard Papon as a heroic figure who was made a scapegoat for the Vichy regime's collaboration during the Nazi occupation.

"He always made a point of cultivating influential people, as if he feared that his past would eventually catch up with him," said one French journalist who has followed Papon's career closely.

A French historian who recently interviewed Papon believes he was terrified of going to jail after spending just two days behind bars at the start of his trial.

According to Michel Berges, Papon had complained bitterly about the primitive cells, filthy toilets and terrible food, before the presiding judge granted him bail on grounds of age and ill health.

A number of measures could have been taken to avoid Papon's flight.

Months before his initial trial, Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld asked the Justice Ministry to confiscate Papon's passport. But Klarsfeld's demand was ignored.

"The government and the justice system are fully responsible for Papon's flight out of France. If he had raped a little girl, they would have found some procedural means to prevent him from leaving," said lawyer Arno Klarsfeld, Serge's son.

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Winter Fashion

Design duo influenced by Japanese fashion style

By KATHRYN KATES
Special to The CJN

When fashion designers Lori Barnes and Lauren Leibovitz became cousins through marriage, the two discovered that, in addition to family, they also shared a philosophy of fashion.

To celebrate the amalgamation of their talents, Leibovitz and Barnes recently showed their first collection for spring 2000, called Ambient Factors, at a Wellington Street warehouse where the media, buyers and a celebrated clientele checked out their creative stylings.

"We are very influenced by the simplicity of the Japanese fashion concept," Barnes says of their designs. "The Japanese artistic sensibility remains classic. They've managed to capture something that is always in style. We also look at the trends and try to incorporate them here and there.

"Many of our designs have bell sleeves and funnel necks. We do mainly wraps. Only one jacket has buttons on it. Everything has hidden closures; we use velcro combined with ties and inside hooks and eyes. It looks clean."

Leibovitz and Barnes design both off-the-rack clothing and custom-made orders to suit all ages and a variety of body shapes.

Their layered pieces are interchangeable, from crossover tops to full length and cropped jackets to wrap skirts and flat front pants, in fabrics of supple leather, crushed organza, sheer and shine, opaque and stretch in sizes 4 to 14.

Leibovitz and Barnes design in neutrals of black, grey and white. This year's leather collection offers a burst of color in lilac. Next year, there are plans to introduce blue.

Lori Barnes (left) and Lauren Leibovitz.

Off-the-rack styles will be available across Canada this spring. There are 25 different pieces in the collection, priced from $95 to $495. Leather pieces cost between $220 and $850. Custom orders are currently being taken.

Customers already boasting a Leibovitz and Barnes design include actor Sonja Smits, CityTV producer Deb Devine (wife of Eugene Levy), and members of Toronto Mayor Mel Lastman's family.

"Everything we do, we make a conscientious choice," Barnes says. We use fabrics that are good for the environment. We don't like to do things that are faddy, done just for the sake of glitz. We want our designs to be something people can keep wearing by combining items with fashions that come out next season."

Barnes and Leibovitz are no strangers to Canada's fashion scene. Prior to joining forces, both women had achieved success. Leibovitz, born in Johannesburg, South Africa, has 17 years in fashion designing for both children and women. Her custom designs won the 1996 Yorkdale New Designer Discovery Award from Toronto's Yorkdale Shopping Centre.

For 15 years, Barnes, a native Torontonian, designed clothes for a variety of Canadian companies. In the mid-'80s, Barnes and then-partner, Peter Dawe, formed Nero Leather. The team garnered the 1986 City of Toronto's Young Fashion Designer Award for their leather couture.

The successful partnership came to an end when Dawe moved to Montreal and Barnes became a new mother and decided to try her hand at designing organic cotton childrenswear from home.

Barnes began working with Leibovitz four years ago. They formed their partnership two years later.

"The two of us have very different strengths," Barnes says. "Lauren is the fire. She really moves and she's very good at dealing with people. I go a little slower. I'm very organized and I enjoy all the little details. The combination works because we found we have very similar design styles."

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Beauty SHOP

By CAROL WISE

Is it the capricious special effects of high-tech, sci-fi movies such as *The Matrix* that are causing this flurry of shine-induced make-up? Clearly, whatever it might be, the trend this winter is shine and more shine. From head to toe, your whole body can glisten and glow. It's such fun, you should try it, even if it's just for a night.

Colors for winter will be bold and bright. Orange is making a smooching comeback, although berries and currants will be most popular. Eyes will be colored with the smokiest shades and painted with black eyeliner. The result: nothing but alluring.

Harsh, cold winds dry your skin, so use richly formulated creams to moisturize and cleanse. Drink at least eight glasses of water a day and treat yourself to a facial, or be sure to do it at home. This is the worst season for accumulating dead cells that sit on the surface of your skin and actually prevent your moisturizer from doing its job. Exfoliate, moisturize and use treatments regularly.

Exercise is especially important this season. Clothing is fitted and feminine, so keep that tummy trim. Good circulation will also help you survive the cold weather and make you look and feel healthier. You don't want to get the winter blahs.

CAROL'S TIPS

Skin Care: If you are tired of makeup that won't budge, use *Take it Away* from Estee Lauder. It's a unique cream-gel that is very gentle and removes all makeup – face, lip and eye – even long-wearing, waterproof formulas.

Canderm introduces a face cream that helps reduce the redness of Rosacea – the name – *Rosacure.* Its combination of synergistic active ingredients reduces the skin's microcirculation and erythema. *Botanico* eye and lip compresses from Borghese are fabulous. The eye compresses reduce puffiness with anti-inflammatory, soothing plant extracts. The lip pads deliver immediate and intensive moisture, leaving the mouth area looking relaxed and subtle. Both these products are a perfect pick-me-up.

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Estee Lauder presents the *Golden Millennium Compact.* It is absolutely gorgeous! On its exquisite gold lid there is an hourglass of crystal sparkles that opens into the year 2000 – a real keepsake.

Eye Candy: Dress up your eyes with Quo sultry eye colors. *Morph* eyeshadow is a super-frosted, pearly cream that is sure to create a sexy mystique. High pearl two-in-one eyeshadow *Duo in Night Light*, with icy aqua and frosty white shadows, gives lids a glimmering appeal. A high pearl eye defining pencil in electric brown shimmers with flecks golden light.

Sweet Cheeks: Estee Lauder's multi-colored *Glitter Stick* will not only enliven your cheeks, but try it on your temple, décolletage, shoulders and back. Perfect for a romantic rendezvous.

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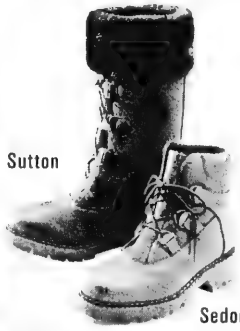
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For the very daring, try Christian Dior's *Night Glow Pencil* – dots, swirls and stencils that will magically come alive in the dark and be invisible in the day. Have fun and draw freckles on your nose and a butterfly on your cheek.

Hair: Daniel, proprietor of Salon Daniel (79 Yorkville Ave.), says that hair fashion will be about total freedom, tousled, with lots of movement, texture and bounce. It's all in the cut, says the designer to many of the fashion and media cognoscenti in Toronto. Women are busy and it is essential that they can do their hair quickly themselves.

It is important to keep your hair shining, and a great way to do this, says Daniel, is to treat your hair to a L'Oreal *Powerdose* treatment. This terrific formula provides instant long-lasting restoration of dull sensitized hair. It is simply rinsed in your hair and reconstitutes the internal structure of your hair. It is particularly good for fine hair.

Luscious Lips: *Tour de Rouges* by Dior is a five-compact lipstick, one on top of the other. They are beautifully enclosed in a see-through cover, including a lovely brush. Don't miss this limited edition of five shimmering shades from light to dark – use them alone or have fun and paint them all together.

Chanel lips this season dazzle with four exquisite new colors sprinkled delicately with stardust. The star of the galaxy is **Levres Reflets**, the creation of all the four colors in one sleek compact.

Check out Lauders' *HighShine Lip Lacquer* in Purple 2000 – very interesting.

Fragrance: Chanel's *Allure Homme* aftershave moisturizer is an easily absorbed emulsion that moisturizes while soothing razor burn.

Clinique gets happy again with *Happy for Men*. It's a complex blend of exotic citrus that provides a refreshing blast.

Romance from Ralph Lauren is for men or women. It captures intimacy, warmth, and often a loving partner.

Hiris, the new fragrance for women.

Channel #5 bath care products are a must for the season. The pressed bath powder, body cream and bath soap are just gorgeous. Let all your troubles disappear in the midst of this sensational scent.

Now, don't miss Christian Dior's *Jadore*. It's for all women who love to be adorned to be adored. It's fresh, cheerful and very feminine.

Le Baiser de Lalique is a female pink liquid slipped into a bottle that features lovers entwined by a trellis of roses. A bouquet of glass roses crowns an irremovable golden metal spray cap. It's scent is pure joy – a work of art.

Hiris, the new fragrance for women by Hermes, is a solifloral, fully built around one exceptional ingredient, the iris. This warm, yet light fragrance is like summer all year.

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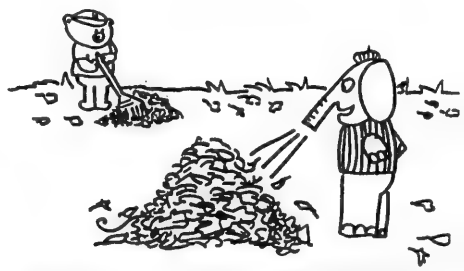

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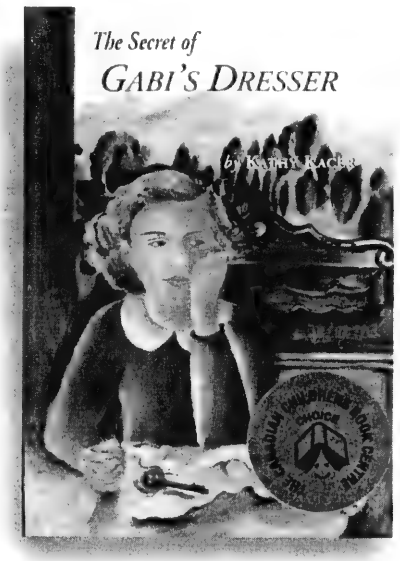
Dressers aren't for hiding in

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter



When we think about the furniture in our house, we think of something to sit on, or to put things in, or to sleep in. We don't think about it as a place to hide.

When Vera and Paul played in their grandmother's house, they didn't pay much attention to her dresser. (You would probably call it a buffet, or a cabinet.) It held doilies, candy bowls, photographs, china and silverware.

But Babichka, as they called their grandmother, told them about a time when the dresser held her instead.

Her story is told in *The Secret of Gabi's Dresser*, by Kathy Kacer (Second Story Press, 1999), and it is based on a true story.

Gabi lived a very comfortable life on a large farm near a village in Czechoslovakia. She giggled and made wonderful plans with her friends on their long walk to school. She played with dolls, helped her mother in the house and loved to talk.

When the Nazis began to control nearby countries, things began to get difficult for Gabi and the other Jewish residents of the town. First, their non-Jewish friends stopped playing with them. Then shopkeepers refused to sell anything to them. When the Jewish children were forbidden to go to school, everyone realized that the trouble would only get worse.

Many of the Jews began to leave, but Gabi and her mother thought they would be safe.

When the Nazis began to take young girls away, the family began to look for places for Gabi to hide. The only thing they could think of was to take everything out of the dresser, including the middle shelf, and make a secret place there.

You will feel Gabi's fear when she is stuck in the dark, airless dresser, while the Nazis tear the apartment apart and her kitten tries to get inside the dresser to be with her.

At this year's Jewish Book Fair, Kathy Kacer, the author, will bring the dresser for people to look at.

You see, Gabi is Kathy's grandmother, and after the war, she got the dresser back and brought it to America when she moved there.

The dresser is still used for photographs and china and silverware. But not for hiding.

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Paul Peregal's paintings seem to rise from the canvas

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — If you are looking for pretty paintings, forget about Paul Peregal. You may love or hate his works – pulsing, demanding, often brilliant – but you will not be indifferent.

His one-man show continues at the Robert Mede Gallery, 321 Davenport Rd. until Nov. 13, and several paintings will be held over following that date.

Peregal, born in Portland, Maine, studied at The School of Art and Design, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, under the directorship of Arthur Lismer of the Group of Seven. Lismer instructed him in color theory.

Currently based in Toronto, Peregal has also travelled and lived outside Canada in England, Israel, the United States, Denmark and France.

He focuses on probing portraits and extraordinary landscapes that seem to rise from the canvas in constant motion.

The colors are strong.

Cassette music and readings in sync with his subjects are his companions when he paints. "I can't do it without them" he says. Chamber music and jazz inspire contrasting images.

The Rehearsal, a portrait of cellist Janos Starker, expresses the absorption of the classical musician. Another portrait, *Bird*, featuring jazz great Charlie Parker – who is known as Bird – playing alto sax in a combo, reveals equal intensity. For both men, the music of the moment is all that matters, and we can feel it in the way their hands grasp the instruments.

Hands are very important to Peregal. "They complete the person," he says.

He is interested in most things around him. *Day Game* zeroes in on baseball. All tension, it places a batter and catcher in front of the opposing team's tight-lipped manager and overwrought coach. Crowded wooden stands, the kind that are fast disappearing, can be seen in the background.

Paul Peregal's Day Game zeroes in on baseball.

As a boy, Peregal read Arthur Conan Doyle's *Sherlock Holmes* and other mysteries. His *Sleuth at Rest* and *Sleuth* both depict the same suave detective figure, the former almost deceptively languid seated on a couch, the latter ready for action in an alley against a backdrop of early London buildings. The artist has a special affinity for the architecture of the period and for the city itself.

Some years ago in Stratford, Ont., Peregal experienced an "unforgettable" performance by Brian Bedford in the title role of King Lear. In what is perhaps his most moving portrait, he interprets the agonized ruler's despair as sits in his royal robes, mouth agape, hands clenched.

Nor has he neglected the decidedly unroyal. To the accompaniment of author/songwriter Leonard Cohen's *Sister of Mercy*, which refers to prostitutes, he has conceived a saucy, raunchy, ready and willing visual *Sister of Mercy*.

Lanhydrock House, in an isolated Cornwall, England, setting, is imbued with foreboding as storm-driven trees toss above the weathered mansion.

Peregal says he starts a painting with a quick impression; then the work takes its own direction. "But it must be meaningful to me," he insists. He concedes, however, that he doesn't know what will happen as it assumes a distinct life that begins to control him. This could explain why his work is never still.

The approach of a new century challenges Peregal. At the Bourlet Gallery near Marble Arch in London, England, he will participate in a group show that opens Nov. 23. He is also geared for an exhibition at the Lamont Gallery early in the new year when it moves to Baker Street, and there is a projected one-man show at Gallery 108 in the City of London's Business District in the spring.

For hours and information about the show at The Robert Mede Gallery, call 966-9362.

The Rehearsal

Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

TWO-DAY HOLOCAUST PROGRAM AT BLOOR JCC

Andre Alexis

A two-day program of film, theatre, readings and music provides a stimulating weekend at the fourth annual conference, The Holocaust: A Cultural Perspective, at the Bloor JCC Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6 and 7. The theme of the conference is retelling stories, allowing artists to join together to pay tribute to those who were lost, to ensure that their stories are heard.

Hank Greenspan

On Saturday evening at 7:30, writer-impresario **Mark Breslin** hosts an evening of music, readings, film and theatre, featuring **Anne Lederman** and the **Toronto Jewish Folk Choir**, the short Academy Award-winning film *Visas and Virtue*, the short dance film *Sarah*, a performance by **Dr. Henry Greenspan** and readings by **Alon Nashman** (with **Yehuda Elberg**), **Ellie Moidel**, **Eleanor Wachtel**, **Judith Thompson**, **Andre Alexis** and **Rick Salutin**.

Judith Thompson

On Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Greenspan performs *Remnants*, followed by readings and discussions with **Sarah Silberstein Swartz**, **Miriam Eskin**, **Rabbi Roy Tannenbaum** and children's author **Kathy Kacer**, reading from *The Secret of Gabi's Dresser* (1 p.m., suitable for children in grades 4 to 7). Members free, non-members $10 (includes both days). Admission to Kacer's reading is free for everybody. 924-6211.

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German Documentary: The Toronto Jewish Film Society presents a screening of the 1977 documentary *Kinderland/Cinderland*, Art Gallery of Ontario, Jackman Hall, Nov. 7, 5:15 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.

This documentary brings together 12 women who reminisce about growing up in Nazi Germany. Tickets $8 at the door. Memberships call 924-6211.

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Gelby Live: Toronto-based writer-comedian **Michael Gelbart** has done much comedy writing for the Life Network, CBC and the Fox Family Channel. He is presently writing the 14th Gemini Awards, which airs Nov. 7 on CBC, and preparing *Gelby Live*, a one-man show focusing on his comic observations of the young Jewish singles scene. The event will raise funds for charity. The Rivoli, 334 Queen St. W., Nov. 9, 10 and 11, 8 p.m. Tickets ($10) are available at Edward's Records, 2395 Yonge St. or by calling 886-GELB.

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Governor General's Awards: Toronto novelist **Matt Cohen** has been named a contender for the 1999 Governor General's Literary Awards for his most recent novel *Elizabeth and After* (Knopf Canada). Montrealer **Elyse Gasco**, author of the short story collection *Can You Wave Bye Bye, Baby?* (McClelland & Stewart) is also in the running for the English-language Fiction prize, as are **Anne Fleming**, **Neil Bissoondath** and **Keith Maillard**.

In the drama category, Toronto-based actor-chanteuse **Theresa Tova** has been nominated for her award-winning Holocaust play, *Still the Night*. And **Frieda Wishinsky** is a contender for the Children's Literature (Text) prize for *Each One Special* (OrcaBooks).Winners are to be announced Nov. 16.

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Expulsion from Baden: Fifty years ago, the Nazis deported some 9,000 citizens of Baden and Wurtemburg, an event that is the focus of the novel *Bye-Bye Baden-Baden*, by **Lucille de Saint-Andre**. Sponsored by Gallery Moos and ECW Press, the author gives a reading as part of the Jewish Book Fair. Leah Posluns Theatre, Nov. 9, 11 a.m.

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Music & Drama Notes

• *Drinking Alone*, a comedy by Norm Foster, runs Nov. 5 to 21 at the Ford Centre, Studio Theatre: "a warm-hearted portrait of a volatile family circle." $20-$30. 870-8000.

• **Stych Winston** ($3,500) and **Milton Barnes** ($3,055) were among 31 Toronto music creators and composers who received a total of $103,000 in grants from the Toronto Arts Council recently.

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At the Galleries

• Stone Works & Company presents a major sculpture exhibition featuring artists **Barbara Bender**, **Lilli Gillman**, **Edie Harlang**, **Helen Kirzner**, **Naomi Reich Freudmann** and **Linda Cherry Soudack**. Hazelton Lanes, 55 Avenue Rd., 2nd floor. Nov. 5 to 20. Meet the artists, Nov. 7, 12 to 4 p.m.

• Visions of the Far East, a retrospective of the artist, traveller and explorer **Roland Strasser** (1895-1974) is on view at the Odon Wagner Gallery until Nov. 13. 962-0438.

• Simcoe Gallery presents Abstract Reality, modern abstract works in mixed medium, acrylic paintings and sculpture by **Gail Ashby**, **Dennis Hunkler** and **Alex Rou**. Nov. 4 to 27. 136 Simcoe St., 2nd floor. 408-1616.

• The annual fall show of the Willowdale Group of Artists runs Nov. 1 to 29. North York Central Library, Level 2, 5120 Yonge St. Reception, Nov. 7, 4 to 7 p.m.

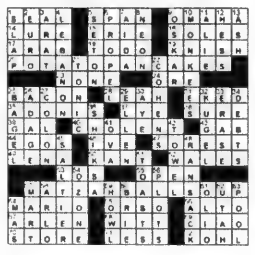
• Prisma Gallery features the photography of **Nancy Rahija**, who "deconstructs architecture through the medium of photography." Nov. 2 to 21. Reception Nov. 6, 1 to 5 p.m. 2570A Yonge St. 440-0673.

• Tueri: A Look Within is a collection of documentary-style photographs of people engaged in a variety of spiritual experiences, by **Natalie Schonfeld**, a Venezuelan-born Torontonián who studied at the Bezalel Art Institute in Jerusalem. Now until Dec. 4. Gallery 44, 401 Richmond St. W., Suite 120. 979-3941.

• David Blackwood: A Survey of Prints, 1990-1999 is on view at Gallery One, 121 Scollard St., Nov. 6 to 24. 929-3103.

• **Patrica Lazar** with guest artists **Eden Bender**, **Celia Brandao**, **Sharon Douglas** and **Elsa-Ruth Skuy** present some "seriously fun and classy art" at a ceramics art show and sale, Nov 4, 6 and 7 at 51 Green Bush Rd. North York, Ont. 222-2294.

ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



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TRAVEL TALK

BY BILL GLADSTONE

CAPERNAUM'S ANCIENT SYNAGOGUE & FRIEZES

In the ancient fishing village of Capernaum, above the northwestern shore of the Sea of Galilee, archeologists discovered the remains of a very old structure in 1866. The building, which was excavated and reconstructed between 1905 and 1922, proved to be a second- or third-century synagogue, one of the best preserved examples from that early period of synagogue construction.

The Jewish people have never been known as creative builders and, true to form, this edifice reflects a Greek architectural style. A rectangular building of dressed blocks of white limestone, it faced south towards Jerusalem and featured rows of columns, a stone bench around the perimeter, a women's gallery on an upper level, and a colonnaded hall.

The Torah scrolls were kept in a separate alcove that was apparently a predecessor of the Aron HaKadosh, or Holy Ark.

It is believed the building was razed in an earthquake in the sixth century.

Although the reconstructed building is roofless, the walls and many pillars have been restored to their original positions. Portions of a richly decorated frieze and several cornices were also recovered in the ruins.

Parts of the frieze are on view along a walkway outside the synagogue. The decorative motifs include a menorah, a five-pointed star known as Solomon's Seal, and the earliest known example of the six-pointed Star of David. Decorations also include pomegranates, bunches of grapes, olive branches and a variety of real and mythic animals.

Here one may also see the oldest graphic representation of the Holy Ark of the Covenant, the wagon in which the ancient Israelites kept the Ten Commandments and the Torah, in order to transport them into and out of battle. An olive press, basalt flour mill and other non-religious implements from 2,000 years ago are also on display.

Beneath the foundation of this limestone building, archeologists have uncovered the dark basalt remains of an older structure, believed to be an earlier synagogue that was destroyed by the Romans. There is a Christian tradition attached to the site – namely, that this was the synagogue where Jesus preached, healed and exorcised demons, and from which he was eventually expelled by the Jewish congregants.

The town's name derives from the Hebrew name K'far Nachum, or Village of Nachum, but very little is remembered of its namesake, Nachum. Many more legends regarding Jesus have become part of the lore of the village, which was his home when he began his ministry. Like many sites in the Galilee region, Capernaum will certainly be flooded with pilgrims in the coming millennium year.

Near the old synagogue, the ruins of a church mark what is believed to be the former house of the Christian apostle, Peter. A mosaic floor was found in a room in which Jesus was supposed to have slept.

The site was purchased by the Franciscans who built an octagonal church on stilts above the remains. Boasting a modern design, the church architecture has not been universally praised. One guidebook refers to it as "an ugly chapel that resembles a flying saucer hovering above the ruins."

Also nearby is Tabgha, which Christians associate with the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, and the sermon on the Mount. A Byzantine ruin was uncovered here in 1932 and reconstructed in the early 1980s. The Church of the Mount of Beatitudes is also an important site for Christian pilgrims.

Many villages in the region likewise possess strong Christian traditions. The lakeside village of Migdal, for example, whose name means "tower" in Hebrew, apparently gave rise to the surname Magdalene. A small domed shrine is supposed to mark the birthplace of Mary Magdalene, the figure from Christian scripture.

Ornamental stars at the Capernaum Synagouge. [B.Gladstone]

In Kana, the story is still told of how Jesus performed his first miracle at a dinner party.

In Kursi, archeologists have uncovered the ruins of a Byzantine church. A powerful spotlight illuminates a cave in a nearby mountainside, where according to legend Jesus healed a man possessed by demons.

As we know, Israel is the cradle of three great world religions whose stories are inextricably woven into the landscape. Whenever we approach sites that others hold as holy, we must do so with respect and a willingness to learn more about religious beliefs and traditions that are not our own.

Summer best time to visit Israel in 2000

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — After several years of grandiose projections, Israeli tourism officials have come down to earth about how many visitors the country is expecting in the year 2000.

Predictions issued by the Israel Ministry of Tourism several years ago ranged between four and five million. But last week, Jonathan Harpaz, director general of the Jerusalem Hotel Association, gave a much more realistic estimate.

"We are forecasting three million," he told a group of travel agents and travel writers during a luncheon hosted by the Israel Government Tourist Office in Toronto. "We might exceed it, but only by a little."

In 1997, the Jewish state received about 2.5 million visitors. Since then, according to Harpaz, there has been "an awakening of tourism," especially since Ehud Barak became prime minister.

Tourism traffic into Israel has increased by roughly eight percent each month since October 1998, Harpaz said. Overall, hotel occupancy rates in Jerusalem for 2000 are expected to average about 85 percent.

"I would suggest that you do your booking (of hotel rooms) as early as possible, because – if I may quote – you might not find a room at the inn," he said. "Some dates may be fully booked."

Available hotel rooms in Jerusalem are already scarce for next Passover, as March and April are already fully booked, Harpaz said. Thanks to some big conventions coming to Jerusalem, May is also fully booked, as are October and November.

The best months for availability of hotel rooms in Jerusalem next year is the summer, he said. "If the heat doesn't bother you, that's the best time to go."

Rooms are also available in January and February, he said, but he added a caveat: "I can't guarantee anything because reservations are flowing in even while I'm speaking."

The Ministry of Tourism has received isolated complaints from tour operators in Japan, England and New York that hotels in Jerusalem were unduly raising prices and demanding minimum stays during the year of the Christian Millennium, he reported.

"Prices have not been raised drastically," he said. "The official rates were raised for 2000 by an average of seven percent – sometimes five percent, sometimes 10 percent. They were raised because in the last three years the rates were kept low because of the political situation."

He also asserted that hotels were not demanding minimum stays –"not in Jerusalem and not anywhere in Israel" – except, perhaps, in cases involving optional contractual agreements.

Arts & Travel

'Good Samaritan' saved 600 Jews

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

It's doubtful whether many Canadians have ever heard of the late Charlie Grant. In an era of heightened anti-Semitism, he was a bright candle illuminating the darkness.

Grant, a Presbyterian from Vancouver, was a diamond broker in Vienna when Nazi Germany annexed Austria in 1938. When the lives of his Jewish friends were threatened, he illegally obtained passports and exit visas for them. Grant, a good Samaritan, thereby saved about 600 Jews.

He was, to put it succinctly, the Canadian Raoul Wallenberg.

On Thursday, Nov. 11 at 9 p.m., and again on Sunday, Nov. 14 at the same time, TVOntario presents his inspirational story. *Charlie Grant's War*, felicitously directed by Martin Lavut from a fine script by Anna Sandor, stars R.H. Thompson as Grant.

In a stellar performance, Thompson portrays Grant as a happy-go-lucky, moralistic person who risked his life, and almost lost it, by coming to the aid of Jews.

The two-hour film, which was originally screened on CBC TV in the early 1980s, is also an indictment of Canada as a narrow, ethnocentric society in the 1930s.

Charlie's uncle, urging him to leave Vienna and come back home, makes an anti-Semitic crack about an Austrian Jewish businessman who helped his nephew.

Charlie's mother, using her influence to try to expedite the immigration of Austrian Jews to Canada, discovers that Canadian government officials, including the prime minister, are smugly prejudiced.

Yet she herself is hardly a paragon of tolerance. "It's one thing to keep Jews out of clubs," she says in dulcet tones. "I understand that." But to stand by and let the Nazis kill Jews is quite another matter. There she draws the line.

Charlie Grant's War opens in 1930 as Grant, presumably fresh out of university, embarks on a grand tour of Europe.

On his first night in Vienna, he is fleeced by a smooth con artist and rendered destitute. Fortunately, he meets the Goldmans (Jan Rubes and Joan Orenstein), a kindly, prosperous Jewish couple who take him under their wing. Through the Goldmans, he meets Paul Glazer, a Jewish diamond broker (Peter Boretski) who gives him a job and a career. Soon enough, Grant is dating a comely blonde actress (Belinda Metz).

Austria's transition from independent state to Nazi appendage under Hitler's control unfolds through the medium of newsreels and through a proliferation of anti-Jewish slogans and swastikas which suddenly appear all over Vienna.

In these sombre times, Grant's goodness and integrity emerge. He refuses to fire a Jewish employee. He breaks off relations with his ambitious girlfriend when she replaces a leading Jewish actress who has been frozen out of the theatre by anti-Semitic laws. And when Goldman is roughed up by storm troopers and forced to scrub the pavement, Grant tries in vain to intervene.

The core of *Charlie Grant's War* turns on Grant's selfless efforts to help Jews emigrate. The first Jew for whom he obtains a passport is his employee's sister. Grant relies on bribery to grease his clandestine operation.

In telling scenes which speak volumes about Canadian attitudes to Jews, Charlie's mother tries unsuccessfully to wring entry visas from the infamous F.C. Blair, the director of immigration, and Mackenzie King, the premier.

"Jews are not like you and me," coos Blair, offering the self-serving rationale that Jewish immigrants will inflame existing anti-Semitism. King, urging her not to exaggerate Nazi anti-Jewish measures, claims that Canadians will not react positively to "a flood of Jews." Indeed, Canada admitted only about 5,000 Jewish refugees during this period.

Grant pays dearly for his kind disposition, being beaten and jailed by the Gestapo and, subsequently, shipped off to a concentration camp, where he toils in a quarry. The last of these scenes are relatively weak and pallid.

Despite this lapse, *Charlie Grant's War* is an appealing film with a strong moral message and acceptable production values. Watch for it.

Tribal Productions goes Drinking Alone

BY KATHRYN KATES
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Four years ago, Samuel Owen and Eli Lukawitz met as students at York University and decided to do some theatre projects outside of school.

With a third partner, Owen's wife, actor Lisa Horner, they formed the company Tribal Productions.

This year, Tribal Productions has been invited by Glen Garwald, general manager of the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts, to be the resident company at the centre's Studio Theatre.

The first of its three offerings this season is the Toronto premiere of Norm Foster's *Drinking Alone*, directed by Lukawitz, which runs Nov. 5 to 21. Foster will be in Toronto for the premiere.

For this production, Owen wears three hats – he is co-artistic director, producer and actor in the role of Joe Todd.

The Toronto native graduated from Ryerson's Theatre Program in Toronto. "As soon as I became a union actor, I realized how hard it was to get work and that I would be doing a lot of waitering and a lot of waiting around."

Not satisfied with a Ryerson diploma, he went to York University to get a degree.

"I didn't know a lot about directing, but I thought it was something I would like to explore," he said.

When the company first started, the three partners financed their own shows at small theatres.

"In the past, we would do a show then find another space to do the next show. Trying to build an audience when you're moving locations is very hard.

"Now we are able to do our first subscription season because we are in one theatre all year long. That allows us to grow. It's like any other business."

Tribal Productions is wholly sponsored by Corporate and private donations. This fall, the company launched a campaign to sell 750 season subscriptions. Owen hopes to take a small salary for the first time, to augment his job at a brokerage firm.

"What I learned from running a theatre company is you have to make it hip, popular and interesting to see, because it is very difficult to break into the theatre market here. Our company is [aiming] to become 'Canadian Stage North' by producing accessible shows, comedies and dramas, as well as Canadian premieres."

As an actor, Owen has lent his talents to a number of theatrical productions inside and outside his own company. They include *The Foursome* at Theatre New Brunswick and Theatre-on-the-Grand; *Affections of May*, *18 Wheels*, *I'll Be Back Before Midnight* and *On Golden Pond*, all at the Upper Canada Playhouse; and Tribal Productions' *The Puppetmaster of Lodz*, *Jake's Women*, *The Diary of Anne Frank* and *Will*.

Drinking Alone, a comedy with touching moments, is about the pain of a dysfunctional family.

Owen describes his character Joe Todd as a 33-year-old dry cleaner who gets a call from his father announcing he is coming to town. To impress his father, Joe hires an escort to play his fiancée for the evening to show how successful he has become in his personal life. Mayhem ensues when the escort shows up and it turns out to be her first night on the job.

Tickets for the three productions are $69 to $79, students and seniors, $55. Call Ford Centre Subscription Office at 733-0545. For individual tickets at $20 to $30, call Ticketmaster at 870-8000.

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Business Profile

Village manager helps us see the past with new eyes

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Marty Brent, manager of Black Creek Pioneer Village is doing a 20th-century job in the 19th century.

The village, located on over 75 acres at Steeles Avenue and Jane Street in the Black Creek Conservation Area, is a heritage project of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), and is a re-creation of a village typical of south-central Ontario between the years 1793 and 1867.

The village evolved from an original 14 acres of land acquired in 1954 by the Humber Valley Conservation Authority, which eventually joined forces with Don Valley, Etobicoke-Mimico, and Rouge, Duffin, Highland, Petticoat streams conservation authorities to become TRCA.

On the land was a Pennsylvania German log barn built in 1809. The restoration and opening of this building, now the Dalziel Museum, marked the beginning of a program which has developed to preserve cultural heritage.

In 1960, Pioneer Village, with seven buildings in addition to the Dalziel Museum, opened to visitors.

Funding of the village comes from the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation, admissions and sales, and through donations to the Conservation Foundation of Greater Toronto.

Brent, who has been with Pioneer Village since 1990, is originally from California. She has a history degree from Stanford University and a master's degree in museum studies from the University of Toronto.

"Having had the opportunity of living in the United States and Canada, I think I've developed a balanced perception of life. Canadians have a tremendous understanding and respect of other cultures. On the most part, they realize that there is not one way of thinking," Brent said.

Learning about the past, she says, is how people come to understand the future. "When people, especially young people, come here, it gives them an impression of how life has improved, and it helps them understand why certain values persist – values such as respecting others and living compatibly, and leaving the world a better place. "It also anchors us into values such as taking care of the environment. If we look back, we can see that recycling was an inborn concept. Quilts, for example, came from fabrics of outgrown clothes, and rags that could not be used for other garments."

Paper, which was scarce until the middle of the 19th century was never thrown away, she says. "People read a paper, wrapped a parcel with it, and eventually rolled it into a spill which was used to light a fire."

The past, she says, helps people see things with new eyes. "Life today has become simplified through technology. Looking back helps us understand how far we've come. Without the past, we are rudderless."

Marty Brent with two of the costumed interpreters who work at the village.

There are a lot of lessons to be learned at the village, Brent says. "Kids learn that everything had a purpose. There was no excess, no luxury of throwing things out.

"They also learn by connection. They see how children from the 19th century dressed, and they think about what they would look like. It helps them to appreciate today's life."

On the other hand, she says, "we've learned not to do such things as pasture animals near a water system. People today need to learn what caused harm, and the impact the harm had."

For her, Brent says, the past provides a social history. "I like to know how certain customs and traditions started, how communities came together and evolved, and how inventions such as farming implements, sewing machines and printing presses changed their lives."

Included among the approximately 75 people who work at the village are costumed interpreters who work in 40 heritage buildings that include: a tinsmith shop, where sheets of metal are transformed into lanterns, pitchers and cookie cutters; a harness shop and saddlery where handcrafted leather items are made; a weaver's shop with looms; and a blacksmith shop where hot metal is used to forge household items and repair wagons.

Apple trees, which continue to bear fruit, were planted by the original settlers, and all of the plants in the village gardens are heritage plants; some varieties of flowers and vegetables date back to the 15th century.

Also at the village is an educational staff, mostly former teachers, who lead the more than 13 school programs for students at all grade levels. One program, which Brent says has a two to three-year waiting-list, has students coming to the village daily for one week, to learn in the school house –in traditional dress – work in the garden, bake bread, and generally help out around the village.

"This is hands-on history. They become immersed in village life," she says.

"Living history museums such as this village, Upper Canada Village, and Century Village in Peterborough, allow people to see history three-dimensionally. The buildings, the gardens, the people and the animals are combined in order to make history educational and entertaining."

It is a tremendous challenge, she says, to find creative ways of meeting today's building codes when dealing with a historical site. "We've had to discover 20th-century ways to deal with the 19th century. For example, there are no overhead wires – some hydro wires are hidden in a wood shed – and the maintenance crew does not drive on village grounds. Everything takes a lot more time, but we are trying not to intrude on visitor's enjoyment of the 19th century."

Pioneer Village, says Brent, is a fascinating and diverse business, with a number of ventures rolled into one. The museum houses a collection of artifacts, and the educational facility provides programs for formal and informal groups. "As well, there is a retail end which includes a gift shop, there are catering and banquet facilities, and it has been the location for commercial filming."

As manager of the $4-million a year operation, Brent oversees the various aspects of the facility. "I've been fascinated with museums since I was a child, and I was thrilled when I realized there was an entire profession connected to the museum world."

After graduating from the University of Toronto, she was a museum adviser with the Ontario Ministry of Culture, and then went to York University to specialize in non-profit sector management. "This is a perfect place for me because, as a facility that blends heritage and business, it demands an expert in both fields."

TRCA, its umbrella organization, provides support services such as accounting, insurance issues and human resources.

Looking to the millennium, Brent says that Pioneer Village is at an exciting stage in its development. "We're looking to expand again – building new facilities in order to provide more varied programming. We haven't grown in the past couple of years. Today's audiences want interactive programming, and we want to broaden what we have to offer.

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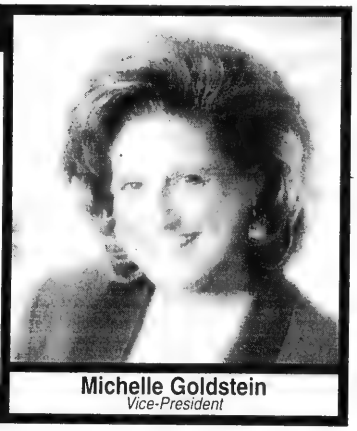

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Health

Ottawa girl shares medical condition on the Web

By DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — A 12-year-old girl who lives with constant pain has created a Web site support group which has attracted children from around the world.

Aya Ravek was diagnosed a year and a half ago with Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD), a condition of the sympathetic nervous system. The condition, considered very rare in children, occurs suddenly, is difficult to diagnose and can result in constant pain from even the slightest touch.

Aya's mother, Pamela, says "the nerves are out of whack. The nervous system doesn't reset and the brain is still getting the message of pain, acting as though the injury is still there."

The Ravek family's odyssey began in March, 1998 when Aya was hit in the knee during a floor hockey game in gym class. The injury didn't heal and it took months until the proper diagnosis was made.

The length of time between onset and diagnosis is crucial in terms of successful treatment, Pamela said, and Aya suffered both physically and emotionally as they searched for help.

Aya and her parents have been travelling to Toronto where Aya is being treated at the Hospital for Sick Children by a team of physicians.

Her Toronto psychiatrist, Dr. Arlette Lefebvre, suggested that Aya put together a scrapbook to help her explain to schoolmates what she is going through.

She and her parents then did extensive research on the condition.

The scrapbook explains that even the spray of water from a shower can cause her excruciating pain. It has helped Aya answer other children's questions such as, "Is it contagious?" and "Are you going to die from this?" The answer to both is no.

The idea of the Web site, called Aya's No Pain Zone (www.ordesign.com/NoPainZone/) evolved from the success of the scrapbook.

"We thought of the Web site as being a scrapbook on-line," says Aya's father, Oded, "but, to our amazement, it turned out to be a tool. We get so many responses from kids with RSD and other chronic illnesses who have derived comfort from communicating with Aya.

Aya Ravek

"The site is really being used now as a healing tool. Aya gets so many e-mails from children and she has become a source of comfort. This site explains the disease from a kid's point of view rather than a medical text."

Aya has also developed a form which she distributed to her Grade 7 class describing what it is like for her to have RSD so that the children will understand that she cannot be touched or bumped.

She will be adding this form to her Web site to be used by other children as a starting point for their own personalized forms.

Although she has been studying the proper keyboarding technique in order to work on her Web site, it is sometimes too painful for her to use her fingers. She then dictates to her parents who help her with the input.

She answers all her e-mails and has heard from children as far away as Australia, although she has only found two other girls in the Ottawa area with RSD.

Lefebvre, who the Raveks laughingly call "Aya's agent" because of her tremendous support and encouragement, has nominated Aya for a Young Achievement Award. She has also been nominated for the Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Award through the community newspaper association.

Although she struggles daily with pain, takes 20 pills a day, does extensive exercises and spends a great deal of time working with medical professionals, Aya has also managed to develop and maintain the Web site.

"We started out with the idea that this would help Aya," says Pamela. "It is quite wonderful that it has ended up helping others."

Treating depression

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Half the general population referred to a family doctor for depression are not getting any treatment and this is "unacceptable," a Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care researcher said.

Referring to depression as the most common behavioral illness, Dr. Helen Mayberg said 25 percent of these patients decide against treatment due to a "social stigma," and 25 percent decide to live with the illness.

"No one should be in those two categories," said Mayberg, who holds the Sandra Rotman Chair in Neuropsychiatry at the University of Toronto and Baycrest's Rotman Research Institute.

Even patients who deny they are ill should be taken to a doctor or neurologist on the pretext that some other disease is being investigated, she said.

One in five people will have at least one episode of depression and the disease affects more women than men, "for reasons we don't understand," Mayberg said. The cost to society in medical care and lost time at work due to depression is exceeded only by cardiac cases.

Unfortunately, she said, about 30 percent of depressive episodes are chronic, and after three episodes, there is a 90 percent chance of recurrence.

Anti-depressant drugs are mainly used today, she said, while shock treatment, ECT, (electroconvulsive therapy) "is extremely effective, particularly in the elderly."

Mayberg said that she is a neurologist who is in favor of biological instead of psychological treatment.

"The bad news is that we have no idea what the chemical abnormality is, and the good news is that we have drugs to treat it and 65 percent of patients respond. ECT is effective in 10 to 15 percent [of the cases] and about 20 percent are treatment resistant," she said.

Though there are no biological markers to aid in drug selection, she said improvements in scanning of the brain give hope that it will be possible some day, and that the scans will provide a clue to the role of the frontal lobe in depression.

"We are getting images today that are better than looking at the brain itself," she said.

Mayberg gave the first Ada Starkman lecture titled Depression, It's Not In Your Head, It's In Your Brain, to about 100 people at Baycrest.

Marlene Ratner and Howard Black, grandchildren of Ada Starkman, were in the audience.

The Ada Starkman lectures, which continue every Monday at Baycrest until Oct. 26, are an attempt to reach out to the aging population of the community, said Elaine Todres, Baycrest Foundation president.

Brain artery repaired in Israel

NEW YORK — A Jordanian tourist who was on her honeymoon in Israel, was saved by a new medical procedure after being severely injured in a car accident. Her husband died in the accident.

The 23-year-old was found unconscious and brought to the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. Two days later, she was transferred to the Rabin Medical Centre to have a tear in the main artery in her brain repaired.

At the Rabin centre she underwent a new non-surgical procedure, performed for the first time in Israel. A balloon was inserted through her groin into the brain blood vessels. It was then inflated and used to seal the hole in the artery of her brain.

Dr. Shimon Maimon, head of the invasive neuroradiology unit at Rabin, performed the procedure with the assistance of the staff of the department of neurosurgery. The procedure took more than three hours and was done under full anesthesia.

When the patient awoke after the procedure was completed, she was out of danger and fully conscious. She is recovering, and doing well.

The Rabin Medical Centre was established in 1996 as a result of the merger of the Beilenson Hospital and the Golda (Hashaon) Hospital in Petach Tikvah, which is 20 minutes from Tel Aviv.

Affiliated with Tel Aviv University's Sackler School of Medicine, the Rabin centre, with 1,300 beds, 37 operating rooms and 41 departments is the largest medical centre in Israel. It employs 4,500 people.

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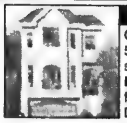

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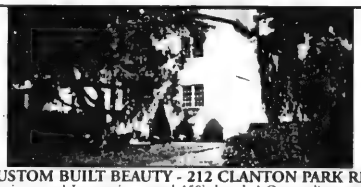

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Raptors host Jewish Toronto night at ACC

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Tuesday, Nov. 30 promises to be a red-letter – make that purple-letter – day for Jewish Raptors fans: it's Jewish Toronto Night at the Air Canada Centre.

The Raptors, who play the Atlanta Hawks at 7 p.m., will donate a portion of ticket sales to UJA Federation's Campaign 2000. Over 500 seats are available for the special event, a collaboration of UJA Federation and the Toronto Raptors. *The Canadian Jewish News* is a media sponsor.

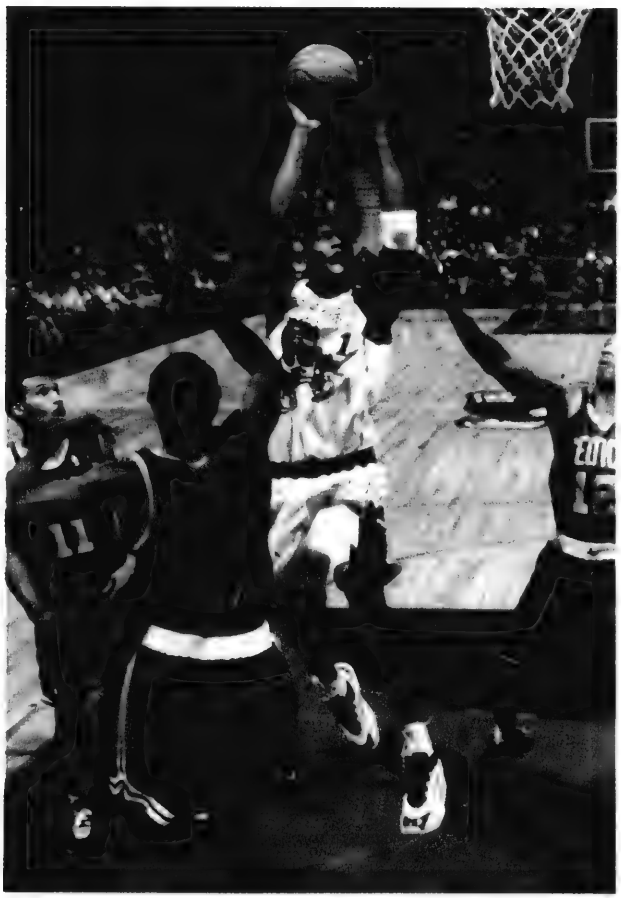
Kosher snacks, including hot dogs and pretzels, will be available.

"I think Toronto has a great team this year, and a great chance to make the playoffs," said Abe Glowinsky, a vice-chair of Campaign 2000.

The event will provide an opportunity to "show how vibrant the Jewish community is in Toronto... and just show some spirit," he said. "We're happy to be partners with the Raptors."

Ticket prices are $50 for lower bowl endzone, $20 for balcony – a saving of $16.50 and $6.50 respectively.

Tickets are available until Nov. 23 at the Negev Book Store (3509 Bathurst St.), the Bathurst Jewish Centre (4558 Bathurst St.) or Israel's The Judaica Centre (441 Clark Ave. W. and 897 Eglinton Ave. W.); or by calling the UJA Federation hotline at 631-5700.



RAPTOR ACTION: Toronto Raptors stars Tracy McGrady, Vince Carter and Doug Christie on the hardwood floor.

Former hockey player coaches Maccabis

By NEIL BECKER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Approximately 11 years ago, former hockey player Ted Badner traded in his sticks and skates for a whistle and clipboard when he began coaching the Maccabi's boys basketball team.

Badner, 34, can be described as a no-nonsense disciplinarian who puts his troops through a gruelling 2½ hours of practice, three times a week.

The squad made an early exit when San Francisco beat them by six points in the Rochester Maccabi quarter-final games this year.

Badner, who also toiled as a basketball player for one year, describes his team in the Rochester games as inexperienced.

"We were young, and had only six kids who returned. Next year we expect to be strong and, obviously, more experienced," he said.

They are already looking forward to next summer's games.

"We think we will be good enough to compete ... We would ultimately like to come home with a medal," the coach said.

When describing the competition at the games, Badner compares the devotion that kids in the United States have for basketball to the passion that kids in Canada have for the game of hockey.

"American kids take to basketball like Canadian kids take to hockey. The kids in America play at a higher level than we do. However...we have learned, and been instilled with the ability to compete and not to quit," he said.

According to the coach, many of the players on the team aspire to eventually get a scholarship and play ball in the United States.

Badner, who was blessed with a baby girl not too long ago, would like to have something to show her next summer in the form of a gold medal by knocking off the top teams from the United States.

So far, the highlight to Badner's career will have to be the silver medal that his squad won at the Hartford Maccabi games.

The Inside Back

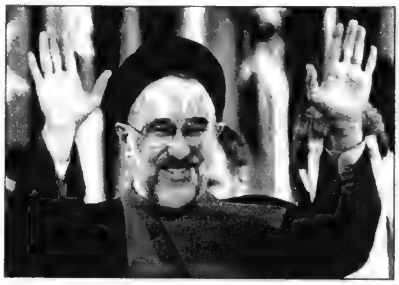
Barak turns up heat on Russia for aiding Iran

By ALUF BENN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ehud Barak has decided to step up efforts to convince the United States that it should put more pressure on Russia to stop helping Iran develop missiles and nuclear capabilities.

Israel will notify the Clinton administration this week that it will not help it block legislation in the Senate that would impose sanctions on Russia if it continues to aid Iran.

"We will not take part in a public campaign or mobilize the pro-Israel lobby in Congress against Russia," said a close Barak associate yesterday. "But if we are asked, we will express our views and not stand on the sidelines."



Iran's President Mohammed Khatami

The House of Representatives has passed a bill to impose sanctions on Russia over its aid to Iran; the bill is expected to pass soon in the Senate. Clinton administration officials have opposed such sanctions for fear of further weakening Boris Yeltsin's government.

During a visit to Washington in July, Barak agreed to a request from the U.S. administration that Israel would refrain for three months from pressing Washington to impose sanctions, and then would reassess its position.

A joint Israeli-American committee that oversees the handling of the U.S. response to Russian-Iranian co-operation was scheduled to convene this Wednesday. The committee, headed by Leon Furth, national security adviser to Vice-President Al Gore, is meeting ahead of the U.S. visit of Russian Atomic Energy Minister Yevgeniy Adamov, who is considered by Israel to be the architect of Russian nuclear aid to Iran.

Barak is expected to express his opposition to the aid in talks with his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Potanin, in Oslo this week.

Israeli military intelligence believes that the flow of missile and nuclear technology from Russia to Iran has continued unabated. The Russians have taken some steps to better monitor the export of missile technology, such as publishing new regulations and placing supervisors in factories, but it is unclear if those steps have had much impact. In the nuclear arena, Russian aid has continued to Iran.

The Times of London quoted "intelligence sources in the west and the Middle East" – an apparent reference to Israeli sources – as saying there was a secret agreement to smuggle missile parts and nonconventional weapons from Russia to Iran via the Caspian Sea. The Russians and the Iranians denied the report.

Furth is thought by Israel to oppose sanctions on the grounds the that they are not effective and would only help to destabilize the Yeltsin regime. The Israeli members of the joint committee will provide him with Israel's latest intelligence assessment of the situation and ask him what the United States plans to do next.

Israel now has a "political card" at its disposal. Gore and his aides know that their stance toward Russia will be the central foreign issue to dominate the upcoming U.S. presidential election. The Republicans are expected to bait Gore on the issue and accuse him of being too soft on the Russians. In such a situation, Gore is likely to be more attentive to Israel's views.

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8 med. plum tomatoes, cored & seeded	2 tblsp. brown sugar
1 bulb elephant garlic, roasted, mashed	1/3 cup broth, boiled
1 can (28 oz) undrained plum tomatoes, chopped	salt
6 fresh basil leaves, thinly sliced	pepper

Preheat broiler or barbeque. Brush onion lightly with oil and grill until golden and slightly blackened on edges, remove and set aside. Grill tomatoes until skin blisters. Remove from heat, peel off skin.

In med. saucepan, heat 1 tblsp olive oil over med. heat. Add charred onion, tomatoes and roasted garlic cloves removed from bulb. (To roast garlic, trim top, brush with oil and bake in 350°F oven 45-60 mins.) Cook tomato mixture 2-3 mins. Add brown sugar, being careful not to scorch as it caramelizes. Stir and scrape bottom and sides of pan, then add canned tomatoes and broth. Stir occasionally, allowing soup to simmer on med.-low heat. Reduce by half.

Using blender, purée hot soup, season with salt and pepper. Pour into bowls and garnish with basil. Yield: 4 cups.

About Life

Dear Ella,

I have a problem involving my brother Harry. He is 52 and a successful businessman. He is also involved in a number of prestigious companies and is well known in the community, as he has a seat on the board of a few important organizations.

Harry has three children ranging in age from 17 to 25. A couple of years ago, Harry and his wife split up after a 27-year marriage.

Harry seems to have gotten the hang of the singles life. He has dated a number of different women; however, he has gone out exclusively with the one he is seeing now, for over three months, and I'm worried. You see she is 29 years old. He looks absolutely ridiculous with her, and I can just imagine how his peers must be talking about him.

I'm sure this woman is more interested in Harry's money than in Harry. I am afraid to approach the subject with him because I know he will tell me to mind my own business. Is there any tactful way I can get around this without losing the relationship I have with my brother?

Yearning for Youth

Dear Yearning for Youth

It sounds as though Harry has a very full life. He has managed to raise a family, do well in business and gain the respect of many members of the community. He sounds very well rounded and definitely in the driver's seat.

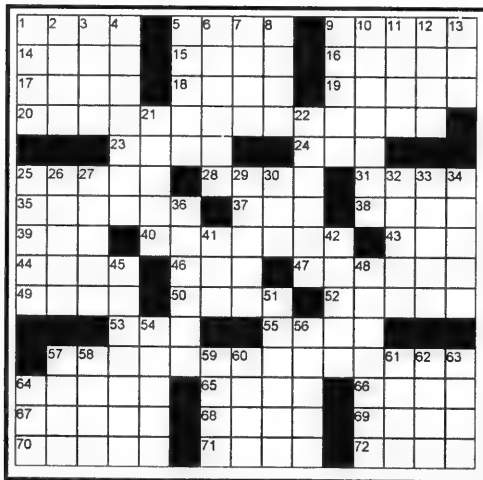
I have to wonder why you feel a man who can do so much right with his life is so inept when it comes to picking who to spend his social time with.

On one hand, you make Harry sound like an intelligent pillar in the community, and on the other hand, you make him sound like a love-struck moron.

I think you have to give Harry a bit more credit. If this young woman is out for your brother's money, I think you can assume that Harry probably has figured that out by now. However, just maybe, this woman is bright, intelligent, has a good heart and brings out the youth in your brother. Just maybe, your brother loves to have a pretty young woman to spend time with, to possibly be the envy of his friends, to enjoy life as he has not had a chance to for a long time.

Give your brother the benefit of the doubt. Don't assume the worst. Just maybe, Harry knows what he is doing.

Readers may submit their questions to Ella at The CJN. *But Ella is not a professional counsellor. She brings to the questions posed by readers her unique brand of earthy wisdom. Her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, consult a professional.*



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"What's Cooking"

By Matt Gaffney and David Bianco (QSyndicate@aol.com)

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Ontario snubs UN ruling

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Ontario has indicated it won't comply with a landmark ruling by the United Nations that found the province discriminates against Jews and other non-Catholics when it comes to school funding.

In a decision released last Friday, the UN human rights committee said Canada – specifically Ontario – violates a 1976 international human rights covenant by funding Catholic but not other religious-based schools, especially Jewish day schools.

The historic ruling was hailed by the Jewish community as a vindication – before the entire world – of its long-held view that Ontario's practice of funding separate schools, but not Jewish and other faith-based schools, is unfair and discriminatory.

It was also the last in a long line of legal recourses to which the Jewish community has looked for redress. Exactly three years ago, Canada's Supreme Court ruled that public funding of Ontario's Catholic schools, to the exclusion of other religions, was legal.

The funding issue was taken to the UN in February 1996 by Toronto parent Arieh Waldman, who says he has spent nearly $100,000 to educate his two sons at Bialik Hebrew Day School, while paying education taxes all along.

In its 15-page ruling, the UN said that "differences in treatment between Roman Catholic religious schools, which are publicly funded as a distinct part of the public education system, and schools of [Waldman's] religion, which are private by necessity, cannot be considered reasonable and objective."

The UN also gave Canada 90 days either to comply with the ruling, or to propose a remedy.

But it looks as though Ontario will ignore the finding.

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STREET SIGN BLOWN OUT BY BOMBS*: Passersby point to some of the damage that resulted from three pipe bombs that exploded in the main intersection in Netanya on Sunday.** ***Please see story on page 33. ***[Israel Sun photo]***

Life on Jerusalem's streets

Standing in front of "the wall" at Zion Square are (from left) Sylvia Kassoff, Raquel Sanchez and Caryn Green, three social workers with the Rose Institute. ***[Viva Press photo]***

By VIVA PRESS
CJN Israel Bureau

Feature on homeless youth

JERUSALEM — After finishing yeshiva in Ontario, Adam came to Israel to study for a year. Like many youths his age, the trip to Israel was the culmination of Torah studies in Canada and the United States.

But Adam's year abroad didn't turn out the way most would expect.

Until 10 months ago, Adam, now 20, was homeless, suicidal, on drugs, and in jail.

Now clean for the first time since he started abusing drugs when he was just 13 years old, Adam is starting life again. His arrest for pushing drugs and a month in an Israeli jail, which Adam refers to as "a living hell," helped change his outlook on life.

But it is Raquel Sanchez, a social worker and director of The Rose Institute, which helps English-speaking homeless and troubled youth in Jerusalem, who got him back on his feet.

"Ever since I met Raquel, my life has changed," says Adam, who first met her when he was behind bars. "I have the motivation to go on because I know Raquel and the Rose Institute are behind me."

The time of day doesn't matter: Zion Square, the intersection of the pedestrian malls of Ben Yehuda Street and Yoel Solomon Street, is always brimming with people.

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Russian Aliyah Up

TORONTO — If current trends continue, 65,000 Jews will emigrate from the former Soviet Union (FSU) to Israel this year, nearly half of them from Russia alone, reports UJA Federation of Greater Toronto. A statement from the organization says that some 21,000 Russian Jews have already arrived in Israel, compared to 9,000 at this time a year ago, an increase of over 130 percent. The surge is being attributed to escalating Russian anti-Semitism, military actions in Chechnya and Dagestan and economic instability throughout the FSU.

ISRAEL

Disabled Angry

JERUSALEM — Wheelchair-bound Israelis blocked the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road near the entrance to the capital last week as part of a dispute with the finance ministry over welfare. The action by disabled Israelis, which began nearly a month ago, has been an embarrassment for Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, who made a campaign pledge to help them.

Olmert Joins JA

JERUSALEM — Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert has joined the Jewish Agency for Israel's 121-member board of governors. The agency's board also approved a $376 million budget for the year 2000. Special funds were also approved for programs in impoverished neighbourhoods as well as for rescue operations in the former Soviet Union, Ethiopia and Yugoslavia.

Assassination Fears

JERUSALEM — Israeli security officials refused to let Prime Minister Ehud Barak speak at the Tel Aviv square where Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated. Saying it could not guarantee the prime minister's safety, the Shin Bet balked at his appearing at a rally marking the fourth anniversary of the assassination.

WORLD

Price for *J'Accuse*

LONDON — A rare copy of a famous denunciation of French anti-Semitism is to be auctioned here this month. Christie's auctioneers estimate Emile Zola's *J'Accuse* will sell for $6,600. The 1898 letter by the French novelist denounces the imprisonment of Jewish officer Alfred Dreyfus on false charges of spying for Germany.

Rabbi to Name Names

LONDON — An Orthodox rabbi here says he will name and shame estranged husbands who refuse to give their wives a *get*, or Jewish divorce, that would enable the women to remarry according to Jewish law. Rabbi Pini Dunner of the Saatchi Synagogue in London said the names will be posted on his shul's Web site next month.

Magazine to Apologize

TOKYO — The publisher of a major Japanese magazine agreed to run an apology and a retraction for an anti-Semitic statement in a recent article. The Oct. 15 article in the *Shukan Post*, Japan's second-largest weekly magazine, claimed that "Wall Street Jews" were behind an American company's Sept. 28 takeover of a Japanese credit bank. The company that publishes the magazine also agreed to hold a seminar on the Holocaust and human rights.

No to Jewish Lawyers

DENVER — Jewish lawyers should not represent a Christian family, according to an attorney for a boy injured in the Columbine High School shootings earlier this year. Denver lawyer Anthony Sturniolo sent a letter to the family after they decided to hire Michigan lawyer Geoffrey Fieger and local co-counsel Howard Zucker. "I know that you are committed Christians, and I do not want you to be led astray to a position that might be a poor witness to our Lord." Sturniolo later said he did not intend the letter to be anti-Semitic.

Slave Labour Talks Tough Going

BERLIN — Negotiators attempting to create a compensation fund for Nazi-era slave and forced labourers have all but engaged in a full-fledged street fight.

But despite the current climate of the talks, the sparring may just be the storm before a final calm.

"An agreement is closer than you might expect," and may be reached by the end of this month, said a source close to the talks.

Just the same, getting to the finish line is proving difficult, as negotiators argue about billions of dollars and threaten postponement of the talks.

Germany's largest industries and the German government last month offered $3.3 billion (US) to settle the claims of hundreds of thousands of workers who were forced to toil in factories and on farms to help fuel the Nazi war machine.

Jewish groups blasted the offer as shameful and miserly. Victims' lawyers demanded $28 billion.

Now, it appears likely that the next round of the talks, scheduled for the middle of November, will be postponed so mediators can reach a compromise.

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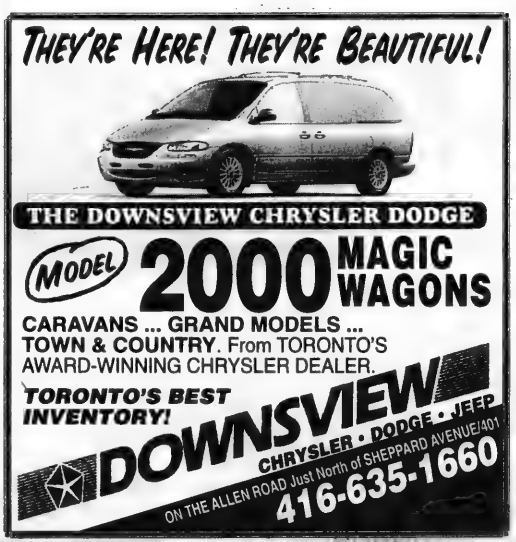
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Toronto couple killed in EgyptAir crash

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Mark and Anna Kogan loved to travel, and were looking forward to spending two weeks in Israel with friends and relatives, and two weeks touring Egypt.

They never made it.

The Toronto Jewish couple were among 22 Canadians who perished aboard EgyptAir flight 990 when it plunged into the ocean 30 minutes after leaving New York on Oct. 31.

The Kogans also loved their adopted homeland, Canada, where they arrived in 1974 from Leningrad, after having spent eight months in an Italian transit centre with other Soviet Jewish emigres.

Once here, they worked to make life easier for fellow newcomers.

"They helped a lot of people. I can't tell you how many people loved them," the Kogans' distraught only child, Elena, a 36-year-old immigration consultant, told *The CJN.*

Mark Kogan, 63, was a retired mechanical and hydraulic engineer, while his wife, 65, had been a popular science teacher at Greenwood Secondary School from 1984 to 1995, where flags flew at half-staff last week.

Anna Kogan had also taught high school science in the Soviet Union.

The couple retired a few years ago, and were spending most of their time at their cottage near Peterborough, added Elena, who drove her parents to Toronto's airport, where they caught a flight to New York.

They became active in Beth Israel Congregation, Peterborough's only synagogue.

The couple lived in Hamilton for their first five years in Canada and were active members of that city's Beth Jacob Congregation, Elena said.

Her mother was active in Hamil-

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CJC OFFERS REWARD: Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, is offering a $5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the pre-Halloween desecration of six tombstones and a Holocaust memorial at the Lambton Mills Cemetery on Royal York Road. The stones and the memorial, above, were defaced with spray paint. Metropolitan Toronto Police, 22 Division, can be contacted regarding this hate crime at 416-808-2200, or to remain anonymous, call 416-222-TIPS.

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The 'fighter' is back

Very few Canadian Jews have not been the beneficiaries of the civic, artistic athletic, philanthropic, commercial or scientific achievements of their co-religionists who have lived, at one time or another, in Montreal.

The history of Jewish life in Montreal dates from the mid 1700s. On a cold day, late in December in 1768, 15 Jews came together on St. James Street in Montreal to form the first Jewish congregation in Canada, Shearith Israel. The synagogue soon became known as the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, the name it bears to this day, although its address has changed a number of times.

From the founding of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, to the entrepreneurial pioneering of the Harts, Davids, Franks and Solomons, the modern philanthropy of the Bronfman and Cummings families or the literature and poetry of Klein, Layton, Cohen and Kattan, the Jews of Montreal have been like a band of energetic and passionate sculptors helping to draw out from the diversity, excitement and opportunity of "the new Canadian land," the shape and definition of engaged, caring Jewish communal life.

Ever since its founding, more than 200 years ago, Jewish communal life in Montreal has become renowned in North America for the breadth and inter-relatedness of its myriad cultural, religious, educational, social and health services.

As we all know, however, the advent, of activist separatism in the mid-1970s inspired a measure of economic uncertainty that profoundly affected Quebec's anglophone minority.

The Jewish community, counted primarily within that minority, was not spared some of the uncertainty's impact.

Like a fighter hit by a sudden, low blow, the Jewish community of Montreal seemed tentative, buckled somewhat by the economic uncertainties of the past few years.

But last week it became clear to all that the fighter has refound his strength and his posture.

On Nov. 4, the Jewish community of Montreal officially dedicated and celebrated its new Community Campus. *(See related story elsewhere in the paper.)*

The $30 million campus is the largest project ever undertaken by the Montreal Jewish community. When completed. it will span four city blocks and will house 23 of the Jewish community's social service and philanthropic agencies. It comprises a north and south campus.

The north campus is an expansion and renovation of the existing FEDERATION CJA headquarters. The south campus is an expansion and renovation of the YM-YWHA and Saidye Bronfman Centre: two newly-strengthened parts to a newly-invigorated, better whole.

As befitting the importance of the occasion, the event was an elegant gala. The heads of three levels of government, along with a number of other dignitaries, attended. They all conveyed greetings; imparted words of hope and aspiration and sent forth the unmistakable message that the "fighter" is back in full fighting trim, standing confidently at centre ring.

Representing the federal government, was the deputy prime minister, Herb Gray. Invoking Pirkei Avot, the deputy prime minister compared the community and its campus to a "tree by the water," taking root, giving and gaining both strength and comfort to all who are in its vicinity. "The Montreal Jewish Community Campus (MJCC)" Gray averred, "would be the cornerstone of the Montreal Jewish community."

Premier Lucien Bouchard urged the 1,000 people at the gathering "to be active and to look bravely at the future."

"For us," the premier added, "the MJCC symbolizes the common home we wish to share with all Quebec's Jews. We want to deepen the relationship and to deepen the ties."

To my mind, the most moving of the three governmental speakers was Montreal Mayor Pierre Bourque.

Speaking softly, without notes, he offered brief, plaintive remarks that gave testimony of a personal rather than an institutional, response to the opening of the MJCC.

"I visited your synagogues where I prayed with you. I visited your Jewish schools where I danced with you and celebrated with you. And I visited Israel where I planted flowers.

"The Jewish community," the mayor concluded "is giving to Montreal a will of continuity. You have always taught me about the future and about courage."

The future and the courage to always imagine a better one, were indeed, the key themes of the evening.

No one spoke more effectively about the future than did Stanley Plotnick, the outgoing president of FEDERATION CJA, and the man widely praised as the driving force behind the new campus.

The values embodied by the MJCC, Plotnick promised, will be "kindness, compassion, knowledge, culture and understanding."

And, as a result, "we, the Montreal Jewish community stand a little prouder and a lot more encouraged about the future."

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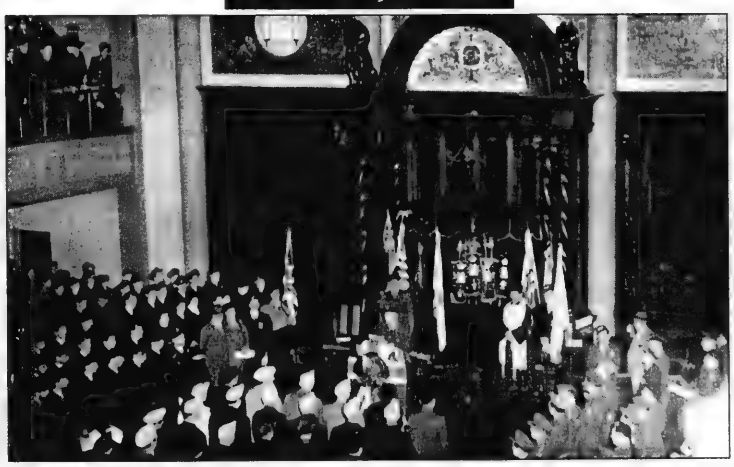

WE REMEMBER: First Lieutenant Chaplain S. Sachs reads a prayer for the Royal family at the Goel Tzedeck Synagogue, Toronto, Nov. 11, 1945. *[CJC National Archives]*

Women faced more violations

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Women suffered in the Holocaust both as Jews and as women, says an associate professor at York University.

"In some measure, what happened was not just a violation of humans, but a violation of women," said Prof. Sara Horowitz, a former director of Jewish Studies at the University of Delaware and author of *Voicing the Void: Muteness and Memory in Holocaust Fiction*.

Horowitz spoke at a recent Holocaust Education week event sponsored by National Council of Jewish Women and Jewish Women's Federation, and co-sponsored by Great Gulf Homes Charitable Foundation.

When she was asked by her students about women in the Holocaust, Horowitz said, she could not find many sources written by women. "Men were being the voice of women. The perspectives of men and women can both be different, yet they are both truthful.

"Both men and women were slated for murder; both endured disease, epidemics, famine and massive losses, and they both had to find ways to survive, yet there were differences," said Horowitz.

Women were better adapted to survive in the ghettos, she said, because they could endure lower rations of food. "More able bodied women were immediately killed at the concentration camps, however, because they had babies in their arms, or were pregnant. Men of the same age were given a chance to live longer."

In hiding, men were endangered by their circumcision, said Horowitz. "Women had no such marker, and because of this, they served as couriers and did sabotage work."

Pregnancy, she said, is usually a cause of joy and sharing, but in the ghettos and in hiding, a baby meant danger. "A baby's cry could give people away; a baby was sometimes killed so nine or 10 people could live."

In the camps, said Horowitz, the situation was more radical. Pregnancies were often kept secret, babies were delivered in secret, and then they were killed in secret. Mothers were told the baby was stillborn. "It was cruel, but in that context, it was an act of bravery. We cannot bring in our conventional way of thinking."

In their memoirs of the Holocaust, said Horowitz, women often talked about their final words with their mother. "Some women had a note from their mother, written in case they did not meet up again.

"They were told to be strong and survive, and then tell their story. Psychologically, girls saw this as permission to survive – [not to feel guilty.]"

Women in the camps often saw each other as surrogate family, said Horowitz. "They would find a substitute mother or daughter and look out for each other. Men, on the other hand, tended to look after themselves. Their memories are of what 'I' did, while women bonded in small groups and nurtured each other."

Although more and more information is emerging about women in the Holocaust, the subject of sexual abuse "seems to fall outside of what most women talk about. Maybe they were ashamed to talk about what happened to them, or maybe they were afraid it would put them outside the marriage market. This is very disturbing, because people did what they had to do to survive.

"In life in general, people are uncomfortable about [sexual] issues, but it is surprising that with regards to the Holocaust, it is still out of bounds to talk about it, because at that time, people were driven to extreme behavior."

Asked how women dealt with their lives after experiencing such horrors, Horowitz said that "they don't get beyond the sadness, they learn to live with it, and then embrace life. They learn to live with the sorrow rather than having it take over their lives."

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Arbour labels war criminals

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Louise Arbour believes in being very precise.

War criminals have been charged with "murder, extermination, rape, torture, enslavement, deportation, persecution on ethnic, racial or religious grounds.

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"That's what they are: murderers, torturers, rapists," said the Canadian Supreme Court Justice in a recent talk.

The term "war criminal" makes it too easy to suggest that the person is actually a war hero, she said.

Arbour, former chief prosecutor for the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, was speaking at a luncheon at the Sheraton Centre Hotel as part of Holocaust Education Week. The event was sponsored by the Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada.

Arbour feels she doesn't have the intellectual or emotional distance to achieve the kind of wisdom and understanding she would like following her three-year stint with the international tribunals established by the United Nations Security Council.

She has a lot more questions than answers, she said.

There are great hopes that a permanent international criminal court will be put in place, Arbour said.

The existence of such a court would reinforce national prosecutions, even in countries not supportive of an international court, she said.

National courts would likely have to deal with retroactive cases, which would be outside the international court's jurisdiction.

Among the issues Arbour raised was how to deal with national leaders compared with the prosecution of their "willing executioners.

"Maybe in the long run the international forum would be seen as more appropriate for leadership cases."

Arbour also raised the need to examine the "social pathology" behind the crimes.

The subject of her talk – War Criminals, 1999 – could not be more topical, Arbour said, noting the "huge amount of intellectual activity and action around this issue," particularly in regard to the recent extradition cases of Augusto Pinochet and Maurice Papon.

Arbour believes more has been accomplished in the past five years, than in the preceding 50, to bring to account some of the worst offenders.

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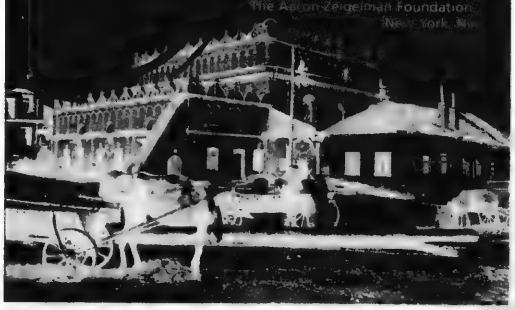

Holocaust-Kosovo comparison said inappropriate but effective

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The use of Holocaust imagery to describe the crisis in Kosovo was inappropriate, but it did spur Western powers to act, says the Canadian former commander of UN peacekeeping forces in Bosnia.

Holocaust Education Week

Retired Maj.-Gen. Lewis MacKenzie says he was "personally offended" by the comparisons of the tragedy in Kosovo to the Jewish experience during World War II because it was "an insult to the survivors and victims of the Holocaust."

But at the same, MacKenzie told an audience last week as part of Holocaust Education Week, "words like 'genocide,' 'concentration camp' and 'Holocaust' – those terms had a significant impact on the decision-making process of Western leaders.

"The term 'genocide' draws a moral and legal obligation to intervene."

In a talk at Asbury & West United Church sponsored by the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto, MacKenzie noted that during the Holocaust, Jews were shipped by trains to their deaths, whereas ethnic Albanian Kosovars – "as despicable as the act was" – were put on trains to be sent out of the country.

"We have to be careful how we use simplistic, black-and-white terms like 'Holocaust,'" MacKenzie said. "We mustn't allow it."

But the West may have been moved by those terms, he conceded, because at first, the international community was prepared only to deliver food and medicine to Kosovo and not to engage in a war.

MacKenzie also noted that whereas the UN was quick to describe events in Kosovo as genocide, it refused to use the same term in Rwanda, where at least 500,000 people were butchered in the summer of 1994.

There is "a degree of racism in that, no doubt," he said.

MacKenzie, who headed peacekeeping troops in Bosnia in 1991, said there are 43 wars and armed conflicts raging in the world today. The notion of peacekeeping, introduced by former Canadian prime minister Lester Pearson, has changed over the years.

"Today, rarely do we send people for peacekeeping because there is no peace to keep," Mackenzie said. A more accurate term would be "peace enforcers, because sometimes it is necessary to kill to keep peace."

Despite that, peacekeeping, with which Canada is still closely associated on the international stage, has worked 14 times between the 1956 Suez crisis and 1991 in Bosnia, he said.

Medical school ran in Warsaw ghetto

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A clandestine underground medical school operated in the Warsaw ghetto for 15 months under the guise of a trade school.

Dr. Charles Roland, the Jason Hannah professor emeritus in the history of medicine at McMaster University in Hamilton, spoke about the underground medical school at Kehillat Shaarei Torah during Holocaust Education Week.

"The Nazis didn't once come to inspect the course which was supposed to train workers to fight epidemics because the Germans were afraid their soldiers would get typhus," Roland said.

As it turned out, he said, of the 100,000 Jews who died in the ghetto, only three percent had typhus, but a large number of children died of tuberculosis or diphtheria.

The Nazis were so afraid of typhus that when the death of one resident of a large apartment block was attributed to typhus, the entire block was quarantined for weeks. This led to food smuggling. The smuggling was encouraged by the Nazis who set a limit of 173 calories a day for ghetto residents.

"The important thing is that 50 of the 500 medical students survived and 25 to 30 went on to become physicians, some of them completing their education at the University of Warsaw which gave them credit for attending the underground school," Roland said.

He noted that at least one of the faculty and a few of its graduates came to Canada to practice medicine.

The underground school made important advances in the study of human starvation, its faculty having ready access to those in the ghetto who were dying of hunger, he said.

The school struggled along with a few textbooks and instruments, some of which were smuggled out of Polish hospitals or universities. The books and instruments were passed from one student to another.

Roland revealed that when the ghetto was demolished in July of 1942, some of the underground-school teachers used poison to kill children in a ghetto hospital who were to be sent to Treblinka. Some patients jumped off the roof to their deaths when the news of the demolition came, he reported.

Asked by a member of the audience if the poisoning was ethical, Roland noted that a female physician, one of those who had administered the poison, wrote in a book that she has no regrets and that she did the right thing.

The makeshift hospitals in the ghetto were so overcrowded that there were three patients to a bed and some patients slept on the floor, Roland said.

About 50 percent of the records that were buried in the ghetto, under the supervision of historian Emanuel Ringelblum, were recovered; and there are copies of much of this material in Yad Vashem, in Jerusalem. A lot of the information has been translated into English.

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Toronto laneway named for J.B.

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — About a dozen people braved a persistent rain for the unveiling last week of the sign marking Joseph Salsberg Lane, located south off Adelaide Street, just west of Bathurst Street.

The late Joseph (J.B.) Salsberg, a politician, social activist, labour leader and *CJN* columnist, never looked for accolades, according to his brother Nat, who attended the unveiling with his three surviving siblings.

J.B.'s name came to mind immediately when labour historian Geoffrey Ewen was consulted regarding an appropriate name for a new downtown laneway.

City councillor Joe Pantalone – he and fellow councillor, Mario Silva, proposed the street name – paid tribute to Salsberg, recalling his commitment to the advancement of social justice for working people.

"This was his area," said Ewen, co-ordinator of the Canadian studies program at York University's Glendon College. "It seemed to me it was proper that there would be a permanent tribute to him," he told *The CJN*.

Salsberg, who died in February 1998 at age 95, represented the area on city council and in the provincial legislature, Ewen added.

"I think [J.B.] would have been very pleased," said his youngest brother Bob. Speaking on behalf of his siblings, he said he was proud of the honour bestowed on Salsberg.

From left, at the unveiling of a street sign in J.B. Salsberg's honour, are builder Richard Weldon, Salsberg's sister Betty Troster, his brother Bob (face partially hidden), Bob's wife Rene, Salsberg's brother Nat and his wife Lil, nephew Rick Salsberg (behind Lil), Councillor Joe Pantalone and Salsberg's sister Thelma Pritzker. [Frances Kraft photo]

With a twinkle in her eye reminiscent of her late brother, Betty Troster said she could hear him laughing. "What are you darn fools doing out in the rain?"

Program to examine Orthodoxy in modern world

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Issues facing traditional Jews in their contact with the modern world are the focus of a weekend program at Beth Jacob V'Anshe Drildz Congregation this weekend.

On the evening of Nov. 13 and all day Nov. 14, there will be lectures, discussions and panels on such topics as Orthodoxy and the contemporary world, relations with the Christian world, women and Halachah, spirituality, business, and psychotherapy.

Participants include Toronto rabbis Charles Grysman, Michael Skobac and Jay Kelman; Prof. Alex Pomson of York University; Rabbi Barry Freundel, an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University and a pulpit rabbi; author and lecturer Rivkah Blau; Rabbi Mayer Schiller, a leader in the baal tshuvah (return to observance) movement; and Rabbi Yosef Blau of Yeshiva University.

The program will begin Saturday evening at 8 p.m. and will continue the next day, from 10:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Babysitting on Sunday and refreshments will be available, and lunch is offered for a nominal fee. The cost is $25 for the entire conference ($10 for students), and $15 for Saturday night or Sunday.

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On the eleventh hour

Fifty days remain in what has certainly been the bloodiest most horrifically violent century in the history of humankind. Was there ever a decade in this century when human beings were not slaughtering fellow human beings? Even now – in the hills of Chechnya – people are being killed for the sake of nationalisms, regionalisms, and tribalisms. The killing offends humanitarian sensibility.

And yet, though wars – all wars – are brutally monstrous, not all wars are futile. Indeed some wars are just. As the people of Israel know only too well and too sadly, some wars must be fought, though the loss of life will be severe, and irreplaceable.

But not only Israel has come to know this mournful truth.

Barely more than two decades after the last gun fell silent in "the war to end all wars," World War I, most of the democracies on the planet, along with the totalitarian Soviet regime, mobilized to defend themselves against the Nazis and their fascist axis.

Since the end of that war, more than two generations of Canadians have been born and raised. Apart from the fighting in Korea in the early '50s, and in infrequent western-allied campaigns such as Desert Storm in the early '90s and in Bosnia earlier this year, Canadian soldiers have been deployed as peace-keepers not as peace-winners. This is a good thing. But it may lead to memory loss since more Canadians now have no direct memory of the two world wars than those who do. Inevitably, it will become increasingly more difficult to remember the actual faces and stories of the individuals who died in the service of their country.

Thus, if subsequent generations cannot recall *who* these men and women were, we must every year, resolve to remember *that* they were, that they fought in far off lands and died there in service of their country.

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month let us take to heart the words of the anonymous poet who poignantly suggests how best to express that resolve.

"At the rising of the sun and at its going down,
we remember them.
At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
we remember them.
At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,
we remember them.
At the shining of the sun and in the warmth of summer,
we remember them.
At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn,
we remember them.
At the beginning of the year and at its end,
we remember them.
When we are weary and in need of strength,
we remember them.
When we are lost and sick at heart,
we remember them.
As long as we live, they too will live
for they are now a part of us,
as we remember them..."

CAPTIVE IN IRAN

The government of Iran still holds the following members of the Jewish community as prisoners. Each is a universe of life and existence unto his own. And each has a name. Let us not forget them.

Javeed Beit Yakov, Navid Bala Zadeh, Nejat Broukhim, Ramin Farzam, Nasser Levi Haim, Faramarz Kashi, Farzad Kashi, Ramin Nemati, Shahrokh Paknahad, Farhad Saleh, Dani Teffilin, Omid Teffilin, Ashessr Zadmehr.

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Another version of slaughter

It's not unusual for the passage of time to distort facts, but the item from JTA about the rededication of the synagogue in Khania, Greece, needs some correction. (*CJN*, Oct. 21)

Some time after May 5, 1944, and before Oct. 24, 1944, the Germans who garrisoned Khania rounded up all the Jews in town, crowded them aboard a rusty old coaster, towed it out to the middle of Khania Bay, and used it for target practice to calibrate the gunsights on their 88-millimetre ack ack, which were sited on the high mountains around the bay.

The leaky old bucket sank before it could even catch fire, and a pitiful few survivors were left floundering in the water. The Germans then went out in motor boats and threw grenades near these poor souls, which stunned them and made them drown and sink to the bottom of the bay. Just to keep things nice and tidy.

Maybe the head of the prefecture of the Port of Khania (if he's old enough) or his father might be prevailed upon to add a few more details.

Ralph Charad
Montreal Post
Jewish War Veterans of Canada

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Old photographs of Kensington

A book on the history of the Kensington Market area in Toronto is to be published by Boston Mills Press in the fall of 2000. Initiated by St. Stephen's Community House, a non-profit organization located in the market, it will mark their 25th anniversary. Proceeds from the book will go to St. Stephen's to be used in the community.

Published author Jean Cochrane is researching and writing the book with current photographs being provided by well-known photographer, Vincenzo Pietrolpaolo.

The author is looking for old photographs and materials, such as ads, playbills, notices of meetings, and anything else that will illustrate life as it was in the area. Your originals will be copied and returned safely.

If you can help, please contact me.

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Alarmed by U.S. stance

Richard Holbrooke, the new U.S. ambassador to the UN, recently told reporters that the ethnic differences in Kosovo "are just racism, and there's no place for it."

Have American foreign policy makers become so ideologically detached from reality that they can reduce very serious and longstanding historical, religious and political animosities to "racism," as though we were dealing with Ku Klux Klan or neo-Nazis? Serbs and Albanians have been contesting Kosovo for decades, indeed centuries. These are two contending nationalist movements claiming the same territory. Similar battles occur in places such as Cyprus, Kashmir, Quebec, and of course Israel/Palestine.

These quarrels are not about "race," even if demonization and stereotyping sometimes occur as a byproduct.

Will Holbrooke now tell us that the movement to reconstitute a Jewish state, known as Zionism, was a form of racism? Shades of the infamous 1975 UN General Assembly resolution! Has American liberal "multiculturalism" become the utopian successor to the discredited notions that used to be peddled by Marxist theorists?

Professor Henry Srebrnik
University of Prince Edward Island
Charlottetown

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A lasting impression

The camp of Majdanek was like nothing I had ever seen before. This is the camp that has been left almost untouched since the end of the war. The silence coated the camp and time stood still as I walked in disbelief from barrack to barrack. "How?" and "why?" were the only things that kept racing through my mind. How could a human being do this to other human beings?

As I entered the third barrack, I just stood in the middle of the room, engulfed by millions of pictures.

As I walked in and out of the endless rows of barracks, I became dazed. Then came the barrack filled with shoes, and another filled right to the roof with shoes, and then another. Three full barracks with an endless number of shoes of all sizes and colours. I could smell them, that old, leathery worn-out smell. In disbelief, I walked to the end of the barracks and picked up two tiny children's shoes. I held them in my hands picturing the little girl who wore them. Her image became engraved in my mind and that is what gave me the strength to move on.

From the end of the barracks we crossed through the barbed wire, down a long path to where a huge dome of ashes stood. I sat staring into this overwhelming dome in amazement, not being able to comprehend the number of people who perished here. To all those people who said it never happened, I'm here to tell you it did. I felt their shoes and saw the millions of ashes.

The ashes, as well as the rest of the camp, left a lasting impression in my mind. Above me engraved in stone was a sign above the ashes that read "Let our fate be a warning unto you." From that moment on, I knew I was part of a unique chain of witnesses and I was going to make a difference.

I was going to make sure, "never again."

Marni Vimy, 17
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Kristallnacht: the beginning of the end

By ISRAEL KOPYTO

The year 1938 was a decisive one in the lives of German Jewry. When Adolf Hitler took over the political reins, that year, the opposition to the Fuhrer was silenced and the Nazi hierarchy began the realization of their plans to create a mighty Third Reich.

German foreign minister Joachim von Ribbentrop dispatched a document to all German diplomatic and consular bureaus entitled: *The Jewish Question, A Reality In Our Foreign Policy For 1938.* In it, he wrote the following: "It is not a coincidence that 1938, the year of our destiny, saw the realization of our plans for a larger and mightier Germany, but also a long step forward to the solution of the Jewish problem."

The document goes on to say: "The Jewish influence and the Jewish corruption of our political, economic and cultural lives brought a lot more harm to us than enemy action from the outside world. This sickness on the bodies of our nation must be eradicated *this* year, before the German Reich can put up a fight against the hatred of the world around us."

This was the beginning of the end for German Jews in particular, and for European Jews in general. The National-Socialist party was very strong in 1938. The Fuhrer removed from the government the last representatives of other parties, including the leaders of the military. No one dared to protest.

Hitler appointed his close friends and coworkers in the Nazi party to the leading positions in the German government and in the armed forces. He also decided in the same year that the time had come to realize his great plans for Germany. At the beginning of that fateful year, he openly declared that he was ready to show the whole world the German superiority, even if it had to be through war.

The Jews of Germany were not, unfortunately, forgotten in the grand scheme of the Nazi party. The opposite was true. The Jewish population and the "Jewish problem" figured prominently in these plans. The leaders of the Third Reich constantly expressed their hatred for the Jewish people and emphasized their plans for the disposal of the Jews forever.

As early as April 1933, even before Hitler was secure in his position, there were bloody anti-Jewish demonstrations, and a number of racially motivated laws against Jews were proclaimed. This prompted about 37,000 Jews to leave Germany. In the following few years, however, the situation became somewhat calmer, and the German Jews embraced a false hope for better times.

But better times were not to be. The Nazi leadership was determined to force the German Jews to leave the country. In September 1935, a number of anti-Jewish laws were enacted in Nuremberg. But Jewish emigration from Germany did not increase. Between 1934 and 1937, only 65,000 Jews left Germany.

Half of these emigrants remained in Europe, a third of them in France. The vast majority perished together with the other European Jews, and 27 percent went to Palestine.

Despite the fact that the annual quotas allowed 123,000 German Jews to come to the United States, only 27,000 settled there between 1933 and 1937.

Oranienburg Street Synagogue in Berlin, Nov. 9, 1938.

The Nazi regime decided to accelerate passage of their racial laws. In quick succession, stronger anti-Jewish laws were proclaimed, in order to make the lives of their Jewish citizens even more intolerable.

In 1937, the Soviet Union expelled a large number of Germans. As revenge, the Nazi government deported 500 Russian Jews living in Germany. The Soviet Union did not accept the deportees. With no common border between the two countries, the Nazis interned these Jews in a concentration camp – and no outside government interceded.

The culmination for German Jewry began on the night of Nov. 9, 1938, which has become known as Kristallnacht. On that night, the Hitler regime unleashed an orchestrated nationwide pogrom against the Jewish population, their places of worship, their institutions, their homes and their businesses. It lasted for three terrifying days. As a pretext for this indescribably bloody orgy, the Nazis used the assassination of a minor German diplomat in France by a young Jewish man, Hershel Grynszpan.

Grynszpan was born in Hanover, Germany, to Jewish parents of Polish extraction. At 17, he left home and settled in Paris, where a number of German Jews of Polish extraction had settled to try to avoid the reach of the Nazi laws against foreign-born Jews.

On Nov. 3, 1938, Grynszpan received a letter from his sister Bertha in Hanover. In despair she informed him that the German police had surrounded the old Jewish quarter in Hanover where about 680 Polish Jews lived, including Grynszpan's parents and their children. The Jews were stripped of their citizenship and property, and brutally shipped to the Polish border town of Zbonszyn to be sent to Poland.

The Hanover Jews were among 15,000 Polish-born Jews to be so deported to Poland. But the Polish authorities did not accept these Jews and they remained destitute in a no-man's land, without food, money or life's other necessities.

Young Grynszpan was very anxious about the fate of his family and that of other Jewish victims. He was a proud Jew, and decided to raise the world's awareness of the indignities heaped upon the Jews. He wanted to draw attention to Jewish suffering, even if it meant his own death.

On Nov. 6, he purchased a gun. The next day, he made his way to the German Embassy in Paris. At the gate, he explained in perfect German that he must personally deliver an important document to the ambassador. The ambassador and other senior diplomats were away, and Grynszpan was ushered into the office of the third embassy secretary, Ernst von Roth. When the secretary asked for the document, the enraged youth drew his revolver and pumped five bullets into the startled secretary, shouting: "This is in revenge for my family and the other 15,000 Polish-born Jews." Two days later, the mortally wounded von Roth died.

Grynszpan was arrested by the French police, but somehow managed to escape from them. He was less than 20 years old when he was captured by the Gestapo after the German army occupied Paris, and he disappeared without a trace. It is assumed that he died in the cellars of the Gestapo during his interrogation. His heroism and martyrdom will forever be remembered.

The death of von Roth was an instant excuse for the Nazi hierarchy to launch their widespread pogrom against the Jews. The regional leaders of the Nazi party received instructions from Reinhard Heydrich and Josef Goebbels that included precise plans on how to punish the Jews for the assassination in Paris. At the same time the German police received orders not to interfere with the way the Nazi units went about their "job."

And so the Nazi "Sturm-Troopers" executed the orders of the Reichsbureau. Starting with the night of Nov. 9, and for three days following, they drowned the German Jews in blood. They robbed, beat and murdered men, women and children. They destroyed Jewish homes and businesses. They set fire to Jewish synagogues and prayerhouses, and 76 were totally burned to the ground, among them some of the oldest synagogues in Europe.

Hundreds of Jews were murdered during the three days. The Nazis announced that 36 had died and 36 had been wounded. Diplomatic observers and foreign journalists wrote about hundreds Jewish victims, young and old, whose bodies lay scattered on the streets. Official sources announced that throughout the land, 7,500 businesses and markets had been destroyed. The truth, as it was later learned, was much higher.

The designation Kristallnacht was coined by the German insurance industry because of all the broken glass on the streets, which reflected the fires of the burning Jewish homes, businesses and places of worship.

At the same time, Austria, which since March 13 was part of Nazi Germany, conducted its own Kristallnacht, not less brutal than Germany's. The Austrian Nazis wanted to impress the Fuhrer and show that they could be more vicious than their German party brothers. The Nazi regime in Austria usurped Jewish possessions and used the proceeds to arm the German military.

And the world was silent. This silence gave the Hitler regime more courage to proceed with its savage persecution of German Jewry. Kristallnacht was the first official German pogrom against Jews, but alas, not the last one. It was also the beginning of an almost seven-year plan to annihilate the Jews.

Jewish Shop in Berlin after the Pogrom.

The world was silent on the night of Nov. 9, 1938, and was silent in the following days, nights, months and years, when the Nazi murderers sowed death and destruction all over the world.

Israel Kopyto, a survivor, lives in Toronto.

Opinions

Jews in Canada

Several months ago, I received a little pamphlet containing the transcript of a lecture that Prof. Irving Abella had presented at York University. He is, without question, Canada's best known historian, the first occupant of the J. Richard Shiff Chair for the Study of Canadian Jewry. His lecture — which was actually given a year ago — was entitled Canadian Jewry: Past, Present and Future.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

I write about it now because what Abella had to say deserves the widest attention. Better than anyone else I know, he was able to characterize in trenchant terms both the Jewish community and the nation in which we live. Here are just a few of his observations:

Anyone who speaks or writes about Canadian Jewry inevitably compares it to the much larger community to the south. There, the emphasis lies with the rights of individuals, Abella says, while Canadian historical roots involve the constitutional rights of the two founding groups, the French and the English, as "distinct, unassimilated, and theoretically of equal worth and entitlement. Unlike the United States, where individualism promoted assimilation, Canada has always conceded that the right to integrate based on differences has as much legal and political integrity as the right to assimilate." In other words, to the south of us is a melting pot, a concept strange to Canadians.

Consequently, ours is a pluralistic culture, which we like to call "the Canadian mosaic." That is why we give to each of our ethnic and religious minorities — and in that sense every group is a minority — the right to celebrate its own traditions without the compulsion to be someone else. Perhaps that is also the reason why south of the border there is continual racial tension, while in Canada we have somehow reasonably managed to accommodate the needs of our constituencies. Though not all of them are happy and would like to see changes, we have so far been able to solve such differences peacefully.

Abella strongly denies that Canadian multiculturalism is either a weakness or a failure. Those who take that view believe multiculturalism to be the origin for the relatively low level of patriotism in Canada. But when I arrived in Canada in 1961, long before Pierre Trudeau had introduced his multicultural vision, I already noted the absence of the kind of patriotism existing in the United States. I found this absence both unusual and yet in its own way most attractive, for it could never lead to the kind of chauvinistic excesses occasionally found in the States.

Abella points out, however, that assimilation has infected Canadian Jewry as well. The factors that made for Jewish cohesion are weakening, he says, for "aside from Holocaust remembrance, what has united all Jews has been the concern for an embattled Israel and for oppressed Jewish communities throughout the world. These have helped shape our identity…What aside from religion will bind Jews together in the future?" That is indeed a question worth pondering.

Those interested in receiving Abella's paper might wish to ask the Centre for Jewish Studies at York University if copies can still be obtained.

Thinking about the Pope

The provocative title of a recent book, *Hitler's Pope: The Secret History of Pius XII*, by John Cornwall, is certain to attract a readership beyond the Catholic population of the English-speaking world. It grapples with issues that have a bearing on the behaviour of Pius XII during the era of Nazi rule in Europe. It also deals with the relationship between the Vatican and the organized Jewish community, as well as that between ordinary Jews and Catholics who struggle towards dialogue.

Joan M. Gerber in Vancouver

The beatification of Pius XII was begun in 1965 (he died in 1958). The present Pope has reactivated the drive to have him declared a saint, thus opening once more the acrimonious debate over the role of the Vatican during the Holocaust.

Pius XII was born in 1876. He entered a church that faced the perceived threats of modernity, especially the loosening of control by the Vatican over national churches, and calls for local autonomy and liturgical reform. As Cardinal and then Pope, Pius XII fought tirelessly to preserve the central authority of the Vatican as sole spokesman on all affairs and attitudes Catholic.

In other words, in order for the Vatican and the Pope to remain the sole voice of Catholic doctrine and its social conscience, Pius XII was willing to sign concordats with Mussolini and then with Hitler. In return, the Fascists recognized that sole authority and the Pope therefore remained silent when millions (including Polish Catholic countrymen of the present Pope) went to the gas chambers.

This is a stinging indictment of bureaucracy run wild. To believe that a Pope would allow the murder of millions of human beings, without saying a meaningful word in humanity's defense, is a terrible thought.

Even worse for Jews is the thought that a man so bloodied by inaction would become a venerated saint of the Catholic Church. Coming on the heels of the grant of sainthood to the nun Edith Stein, a Jewish convert to Catholicism who died in the Holocaust, the saintliness of Pius XII is hard for us to take.

From the day that Pope Urban II declared the first crusade in 1095, uneasy relations between Jews and Christians in Europe became poisoned by centuries of exile, blood libels, restrictions on personal and religious life, and, of course, periods of pogrom.

Sadly, the Crusades were perpetrated not for holy reasons but for reasons internal to the Church, reasons not altogether different from those facing Pius XII: recognition of the supremacy of the Papacy. For Urban II, it was the supremacy of Rome over Byzantium and control over unruly princes and kings (and their armies). Like Pius XII, Urban was erecting a bulwark against diminishment of Vatican control.

Is it, however, any of our business whom the Vatican decides to canonize? And what effect will this have on our daily discourse? I believe it is our business and it will have an effect.

Slowly and laboriously, Jews and Christians have begun building bridges towards each other. Hesitantly at first, then spurred by the all-too-brief papacy of Pope John XXIII, the two entities have tried to speak across the chasms filled with bodies and mutual distrust that made this the bloodiest century for the Jews since the 12th. For the Pope now to enable the sainthood of a man who represents the unforgivable silence of a generation regarding the Holocaust, would be devastating to any future understanding.

The present Pope has already declared his intent to journey to "Ur of the Chaldees," (currently Iraq). In honor of what, I'm not too sure. Judaism has some connection to this pile of rubble, but Christianity does not. Nor is our memory of Ur too benign. Father Abraham was fleeing the culture of Ur, not trying to build upon its idolatry.

And the Pope's hesitation about coming to Israel? That really angers. Ur but not Jerusalem? Saddam but not Barak? Surely not.

This kind of waffling and pontificating (no pun intended) will only harm relations between the Vatican and Israel on one hand, and, on the other, damage our attempts through dialogue to put things right after so many centuries of hate.

What can begin to atone for the silence of Pius XII? For the Pope to reject Saddam and all his works; denounce the oppression and murder of his own people; announce that John Paul and his retinue will begin the new century with a bold visit to Israel and the Palestinian areas, to sites holy to Christians and those holy to Jews; insist that the major task of all persons of faith is peace. And leave the issue of Pius XII's sainthood for the generations to come.

An antidote to post Zionism

As readers of this column know, I have spent my last two sabbaticals as a visiting professor at Hebrew University. One of my first observations was that colleagues at the Hebrew University did not engage in casual conversation.

Bruce Elman in Edmonton

Indeed, it is quite possible that Israelis, generally, don't engage in casual conversation. Given the serious issues that confront them on a daily basis, every discussion is of grave national import. Positions are strongly held and views are expressed with great fervour. Conversations occasionally concern Israel-Diaspora relations. During one such conversation, a colleague opined: "There are no more Zionists, either inside the state or in the Galut (Diaspora)."

I wondered: " Was he right? Are there any Zionists left out there?" After all, the State of Israel was established more than 50 years ago. Israel is no longer the "new kid on the block." Furthermore, it is relatively secure, both militarily and economically.

It is difficult to view the shoppers strolling the mall at Malcha or the sunbathers at Nitzanim Beach as modern day chalutzim (pioneers). The people sitting in the restaurants are not deeply involved in debating the merits of political Zionism versus spiritual Zionism. They are simply citizens of a state who want to get on with their lives: to earn a living, provide for their families, and ensure the safety of their children.

Before we went on our first sabbatical, I envisioned – based upon my years of Zionist camping experience – that people would invite us to join them around the bonfire where we would sing the old Zionist pioneering songs. (Admittedly, I was a bit naive.) In fact, when people entertain in Israel, it is pretty much as we do here in North America.

As for Jews in the Diaspora, we travel to Israel more than ever. Most, however, see it as a nice vacation spot. "Where should we go this year for Pesach? I'm tired of Palm Springs. Let's go to Netanya!" It is a mitzvah to visit Eretz Yisrael, but there is seldom a sense of mitzvah in this type of visit.

Similarly, there is no sense of mitzvah when we send our children. Even when our youth go on a year program, it is more often to bridge the transition between high school and university or as a break during university than it is with any sense of Zionist fervour.

When I was a teenager, my mother would not let me go to Israel on a year program. She was afraid I would stay there permanently. I doubt any of us worries about that with our children: "I support the State of Israel – it's a nice place to visit!" Perhaps my colleague was right – there are no more Zionists!

This all came to mind recently when I attended a meeting of a Jewish organization whose object is to provide support for the State of Israel. One person began a sentence with the phrase: "Now that we are in the post-Zionist era…" Is the great Zionist project – the creation of the State of Israel, the establishment of its national institutions, the assurance of its viability and long-term security, and the ingathering of the exiles – complete? Is the era of Zionism really at an end? I hope not.

We should realize that, although the relationship between the state and Diaspora Jewry may change over time, the Zionist project is not concluded. It is still a work in progress. Many large issues face the State of Israel. First and foremost, is the issue of peace and security. And there are many other internal issues that will have to be faced. Chief among these is the balancing of secular and religious interests. The Basic Laws of the State define Israel as "Jewish and democratic." Determining what this means will take a great deal of work in the coming years.

There is still an important role for Zionists to play, both in Israel and in the Diaspora, in determining the future character of the state and its relationship to world Jewry. Jews the world over share a common history. We must recognize our shared destiny as well.

We must not succumb to complacency or apathy concerning Israel. There is an antidote to this creeping post-Zionist consciousness that seems to be affecting us. Education is the first step on the path to placing Zionism at the forefront of the consciousness of Diaspora Jewry. We need to learn the basics: Zionist ideology, the history of Jewry and the State of Israel, and the geopolitical and domestic issues which confront Israel. Zionist organizations have a special responsibility to co-operate in the active promotion of a mass education campaign to rejuvenate the Zionist consciousness of Canadian Jewry.

Perhaps, then, our era will not be labelled as "post-Zionist," but rather as the "rebirth of Zionism."

The Kirshner File

Pope John Paul II's relationship with Jews

Karol Wojtyla, better known as John Paul II, has forged a new and improved relationship with Jews and Israel, according to George Weigel, author of *Witness to Hope* (HarperCollins), the newest biography of the current Pope.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

Weigel, an American Catholic theologian who personally knows and clearly admires this pope, the first Polish one, presents a convincing case that he has striven to be a friend to the Jewish people and Israel.

Born in Wadowice, a town with a substantial Jewish population, he grew up with Jews. Influenced by his boyhood friendships with Jews, his father's lessons in tolerance, his pastor's teaching that anti-Semitism was antithetical to the Gospels and his first-hand knowledge of the Holocaust, he formed a distinctive sensitivity to Jewish pain.

In an interview, Weigel, who was here to promote his book, said, "The Pope has a profound sense that the murder of Jews was a blow to the richness of European culture."

During the German occupation of Poland, he was a member of UNIA, a clandestine cultural group aligned to Zagota, the Council to Help Jews. While indifference and hostility all too often characterized Polish attitudes to Jews, the Poles in Zagota were refreshingly philo-Semitic. By Weigel's estimate, they supplied false identity papers for some 50,000 Jews and hid about 2,500 Jewish children.

Deeply affected by the Nazi rape of Poland, the young Wojtyla urged students in postwar Poland to care for abandoned and neglected Jewish cemeteries. Years later, when he was Pope, he said, "We must remember the Shoah, that cruel plan to exterminate... our Jewish brothers and sisters..."

Under his guidance, the Vatican's Commission on Religious Relations with the Jews published *We Remember: A Reflection on the Shoah* in 1994, a document which described the Holocaust as an "unspeakable tragedy." *We Remember* was somewhat flawed, failing to take account of the fact that historic Christian anti-Semitism laid the groundwork for Nazi genocide.

On balance, it set the right tone for Christian-Jewish dialogue, though Weigel suggested that it would have been more credible had it not drawn such a neat distinction between Christian anti-Judaism and Nazi anti-Semitism. Weigel acknowledged that traditional anti-Jewish teachings dulled and weakened Christians' resistance to Germany's race-based anti-Semitism.

Asked whether *We Remember* was a case of too little, too late, as some Jews have stated, Weigel said that it represented an honest attempt by the Vatican to confront the Holocaust. "It was a step forward." But he hastened to add that the Pope will probably issue an addendum in 2000 to clarify "the bitter history of Jewish-Christian relations."

The first pope to visit a synagogue, Pope John Paul II believes that interfaith dialogue is a religious imperative and an expression of "divine wisdom." In line with these views, he has denounced "pagan anti-Semitism," and acknowledged that "erroneous and unjust" interpretations of the Christian Bible have contributed to "a lulling of conscience" among Christians.

Weigel believes that the Pope has tried to deepen Jewish-Christian relations by building on the achievements of Vatican II. He has done so by coming to terms with "the lessons and burdens of history" and by "retooling" Roman Catholic worship and education so that it more adequately reflects the church's debt to its Jewish roots.

Pope John Paul II

Now, said Weigel, the Pope proposes "a genuine theological encounter of the kind not seen in 1,900 years." This, he claimed, is not proselytism.

Regarding the Carmelite convent controversy, which roiled Jewish-Catholic relations in the 1980s and 1990s, Weigel suggested that both sides inflamed the situation. He is critical of Rabbi Abraham Weiss of New York City for having stormed the convent. He takes Cardinal Jozef Glemp to task for having dredged up anti-Semitic stereotypes. And he implies that the Pope should have intervened earlier.

Weigel's analysis of the Vatican's decision to establish formal diplomatic ties with Israel in 1993 contains fresh information.

In 1987, the Pope, who caused a titter by meeting Yasser Arafat in 1982, declared that there were "no theological reasons" in Catholic doctrine for the Vatican not to forge ties with Israel. Following the 1991 Madrid Middle East peace conference, the Vatican developed a blueprint for negotiating such relations.

Interestingly enough, the strategy was devised by Father David-Maria Jaeger, a convert to Christianity who is still the only Israeli Jew to have been ordained as a priest.

Weigel is of the view that Vatican relations with Israel cleared away a major obstacle to the advancement of Jewish-Christian ties.

Pope John Paul II will visit Israel next spring despite a Vatican warning that he may cancel his trip, said Weigel. The Vatican warned Israel recently that its decision to allow the construction of a mosque next to a historic basilica in Nazareth – the boyhood home of Jesus – could jeopardize a papal visit to mark the start of Christianity's third millennium.

Weigel scoffed at the report that the brewing controversy would result in the cancellation of the trip. "He'll visit Israel in March 2000," said Weigel. "He'll be on a religious pilgrimage, and won't let it be deflected by local politics."

A senior fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C., Weigel disclosed that the Pope, criticism notwithstanding, intends to go through with a visit to Iraq later this year so that he can pray at Abraham's birthplace in Ur.

"The Pope is going to visit Abraham, not Saddam Hussein," said Weigel. "Saddam will get a handshake at the airport. The Pope won't let himself be used by Saddam."

Weigel blasted John Cornwell's new book, *Hitler's Pope: The Secret History of Pius XII*. Cornwell claims that Pius XII's ingrained anti-Semitism contributed to his refusal to condemn unequivocally Nazi policy toward Jews.

"It's full of inaccuracies. It's shoddy, third-rate scholarship. The material was run through a filter of extreme animus. Pius XII was not Hitler's Pope. This is a comic, not history."

In Weigel's opinion, Pius XII was not an anti-Semite. Weigel admitted, however, that his characterization of Jewish revolutionaries in Munich, Germany, as "a gang of young women of dubious appearance, Jews like all the rest of them," was needlessly provocative.

"There is a reasonable argument whether Jews would have been better or worse off had Pius XII spoken out," according to Weigel. Pius XII apparently believed that too strong a denunciation of Germany would have worsened the situation for Jews in Nazi-occupied Europe.

"Whether that was an accurate judgment is something we'll be arguing about for 500 years."

Weigel said that he gave refuge to about 3,000 Jews in the Vatican during World War II. During this period, 70 Jewish children were born in his summer residence. "These are not the acts of an anti-Semite." And, Weigel pointed out, the Vatican denounced Germany's anti-Semitic race laws.

Weigel said that Austrian President Kurt Waldheim forced Pope John Paul II's hand when he demanded a papal audience in 1987. Waldheim, he implied, should not have placed the Pope in such a predicament.

Yet, as "the democratically elected head of a historically Catholic country," Waldheim could not be shunned, Weigel suggested.

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Town's beauty marred by blood-chilling sight

By
MAREK SIEMIATYCKTI

The following text concerns the author's stay in a small village, where he found temporary refuge after spending a couple of years masquerading as a Catholic in Warsaw, and had many close calls with being found out. It is excerpted from the author's memoirs.

Guest Voices

I must relate here something about the town of Novy Sanch. It was an exceptionally beautiful place, almost untouched by the war operations. A magnificent chain of mountains circles the town, and a pretty river goes through the middle (which served as a skating rink in winter time). The winter climate of that year 1944-45 was exceptionally pleasant; there was little dampness, the cold was dry and it snowed almost every day, replenishing the crisp white clean cover for many weeks. The natural beauty of this town was a needed source of calm and relaxation.

However, in this town that was such an oasis, was a source of bitterness that would daily overwhelm me, and make my warm blood freeze. The sidewalks of most streets in this town had recently been repaved. But, instead of using regular cobblestones, the authorities had paved the sidewalks with gravestones from Jewish cemeteries, some of them centuries old. The gravestones were laid into the ground with Hebrew names and religious epigrams facing the heavens like a contemptuous challenge to the Jewish God.

All of these Davids, Leahs, Abrahams, Saras, Rachels, Judiths and Ruths spoke to me. I heard their pitiful, mournful, soft crying questions: "Why were we expelled from our resting places? Will tender voices from our descendants ever come near to console us? Will warm tears from our children ever fall on our graves to warm our cold, dead bones? Will they set foot by our graves to say a Kaddish for our souls?"

As I had to cross over their gravestones daily, I could not ignore their pleas. I had to silently whisper the "Kaddish" for all of them, deceased and desolate, expelled from their resting place, their souls longing for peace. When I did this, I sensed their presence and I felt them revive and respond with a quiet collective whisper, like the rush from a fresh natural mountain stream. They responded: "We are not abandoned. We are not forgotten. They will come again, with their sighs, their tears, and their prayers. We will be remembered..."

Dear reader, in writing these words which I hope will have an audience someday, I have to insist that these recollections, mystical perhaps, are not invented or exaggerated.

One living Jewish heart possesses enough strength, warmth and affection for millions. The merciful God (blessed his name) will look upon your afflictions and will redeem them for his name's sake. He will lead you to the tranquil waters of righteousness. Redemption is near...

Sleep in peace dear ones.

Salute to Jewish Web sites

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

Today, another in my occasional salutes to Web sites, big and small, that find creative ways to stretch the boundaries of the Jewish Internet. Kol HaKavod!

One of the powerful uses of the World Wide Web is for social action. Virtual Jerusalem has put together a large site on behalf of the 13 arrested Iranian Jews **[http://www.vjnews.com/iranjews.htm]**. There's a news update, background on Iranian Jewry, addresses for writing to senior politicians and clerics in Iran (including the e-mail address for President Mohammad Khatami) and an online petition. That petition has now been passed on to the World Jewish Congress to aid it in its lobbying efforts. But you can still browse the 47,984 names of people who decided to sign up.

Do you want to keep up on the latest news about Israel and the Jewish world but don't have time to surf? Try the YudelLine **[http://www.shmooze.com/yudel]**. Larry Yudelson describes himself as a "recovering journalist" who skims the Internet daily for the interesting and the offbeat. On the day I checked, he had linked his site to stories about how Israel's Habima National Theatre is barring English speaking immigrants because of their accents (*Ha'aretz*), about Richard Nixon and his alleged anti-Semitism (*Newsweek*), and about erotic archeological finds uncovered at Kiryat Shmonah (*Jerusalem Post*.)

Occasionally, Yudelson annotates the articles with his own take on world stories.

Why just be a regular clown when you could be a *Jewish* clown? J-CLOWN is an e-mail discussion list for comic entertainers, teachers and anyone else who wants to learn the art of Jewish clowning **[http://www.geocities.com/jgirlscout/j-clown.html]**. Through quarterly newsletters, members share tips about Jewish puppetry, Jewish balloon sculpting and face painting with a Jewish flair.

(And speaking of Jewish clowns, fans of *The Simpsons* can find a detailed summary of the classic episode in which Krusty the Clown explores his Jewish roots **[http://www.snpp.com/episodes/8F05.html]**. In Like Father, Like Clown, Krusty is reunited with his estranged father, Rabbi Hyman Krustofsky – played by Jackie Mason – who had disowned his son when he was determined to become a clown.)

Israel – A Light unto the Nations is an "interactive look at Israeli technology and its effects on the world." **[http://hyperion.advanced.org/20916/gather/index.htm]**. The site highlights 50 years of advances in the fields of agriculture (e.g. drip irrigation), medicine (gene therapy), military (the Merkava tank) and modern conveniences (solar energy). What makes this site particularly impressive is that it was created by three students and three coaches at Milken Community High School of the Stephen Wise Temple in Los Angeles.

A couple of years ago, I introduced you to David Bader, author of *How to be an Extremely Reform Jew* **[http://www.extremely.com/reform]**. Well, David is back with Haikus for Jews **[http://www.haikusforjews.com]**. As you may remember, haiku is a traditional Japanese poem consisting of three lines of five, seven and five syllables. Two samples from Haikus for Jews: No fins, no flippers, the gefilte fish swims with some difficulty; and Is one Nobel Prize so much to ask from a child after all I've done?

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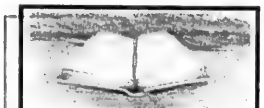

Rabbinic Reflections

All her paths lead to peace

By RABBI MOSHE SHULMAN

"Because of the trembling and fear that Jacob caused Isaac, he was punished with the tragedy of Joseph." (Zohar, 1:144)

"Because Jacob took the blessing deceitfully, his children were placed at the mercy of the children of Esau for generations." (Zohar Chadash, 23)

Commenting on the tragedy of the story of Jacob and Esau as expressed by these sources, Harav Naftali Zvi Yehuda Berlin, the Netziv, asks the obvious question: How was it that the birthright and legacy of the children of Abraham came to be fought over in this seemingly tragic manner?

In a fascinating expression of profound insight into the psychology of human behaviour the Netziv suggests that the true tragedy here was one of a total breakdown of communication between the principle players, Jacob and Esau. This is even more true with Isaac and Rebecca.

Clearly Rebecca and Isaac had different views on the respective merits of their children. Tragically, says the Netziv, instead of confronting each other with their personal perspectives, they never talked to each other. This was due, in part, to the fact that they came from two different worlds.

Open, honest communication between them was never there. In the entire portion, with the exception of half a sentence of dialogue at the end of the portion, there is no verbal communication whatsoever between the two principle players.

When applied directly to the area of family dynamics and communication between members of a household, this is certainly a critical lesson for us to learn. Clearly the most significant breakdown of marriages in this decade results from lack of proper channels of communication between spouses. And a case could be made for the veracity of this statement regarding relationships between children and parents as well.

But there is also a broader aspect of communication that must be explored in this context, and that is communication between Jews as a community. After all, we are all one family. And if we cannot find a common language with which to communicate with each other peacefully and harmoniously, then we will ultimately end up fighting with each other.

Whether debating local politics or Israeli politics, religious dogma or halachic nuances, we must be guided by the dictum of our sages (Ethics of our Fathers): "Rabbi Eliezer taught: Let the honour of your friends be dear to you, and do not be quick to anger."

Rav Joseph Soloveitchik said, in this context: "I may attack a certain point of view which I consider false, but I will never attack a person who preaches it. I have always a high regard for the individual who is honest and moral, even when I am not in agreement with him. Such a relation is in accord with the concept of *kavod habriyot*, for beloved is man for he is created in the image of God."

As spouses, parents, friends, neighbours, or members of a community, in every aspect of our interpersonal relationships with one another, we would do well to constantly remind ourselves of this lesson. Open communication, dialogue, civility, mutual respect, tolerance and understanding are the basic components for creating a people that "loves peace and pursues peace," and Abaye taught that peace is the essence of the entire Torah, as it says: *Ve'chol netivoteha shalom* – All her paths lead to peace."

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American Jewish lore

Books
Bernard Baskin

***American Jewish Desk Reference*, The Ultimate One-Volume Reference to the Jewish Experience in America (American Jewish Historical Society, $61.50).**

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The following are some unrelated, but typical entries that caught my attention:

• "Coca-Cola became kosher in 1935. Rabbi Geffen of Atlanta approached the company and asked if he could have access to the highly secret formula for the drink – perhaps one of the best-kept secrets in the country.

"After swearing him to absolute secrecy, the company provided him with a list of ingredients. They were not all kosher. Working with the rabbi, the company substituted other products which were, and now even the most observant Jews can feel comfortable that 'things go better with coke.'"

Actor Leonard Nimoy, best known as Mr. Spock, the pointy-eared half human/half alien in *Star Trek*, writes: "When I was a boy, there was a particular blessing used in our local shul. The four fingers of each hand were split to create the Hebrew letter shin, representing … the name of Almighty.

"When we were creating the television program *Star Trek*, we needed a salute. I thought back to that hand symbol and proposed it. The rest, as they say, is history."

• "The preparation and sale of kosher food in the United States is now a major industry, with total sales estimated at $3.25 billion and total consumers at 7.5 million. There are over 41,000 commercial products certified to be kosher and over 8,400 companies producing these products.

• "The 1934 election for governor of New York pitted two Jews against each other – Herbert Lehman, the candidate of the Democratic party, was the incumbent and his Republican opponent was the now-legendary Robert Moses.

"Lehman won in a landslide. It should be noted that all his life Moses tried to distance himself from his Jewish heritage (his mother was Jewish), once threatening to sue the editors of the *Jewish Encyclopedia* for libel when he learned that they were planning to include his biography."

• "As the Titanic sank on the night of April 14, 1912, 21-year-old David Sarnoff was at his wireless telegraph listening post in New York for 72 uninterrupted hours, relaying to newspapers and frantic family members news of the sinking. This action made his career – and assured the future of radio communication.

"Wireless communications had, up to that time, been regarded as a novelty. Sarnoff's career took off with the new medium, and he rose to become chairman of the board of the Radio Corporation of America (RCA).

• Unlike other chassidic sects in the United States, which maintained insular communities, the Lubavitch movement was committed to expanding its membership and bringing all Jews into its circle. Rabbi Menachem Schneerson established Lubavitch centres, Chabad houses, and modern technological innovations such as toll-free numbers, satellite hookups, mikvah-tanks, and sukkah-mobiles.

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Professors raise questions about community's future

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
CJN Staff

TORONTO — Four York University professors who recently participated in a lively panel discussion about the Jewish future raised many questions but provided few answers about the shape of the Jewish community in 50 or 100 years.

Jewish studies professor Sara Horowitz, who both moderated and participated in the discussion at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre (JCC), called Jews of today "Jews of choice.

"Jews today are not forced to be Jews. That…is the basis of the Jewish future," she said.

The panel discussion highlighted many of the same issues raised three years ago at conference on the Jewish future, which was sponsored by philanthropist Bernard Ghert and held at York University.

Among those who organized the earlier conference were Prof. Michael Brown, director of the Centre for Jewish Studies; Prof. Bernard Lightman, co-ordinator of the science, technology, culture and society program; and Prof. Rachel Schlesinger, associate professor of sociology. They were also the panelists at the recent discussion, along with Horowitz.

A book based on the conference – *Creating the Jewish Future* (AltaMira 1999), co-edited by Brown and Lightman – was referred to by the panel.

Horowitz said one of the main issues facing Diaspora Jewry is that they feel extremely comfortable. "Diaspora Jews find our welcome so welcoming that we'll be welcomed out of existence."

She said a serious challenge for continuity is that Jews are no longer a community of immigrants. "We feel part of the North American culture…We feel connected to Canada. There's no need to feel [that one] belongs to a Jewish group."

In trying to project what the community will look like, Schlesinger said, it is important to look back and compare today's community with that of 50 years ago. There have been changes in the roles of women and men within the family structure, she said.

The strength of the Jewish community today is that it can accommodate the changes and it welcomes the diversity, Schlesinger said.

She noted that a big difference between communities then and now is that in the past, there was "generational continuity in the way rituals were passed down."

With the increased mobility of families, generational continuity is more difficult, and people have to be more innovative with rituals, she said. "Instead of always going back to the old ways, they are finding new, creative ways."

Stressing that decisions need to be made on how community resources are allocated, Brown asked:

'Diaspora Jews find our welcome so welcoming that we'll be welcomed out of existence'

"Should the community do outreach to people who have drifted away and bring them back to the community or should the money be spent where the affiliation is strong?"

The cost of being part of the Jewish community – for day school, camp and synagogue fees – is "alienating people," he said.

"We want to be open, accessible and be reaching out, and give attention to people, or else it becomes too difficult to be Jewish."

Studies show that the more intense Jewish education is, the more "likely it is to stick," because Jews need to know the content of Judaism, he said. In addition, camps and youth groups offer opportunities to feel Jewish and "put book knowledge to work."

Lightman raised the issue of how much of a role religion will play in the future. "Although belief in God is no longer necessary to be a Jew, I wonder if we can withstand the forces of secularization. Will we resist the forces of secularization to retain religion?"

The panel discussion was presented by The Downtown Learning Council with the First Narayever Congregation and Jewish Campus Services.

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A house located at 42 St. George St., originally owned by Mendel Granatstein, is the first house on record in Toronto to be owned by a Jew. It is slated for demolition to make way for a University of Toronto building.

Historical home faces demolition

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When Sheldon Godfrey learned recently that the University of Toronto is set to demolish a house at 42 St. George St., he flew into action.

Godfrey, a former chair of the Heritage Canada Foundation, and the author of several books on Canadian Jewish history, immediately wrote Heritage Toronto and asked that the building be designated a heritage site under the Ontario Heritage Act.

The building, he said in a recent interview, was the residence of Mendel Granatstein, and is the first house in Toronto that was owned by a Jew, according to Heritage Toronto records. "There were Jewish people in the community 100 years earlier, but no records were kept."

Granatstein, said Godfrey, immigrated to Canada from Poland around 1900, and owned a business that employed many other Jewish immigrants. He received a permit in December 1919 to build the $13,000 house, located just north of College Street.

"It was a huge amount at that time. It was a grand house," said Godfrey.

According to Godfrey, after Heritage Toronto received his letter, a meeting was arranged for Oct. 14 to discuss the issue, but he was not informed until after the fact, he said. "They decided, without my being there, not to have the house designated."

Richard Stromberg, manager of historical preservation at Heritage Toronto, acknowledged that Granatstein's house is the oldest house called to their attention, that was owned by a Jew. However, he said, "Architecturally, though, the house does not stand out from other houses of that period.

"There were a lot of houses built in the Georgian Revival style, and this house is of that type.

"We are still trying to discover Granatstein's social significance. If information does come forward, then it is possible that the board will reverse its decision."

If the decision is reversed, then the matter will be brought before the Toronto City Council, which has the ultimate say, said Stromberg."We are the advisory council."

He said, however, that the Ontario Heritage Act can only delay the demolition of a building; it cannot prevent it. "If council designates the building as a heritage site, then the demolition permit would be nullified. Even then, though, the demolition is delayed, not prevented."

On Oct. 22, U of T received a permit to demolish the building in order to make space for the university's planned information technology building, said Godfrey. "I spoke to representatives from U of T, and they said that they would see if somehow, Granatstein's home can be incorporated into the new building.

"It rests in the hands of university authorities to make the right decision. People who think that it is important to incorporate Granatstein's home into the new building should be allowed a chance to speak.

"A statement needs to be made that Jewish heritage is also a part of the city's heritage. Jewish settlers were among the earliest settlers in the area, and that should be reflected in the area's heritage," Godfrey said.

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New head of Emunah Women to be honoured on Nov. 21

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Judith Pachino may have retired from teaching, but, as she puts it, she definitely hasn't retired from life.

In fact, this past spring, she accepted the position of national president of Emunah Women of Canada, Canadian arm of World Emunah, one of the world's largest women's religious Zionist organizations.

However, that is not to say that that is the only way she spends her time. She and her husband Marvin, former headmaster of CHAT, often visit their son in Israel, their three daughters in New Jersey, their 20 grandchildren, and their parents, who all live in Baltimore.

She is a family life educator for Jewish Family & Child Service, and is active in Bnai Torah Congregation. She is also a board member of Mekorot Institute of Torah Study for Women.

In her free time, she reads, does crossword puzzles, and is a popular public speaker.

"The wonderful thing about retirement," she told *The CJN* in an interview, "is that you can be busy with so many different things."

She said she became involved in Emunah, joining the Shoshana Etzion chapter in Montreal, "the first time we lived in a place where there was a women's religious Zionist organization."

When the family moved to Toronto, she joined Ilana chapter, and became very active in Emunah's Toronto Council, especially in public speaking, education and culture.

Judith Pachino

The motto of Emunah, she said, reflects her personal ideology: The land of Israel, for the people of Israel, in accordance with the Torah of Israel. That being said, she is proud, she said, that all Jews are accepted into all projects of Emunah, which include day cares, nurseries, high schools, and two children's villages, Neve Michael, in Pardess Chana, and Beit Elazraki in Netanya.

Toronto Emunah's dinner, which will be held on Nov. 21 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, will be in aid of Emunah's newest project, The Crisis Centre for Children at Risk. The guest speaker will be noted writer Yaffa Eliach.

The crisis centre, located in the Neve Michael Children's Village, will serve children at risk in their homes who must be removed from their families on an emergency basis because of child abuse – physical or emotional – and/or neglect.

The centre will be open and staffed 24 hours a day and children will remain there for at least three months. Pachino explained that "if at that time, the staff feel that a child is ready for the next level, he or she will be able to integrate into Neve Michael."

The ultimate goal is to heal the emotional and physical scars, so that they are able to be productive functioning people in society, said Pachino.

The centre has been built at the request of the Israel department of welfare. "While there are a few other crisis centres, this is the only one able to take children from traditional lifestyles as well as others."

Emunah of Canada has undertaken the responsibility of providing salaries, inside and playground equipment, and furnishings. "Basically we provide everything but the shell," Pachino said, noting that the structure has been provided.

While it is a major undertaking, "we pride ourselves that we have honoured every commitment we have ever made," she noted.

The hope is that the crisis centre will begin to accept children in December, she said.

During her three year term as national president, she said she hopes to "forge a greater sense of being part of a whole organization" in the chapters, through personal visits, a national newsletter, and "by giving members the opportunity to meet and come to know each other."

While most of the membership is in Montreal and Toronto, Pachino said that there are chapters in Ottawa, Hamilton, Windsor, Winnipeg, Edmonton and Vancouver, as well as a dormant one in the Maritimes that she hopes to be able to revitalize.

For more information about Emunah, or about the dinner, call 416-636-0036.

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They may not be professional do-it-yourselfers but members of UJA Federation's Hands On Toronto (H.O.T.) community service project recently put their tools to the test at the Just A Second Shop.

A crew of five HOTSTART volunteers, equipped with hammers and saws, recently lent their helpful hands and skills to the used clothing store to make room for more stock. Operated by Jewish Family and Child Service, Just A Second has been providing used clothing, appliances, toys and books to needy community members free of charge or at drastically reduced prices since 1982.

The shop, located at 4117 Bathurst Street, was in desperate need of minor improvements to accommodate a steady increase in donations. "We had no place to put our books and some of our clothes," explains store manager Klara Ifrah.

(from left) H.O.T. members Michael Saouli, Adam Tizel, Lisa Dolovich, Steve Yacht and Russel Beron (back).

The HOTSTART team, directed by Lisa Dolovich and Adam Tizel, built and installed a bookshelf, re-located rods, cut and refinished a table and removed an obtrusive bar from the back of the store. The skillful squad will return to Just A Second in a few weeks to install additional racks.

"I've never met such a considerate and committed group of young people," said Ifrah. "They really paid attention to our needs and tried so hard to please us."

"It feels good to know we're making a real difference," says Dolovich, whose HOTSTART team has also helped JF&CS clients pack belongings, paint and make small repairs to an apartment.

Other H.O.T. community service projects include programs for JF&CS's Bigs and Littles, Kehilla low cost residential housing, nursing homes, Bloorview Hospital and the Bathurst Jewish Centre's Children's Discovery Museum.

For more information about H.O.T., call Elana Carr at (416) 631-5736.

Leaders Give Landmark Lessons

Three of Canada's leading real estate entrepreneurs recently gave a compelling crash course on one of the world's most risky and rewarding businesses.

Ed Sonshine, President and CEO of RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust, Peter Cohen, President and CEO of Centrefund Realty Corporation and Mitchell Goldhar, President and CEO of First Professional Management Inc., were the panel of property experts at a recent event sponsored by UJA Federation's Real Estate Cabinet.

(Clockwise) Peter Cohen, event chair David Peltz, Ed Sonshine, Mitchell Goldhar

The trio of trendsetters spoke to an audience of more than 400 people revealing, with riveting detail, their harrowing rise to the top of the commercial real estate sector.

Cohen, Sonshine and Goldhar, told participants how they survived and eventually realized advantages from the devastating collapse of the Canadian commercial real estate market during the late '80s and early '90s by riding the wave of mega-shopping centre developments that has swept across the country.

"We survived because we were disciplined and remained focused on value added property and basic necessity retail," said Cohen, who recounted the long-lasting impact of his first major deal, the purchase of Department Store Holdings. "The assets I acquired in that first deal helped me weather the storm of the real estate depression in the early '90s."

Goldhar, who is responsible for bringing the U.S. giant, Wal-Mart, into Canada, credited luck and timing for a venture that has led to the building of nearly 50 Wal-Mart outlets across the country. "I'd say it was approximately 5% skill and 95% luck," Goldhar modestly claimed. "I happened to be at the right place at the right time." Luck aside, Goldhar said survival in the retail sector has to do with paying close attention to social and demographic changes.

Sonshine's secret for success in surviving disaster and owning Canada's largest publicly traded Real Estate Investment Trust, is based on three guiding principles: restricting debt to no more than 50% of equity, focusing on the least volatile sector of real estate, and maintaining diverse, high quality tenants. For Sonshine, it seems to be a winning formula. Today, RioCan owns one third of all new format retail space built in Canada in the last five years. Not bad for someone who says, "all I wanted in high school was a job that paid $10,000."

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Tzedakah is more than a charitable instinct for the men and women of UJA Federation's Societies Division. It's a way of life.

Contributions to UJA Federation's Campaign 2000 by the members of Toronto's active mutual benefit societies are up by 5% over last year. More than 2,000 societies members contribute close to $400,000 to the UJA Federation Campaign and various other UJA Federation funded projects in Israel each year. "I am very proud of how well our members have managed to keep pace with our growing campaign," notes Mike Rosenberg, who co-chairs the Societies Division with Ralph Snow.

"It's in our blood," explains Yetta Sternberg, President of the Stashiver Society's Women's Auxiliary, which has been raising funds for UJA Federation since the late '50s.

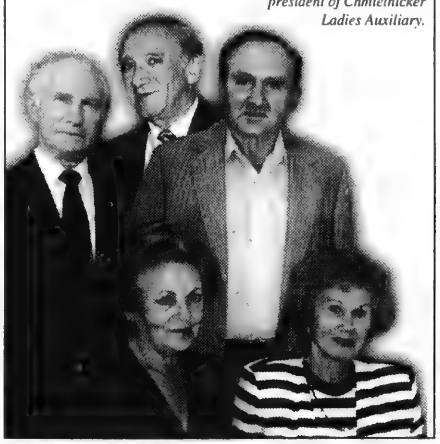
Every year, teas and other events held by Societies and several ladies' auxiliaries raise thousands of dollars for communal projects in Israel, such as a community centre in Kfar Gvirol and a therapeutic riding camp near Eilat.

Abe Zukerman has been a member of the Wierzbinker Friendly Mutual Benefit Society since he arrived in Toronto from Poland in 1958. After losing his entire family during World War II, Zukerman's vow to become involved in any cause that would revive the Jewish nation made him a staunch supporter of UJA Federation. "I still have the official records from the '60s of the annual UJA Federation campaign our Society organized," Zukerman recalls.

"Israel has always been important among societies' members because many are Holocaust survivors," explains Snow. "Their support of UJA Federation gives them the opportunity to make sure Israel thrives as the home of our people."

"No other cause touches so many lives," adds Philip Platt, a member of the Keltzer Society, one of Toronto's oldest. "It's our obligation to assist UJA Federation in its important work."

(Clockwise) Abe Zukerman, Philip Platt, Al Goldlist, president of the Chmielnicker Society, Sarah Goldlist (left) and Fay Goldlist, president of Chmielnicker Ladies Auxiliary.



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Palestinian Jews' war efforts were often hindered

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Palestinian Jews desperately tried to help European Jews during the Holocaust, but their attempts were thwarted by England's and America's unwillingness to join the fight, according to Prof. Michael Bar-Zohar.

Holocaust Education Week

Bar-Zohar, author, lecturer and official biographer of David Ben-Gurion, spoke at the Borochov Cultural Centre, as part of Holocaust Education Week.

The period from 1939 to 1942 was, Bar-Zohar said, a time of ignorance. "Jews in Palestine, as in the world at large, did not know what would happen in Europe."

But as awareness of the atrocities grew, leaders in Palestine went into action. In the early '40s, Ben-Gurion, later the first prime minister of Israel and head of the Jewish Agency, came to the United States and tried to warn people of the impending danger in Europe.

But many young Americans were apathetic toward the war, Bar-Zohar said. "The reaction was extremely mild or indifferent," he added in a later interview.

Ben-Gurion knew that after the war, many countries would feel guilty about what had happened and would therefore be more inclined to support the idea of a Jewish state, Bar-Zohar said.

In June 1942, at a conference in New York of the Congress of the American Zionists, Ben-Gurion announced his goal of creating a Jewish homeland after the war.

"This was the first time the goal of a Jewish state became the official goal of the Zionist movement," Bar-Zohar said.

Previously, Zionists had been reluctant to mention the words "Jewish state" for fear of upsetting the British, he said.

In addition to announcing the planned homeland, Ben-Gurion, his aids and a rescue board devised initiatives to help the European Jews, including a major rescue to bring large numbers of Jews, especially children, out of Europe; a minor rescue to bring individuals and families out of Europe; a move to send Jewish emissaries to Nazi-occupied territory to get information; and a request to Palestinian Jews to help fight the Germans.

"In a very short time, more than 20,000 people volunteered for the British army," Bar Zohar said, referring to the success of the last initiative.

By November 1942, the world knew of the atrocities taking place in Europe. Sixty-nine Jewish Palestinians who had been detained in Poland after visiting relatives were exchanged for Germans. After their release, the Jews described the massacres taking place in Poland.

In response, Ben-Gurion established a secret group of young aids based in Istanbul, Turkey, to create contacts with officers, diplomats and anyone else who could provide information that would help save the Jews in Europe.

The Nazis infiltrated this organization, followed its actions, and often knew of its rescue plans before they were carried out, Bar-Zohar said.

Rescues were also limited by the British government's refusal to allow the Jews to be transported to England, Bar-Zohar said. "They didn't want thousands of Jews from Europe…They systematically killed any initiative to rescue anyone."

The only initiative they didn't kill turned out to be a false initiative, Bar-Zohar said. In the spring of 1943, England agreed that 5,000 Jewish children could be sent from Bulgaria to Palestine. Although Bulgaria had agreed to this, it never intended to follow through, because the Nazis had told the government not to.

In the end, virtually all the efforts of the Palestinian Jews to help the European Jews were in vain without the help of the Allies.

"There was not any will on their side to do anything," Bar-Zohar said. "The British were too busy with their relationship with the Arabs…They thought they had more important things to do than save the Jews."

JVS helps launch youth centre

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Since September, 324 youths have found jobs using a centre operated by Jewish Vocational Services of Greater Toronto.

The career centre, Youthinc., offers job search advice, provides office equipment and displays job postings.

When Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) decided to create the youth centre, it approached JVS, the Toronto District School Board and the YMCA for help.

HRDC now funds the centre, and JVS runs it in partnership with the school board and the YMCA.

While the centre's official launch was Oct. 29, it was open over the summer for the Hire A Student program, a government initiative to help youths find work.

Tony Stephens, 26, immigrated to Canada from England in August and has used the centre frequently.

The centre is different from any he visited in England, he said.

"It's a very relaxed environment. However, the staff are very professional and the facilities are really state of the art," he said.

Youthinc.'s facilities include 19 computers connected to the Internet, a printer, photocopier, fax machine and phones.

It has meeting rooms which can be used for activities like group study sessions or student council meetings.

It also has a mini theatre for companies wanting to conduct staff training at the centre or give employment workshops.

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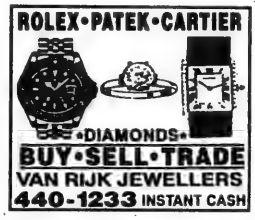

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Media and Jews part of CJC region plenary

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — How do the general media (TV, radio and newspapers) treat news about Jews, Jewish issues and Israel?

This lively subject will be discussed by five well-known Jewish journalists at a town-hall meeting Nov. 27 to which the public is invited.

The town-hall meeting is the opening night showcase of the 30th triennial plenary congress of the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), Ontario region.

The five journalists will speak on, From Tablet to Internet, at the Sephardic Kehilla Centre, 7026 Bathurst St., just north of Steeles Avenue.

"We're looking forward to a very interesting exchange among the panelists and some provocative questions from the audience on this current issue," said Bernie Farber, executive director, CJC, Ontario region.

The blue-ribbon panel consists of CBC anchor Hana Gartner as moderator, Joe Schlesinger, CBC Senior Correspondent, Susan Cole, associate editor, NOW magazine, Evan Solomon, author and broadcaster, and Ezra Levant, editorial writer and columnist for the *National Post*.

Reports from Moshe Ronen, national CJC president, and Keith Landy, Ontario region chair, will precede the panel.

Four plenums planned

The two-day plenary will continue Sunday, Nov. 28, all day at the Lipa Green Centre with four plenums, each lasting about 90 minutes, beginning at 8.30 a.m., open to members of Congress.

The first plenum will be, Zionism: Time to Redefine Our Dream, with Professor Shevach Weiss, former speaker of the Knesset, as the main participant.

Plenums will follow on When to Speak Out, When to Remain Silent; Emerging Issues in Elder Care; and Small Communities...Am I My Brother's Keeper?

A highlight of the Sunday meeting will be the chair's luncheon at which Landy will report on Congress' stewardship of affairs of nearly 200,000 Jewish Ontarions.

A message from Premier Mike Harris will be delivered at this luncheon.

The evening will conclude with a dessert reception and entertainment by a klezmer band, *Beyond The Pale*.

El Al, a plenary partner, is supplying two free tickets to Israel, for which a draw will be held. The winner must be in attendance.

Admission is $5 with advance tickets only . Tickets are available at the CJC office, 635-2883, and at Israel's, The Judaica Centre.

CLARIFICATION

In the Nov. 4 issue, an article about Kids on the Block, may have indicated that National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, no longer does volunteer puppeteing. Some volunteers still perform as part of larger group.

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Danny lost both his legs and needed numerous operations. He was unable to work due to his terrible injuries, and became very restless.

At an event in Tel Aviv he met Ehud Barak, who was then Deputy Chief of Staff and Danny's commander in the past. Danny expressed an interest in returning to the army. Barak found him a position working with the Emergency Crew in the offices of the Commander of Education, where he stayed for six years.

Today, with the help of Beit Halochem, Danny says his injuries seem almost natural. "Although," he adds, "an injury is something that stays with you for the rest of your life. I think about it when I get dressed in the morning, when I get tired and at home when I take off my prosthesis."

Danny studied accounting and married his girlfriend Ronit. They have two children who were born to a reality of a father in a wheelchair. Although his memories are difficult, he remains the optimist that he always was.

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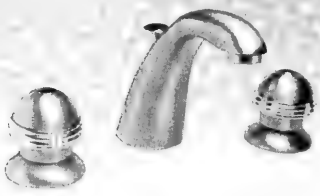

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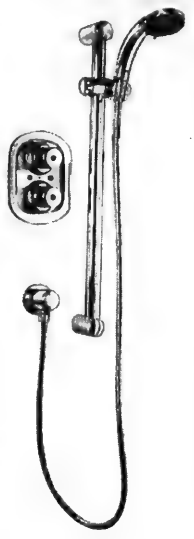

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Saturday, Nov. 13

BBYO 75TH ANNIVERSARY

All BBYO alumni are invited to its 75th anniversary reunion party at 8 p.m. at Beth Torah Synagogue. A Web site has been set up at www.bbyo.on.ca/75 for registration. Or phone 398-2004.

Sunday, Nov. 14

BOOK FAIR EVENT

Friends of Yiddish presents **Itzik Gottesman**, author of *Defining the Yiddish Nation: The Jewish Folklorist of Interwar Poland*, speaking, in Yiddish, on Der Folklorist Tsvishen Der Yiddisher Untervelt, 1:30 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre. Reserve. **Bess Shockett** 630-7222.

WIERZBNIK MEMORIAL

At the Wierzbnik Memorial Service **Dr. Alan Bardikoff** speaks on Recovering the Power of Community. Survivors, second and third generation are invited. 7:30 p.m., B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St. **Bonnie Chandler** 488-5574.

PALATE PLEASURES

Na'amat Canada features Pleasures of the Palate, an evening of culinary artistry featuring 24 of Toronto's leading chefs, plus entertainment, auctions, door prize. 7 p.m. at The Luxor, 4250 Dufferin St. Reserve. 636-5425.

ROOTS AND WINGS

Happy Birthday Aaron Copland! featuring Toronto Children's Chorus and Syracuse Children's Chorus in the North American premiere of **Srul Irving Glick's** *Psalm Trilogy* 3 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

CANADIAN JEWRY, THE UN

David Goldberg, Canada-Israel Committee, discusses Canadian Jewry and the United Nations, 10 a.m. ,Temple Sinai breakfast series.

JEWISH STORYTELLING

Jewish Storytelling on the Danforth hosted by **Alec Gelcer**. Come listen, come tell. 7:30 p.m. Riverdale Jewish Community Centre, 179A Danforth Ave. 699-8914.

GIANT GARAGE SALE

New merchandise, jeans, tops, slightly used clothing, household items, sponsored by National Council of Jewish Women, Yachad branch. 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Council House. 4700 Bathurst St.

Monday, Nov. 15

JEWISH LIBRARIES

The Association of Jewish Libraries-Ontario open meeting 8 p.m., Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library, 4600 Bathurst St. **Bernard Katz** discusses What's New in Copyright for Libraries in Canada? **Zina** 781-3514, ext. 25.

ALIVE TO TELL THE STORY

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood presents **Howard Chandler**, Holocaust survivor, speaking on Survival, Re-building a Future – Alive to Tell the Story. Also, a short Memorial Service. 8 p.m. **Marlene White** 905-731-2515 evenings.

LAUNCH OF JWI GROUP

For woman 45 plus who would like to meet after work to explore cultural, educational and social interests, a group is being launched at 6 p.m. at the Gotham Grill, 1206 Eglinton Ave. W. Reserve. Jewish Women International 630-9313.

MALE AND FEMALE

Male and Female: God Created Them series with **Carl Ehrlich** continues with "Good" and "Bad" Women (Proverbs 1-8, 31) 8 p.m., Adath Israel Congregation.

SUPPORT GROUP

Jewish Parents and Families of Gays and Lesbians meets 7:30 p.m., Jewish Family & Child Service, 6th floor, Lipa Green Building. Phone in confidence, **Ruth** 763-9111.

SURVIVAL IN BUDAPEST

Cranbrooke Friendship Club of United Jewish People's Order and Winchevsky Centre present **Ibola (Ibi) Grossman**, author *of An Ordinary Woman in Extraordinary Times* 12:30 p.m., Winchevsky Centre 585 Cranbrooke Ave. 789-5502.

GIANT RUMMAGE SALE

Tremendous bargains in good used clothing and household items 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pride of Israel Synagogue, 59 Lissom Cres.

Tuesday, Nov. 16

LUNCH AND LEARN

Sunnybrook Jewish Chaplaincy

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What's New

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Synagogue hosts a Lunch and Learn discussion on Moses, Man and Myth, 11 a.m. followed by lunch. Facilitator is **Rabbi Barry Schneider,** Sunnybrook Medical Centre Jewish chaplain. Reserve. **Hilda Harris** 480-6100, ext. 3552. Sponsored by Steeles Memorial Chapel.

TURNING ABOUT FACE

Ohr Somayach Toronto event, Turning About Face: How a Methodist Minister Found Judaism and Became a Rabbi. **Rabbi Asher Wade**, now of Ohr Somayach Jerusalem, shares his journey to Judaism. 8:30 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation, 613 Clark Ave. W. 905-886-5730.

MOTHERS IN THE BIBLE

Mothers in the Bible and Midrash, 4-part course with **Prof. Ruby Newman,** begins with Sarah: A Woman's View of Akedah, 7:30 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation.

LUNCHEON MEETING

Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood luncheon meeting features **Julie Borst** speaking on The Holocaust and Anti-Semitism in England During the 1930s. Reserve. **Ruth Fruitman** 905-731-6660.

Wednesday, Nov. 17

JEW FOR JUDAISM

B'nai Brith Friendship Singles Lodge (40-60) presents The Encounter: Jew for Judaism, Jew for Jesus, a simulated debate by **Julius Ciss** of Jews for Judaism; 15 Hove St. Register 7:30, program 8 p.m. RSVP 633-6224, ext. 351.

CALCIYUM

Sephardic Kehila Centre Women's Auxiliary presents CalciYum! Are You Trying to Eat Healthier? with **Rachelle Bronfman**, author of cookbook *CalciYum*, and nutritionist **Suzie Singer** demonstrating calcium rich cooking. Reserve. **Yael** 905-669-7654 ext. 225.

A FINE ROMANCE 1986

Holy Blossom Temple Lunch and Learn in Retirement Group features A Fine Romance 1896 with **Betty Sherwood** talking about her grandparents, at noon. Bring lunch. Coffee, tea, cookies served.

HOLOCAUST PROGRAM

At Pride of Israel Synagogue, **Marnin Heisel** talks about **Victor Frankl**, an Austrian psychologist who survived the concentration camps. 7:45 p.m.

CHEFS OF TOMORROW

Lively After Fifty (LAF) group for women 55 plus is going to George Brown College, 300 Adelaide St. E. for lunch provided by Chefs of Tomorrow, 11:45 a.m. Reserve. **Lucy Alt** 667-8474 or JWI, 630-9313.

HEALING PROJECT

Toronto Jewish Healing Project study evening 7:30 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation. **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** speaks on A Path to Healing – Psalms 92 and 93 – It is Good to Praise God.

INCONTINENCE & AGING

Exploring the Myths and Learning the Facts with **Dr. Howard Dombrower**, geriatrician, Baycrest Centre, and nurse **Anita Saltmarche**, health care associates, 3:30-5 p.m., Bradgate Arms Retirement Residence, 54 Foxbar Rd. (St. Clair/Avenue Road). **Stephanie Regent** 968-1331.

Thursday, Nov. 18

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

To Save a Life, Ending Domestic Violence in Jewish Families video presentation followed by panelists **Gail Gould**, JF&CS, and **Rabbi Wayne Allen**, Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Moderator **Naomi Alboim**, Ontario deputy minister of citizenship, culture and recreation, 7:45 p.m. at Beth Tikvah. Sponsored by the synagogue and JWI.

MY JEWISH TORONTO

Filmmaker **Harry Rasky** lectures on The Three Harrys: My Jewish Toronto Century, 7:30 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple. **Anne** 789-3291, ext. 235.

And What Else Is New

TRADITION & MODERNITY

Tradition and Modernity Conference topics include Judaism and the Challenge of Modernity, Spirituality on Contemporary Judaism, and Jewish Values in the Outside World. Saturday, Nov. 13, 8 p.m., panel discussion with **Rabbi Barry Freundel, Dr. Rivkah Blau, Rabbi Mayer Schiller.** Sunday, Nov. 14, program continues with a full day of discussion featuring local and visiting scholars. At Beth Jacob V'Anshe Drildz, 147 Overbrook Pl. Register. 638-5955.

SIMCHA JACOBOVICI

Filmmaker **Simcha Jacobovici** shares his findings on the B'nai Menashe, a community of Jews near the India/Burma border who are suffering from ethnic cleansing, and shows clips from his documentary *Quest for the Lost Tribes*, Saturday, Nov. 20, 8 p.m., Temple Kol Ami (Leo Baeck School), 36 Atkinson Ave. All funds collected go to assist the B'nai Menashe.

ORGAN TRANSPLANTS

A panel discussion on Organ Transplants – A Religious and Secular Awareness with **Rabbi Michael Shekel** and **Bill Silverstone**, Friday, Nov. 19, at Temple Har Zion following services, which begin 8:30 p.m.

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CONFIGURING THE BRAIN

The Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science welcomes **Prof. Henry Markram** as keynote speaker at the national annual meeting Sunday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m. at Sutton Place Hotel. Markram of the Weizmann Institute's department of neurobiology, will speak on Configuring the Brain – The Future of Neurological Disorders. Reserve. 733-9220.

JWI CHAPTER

Jewish Women International Northern Lights chapter serving the Aurora/Newmarket area meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 8 p.m. featuring informative programs and speakers. **Carolyn** 905-727-8203.

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JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service groups: **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800, ext. 215.

Beyond the Chupah: Becoming a Couple, a 6-week Marriage Preparation program begins Nov. 11.

Parenting: 1,2,3 Magic: a 3-session group for parents to learn behaviour management techniques, begins Nov. 16.

Divorce Education Program for Parents and Children, begins Nov. 18.

FOR SENIORS

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Sunday dance Nov. 14; the musical *Swing Step* at Ford Centre Nov. 17; pre-Chanukah sale Nov. 21, 9 a.m.; day trip to Cadbury Chocolate Factory Nov. 23; Casino Rama Nov. 24; Year 2000 dinner dance Jan. 2. 395-7881.

LZA Seniors Club: registration for Miami trip for 4 and 6 weeks at Colonial or Thunderbird Hotels, **Libby** 782-2059 or **Shelagh** 250-1234; Ladies Folkdancing class Thursdays 1:30 p.m. and Cultural Discussion Group Tuesdays 10 a.m. at Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Centre is open for socializing Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Nov. 11, video, *Lawrence Welk*; Nov. 18, Chinese restaurant; Nov. 25, lecture, **Rabbi Joseph Landau;** Saturday, Dec. 4, Chanukah dance with Teddy band, call **Malka Colla** 630-5771 for tickets. **Jerry Bengall**, president, 905-707-7334.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club Israel trip Nov. 21-Dec. 9. **Lena** 785-5773, Golden Book donations got to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Young at Heart Seniors glatt kosher Saxony Hotel Year 2000 trip Dec. 1-22, with food $259 per day US; Without food/month January $2,780 Cdn., February $2,595 Cdn. **Helen** 635-6343.

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Public Affairs Forum, Israel Peace Pact: Will It Survive? Wednesday, Nov. 17, 1:30 p.m. **Simon Rosenblum,** Canadian Jewish Congress; **Rachelle Wilmer**, B'nai Brith; **Lorne Alter**, lawyer; **David Goldberg**, Canada-Israel Committee. Moderator is **Harold Segal**.

Healthy Cooking with dietitian/ nutritionist **Andrea Sturk** Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1 p.m.

Hearing Assistance Clinic conducted by **Brenda Vernon** of the Canadian Hearing Society, Thursday, Nov. 18, 1-4 p.m. Book appointment, ext. 131.

Israeli Club Etrog: Do you speak Hebrew? Join club members every Tuesday at 7 p.m. for movies, lectures, dances, singalongs, bingo. Nov. 16, a movie. **Anna**, ext. 110.

BLOOR JCC

Bloor Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 924-6211.

Downtown Jewish Learning Council at Bloor JCC presents Music and Jewish Meditation with **Ken Rabow,** Wednesdays, Nov. 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Register.

On Sunday, Nov. 14, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Kaila Kukla** gives a talk and demonstration of Flow Yoga. For further information, Kaila 534-6876 or 922-4909.

Seniors Club: Thursday, Nov. 11, 2 p.m., Remembering the Great Broadway Musicals with **Judy Weinryb**, senior's co-ordinator; Thursday, Nov. 18, 2 p.m. Holistic Healing: Looking at the Difference Between Healing and Curing with **Walter Koltes**, Zen Shiatsu therapist. **Judy**.

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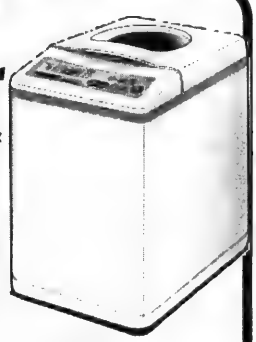

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"Why Wariness is Warranted: Irksome Roles Assigned to 'the Jews' in Millennialist Scenarios"
Professor Michael Cook
Judeo-Christian Studies, Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati
Tuesday, November 30, at 8 p.m.
Many end-time thinkers, seeing Jews and Israel as central to history's culmination, associate 'Tribulation', 'Rapture', '666', 'Anti-Christ' and 'Armageddon' with the Jewish people. Some identify the Jews as God's primary concern in history and the sole means by which to gauge the world's timetable; others see the Jews as embodying the 'evil' to be decimated if Jesus' millennial rule is to begin.

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Destruction of European Jews was known by Allies by 1942

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Information about the destruction of European Jewry was abundant, widespread and internationally disseminated as early as 1942, asserts Michael Marrus, dean of graduate studies and professor of history at the University of Toronto.

Marrus, a noted scholar and author in the field of Holocaust studies, was speaking at Holy Blossom Temple as part of Holocaust Education Week, co-ordinated by the UJA Federation Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre Holocaust Education Week committee.

Holocaust Education Week

In fact, he said, a declaration in the name of 11 national Allied governments and dated Dec. 17, 1942, referred to "this bestial policy of extermination."

There was an article in the *New York Times* in January 1944, radio messages intercepted by British Intelligence from 1939 to 1942 when it broke the German codes, and reports by journalists of massive deportations in broad daylight from the Netherlands, Belgium and France in 1942.

The Babi Yar massacre in 1941 was reported by journalists in the foreign media, Marrus said.

A report from the Jewish Bund broadcast on the BBC in May 1942 said that from the beginning of June 1941, Germany had embarked on the physical extermination of the Jews on Polish soil, and that between June 1941 and April 1942, an estimated 700,000 Polish Jews had been killed. The broadcast also predicted, Marrus said, that "in the last five minutes of the war, they will kill all the Jews of Europe."

Hitler's plans were not a secret in occupied Europe, either, Marrus pointed out, talking about the hundreds of civilians involved peripherally in the situation, such as railroad conductors, civic administrators, clerks.

The chief prosecutor at the Nuremberg trials of the infamous Einsatzgruppen said there were 100 copies of their reports sent to various officials in many different offices. "How secret could it have been?" Marrus asked.

Nevertheless, he said, there is "a big difference between information and awareness," full realization of what is going on.

"To use modern terms," Marrus said, "they just didn't get it."

For one thing, he said, people couldn't believe it, not from ill will or insensitivity, but because it was simply not rational. Then too, people remembered talk during World War I of German atrocities that turned out to be pure propaganda. "How can you tell the difference?" Marrus asked.

Not only could people not believe it, he said; they couldn't even imagine it. One of the few who could, Winston Churchill, in 1944 called it the worst crime in the history of the world. "He was a historian – he had historical imagination."

Another consideration, said Marrus was politics. "It was not always in the political interest or vision of some of the receiving world to imagine it," he said dryly. For instance, "if Britain conceded [what was going on], it might promote the idea of a Jewish state in Palestine."

In Poland, there was a fear on the part of the underground and its London representatives that the Polish population as a whole would not be recognized as a victim of Hitler's policies.

"They were afraid that even if the Germans were thrown out, the Soviets would come in. That, of course, is exactly what happened," Marrus said.

Marrus described another problem as "bureaucratic smothering."

For instance, he said, a telegram arrived in Britain from a representative of the World Jewish Congress in Geneva, speaking of the massive attempt to exterminate the Jews of Europe.

"The telegram came to the appropriate office, it was put in a file, and the file was circulated from desk to desk while different parts of it were checked and confirmed. Over time, the file got bigger and bigger. People went on leave, or got sick. Someone spilled coffee on the file."

What we see as electrifying, Marrus said, was seen then as one of hundreds of documents.

Marrus pointed out that for the Americans, the Japanese were seen as demonic. The predisposition was just not there to think the Nazis were capable of doing such terrible things, he said. "Allied soldiers encountered the German Luftwaffe or the army in North Africa fighting a relatively civil war campaign."

Don't forget, Marrus concluded, even European Jews lacked awareness of what was going on. A letter from a French Jew deported in 1944 said he "believed that he would be fine, that he was going to a work camp. Instead he went to Auschwitz."

During the question period, Marrus noted that many people during the war years felt that the best way to help the Jews was to concentrate on winning the war and defeat Hitler, rather than to specifically target concentration camps or rail lines.

Remember too, Marrus asked: "How much of the massacres happening now, such as Cambodian peasants, do we get?" Even though to some extent the Holocaust has sensitized us, and even though there is better media coverage of events, "even then we don't necessarily get it."

CORRECTION

A caption under a photograph in *The CJN* (Nov. 4) misidentified a boy who lit candles at the opening of Holocaust Education Week. His correct name is Michael Shiner.

We regret the error.

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On Campus

New Web site aims to make student life easier

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Noah Gurza and his partner Reza Zargham, 24-year-old McGill University graduates, have created a Web site to make student life easier.

The site, campusaccess.com, which is geared to university, college and high school students, offers information on everything from how to survive a relationship to applying for graduate school.

The site is divided into seven sections: education, student life, internships, career, travel, health and resources.

The education section contains links to Canadian and American universities, colleges and career centres, and it provides information about graduate schools and financial aid.

Its student-life section gives advice on getting along with other students. It also has tips on renting an apartment, buying a car, getting a credit card, buying groceries and drinking.

The academic life section contains tips on coping with stress and note-taking. It also has quick and easy food recipes.

The travel section consists of city guides; the health section offers sex, fitness and fashion information and the reference section contains directories and news and weather information.

The site also has a classified section where users can view or post ads for apartment rentals, auto sales, employment and book sales.

Most pages contain a few paragraphs written in informal language followed by related links. Much of the content seems like it was written by a well-informed older sibling or friend giving advice.

Gurza and Zargham's experiences made them realize the need for an information site geared towards Canadian students and graduates.

Zargham, who has a bachelor of commerce degree, remembers one particularly gruelling aspect of student life – being recruited on campus by potential employers.

"I found it to be the epitome of a rat race. You just kind of get overwhelmed by the whole situation," he said.

Gurza, a political science grad, was not part of any formal on-campus recruitment, but many of his friends were, he said."They did not know what industry to turn to and how to go about it."

To fill this need, the site's career section contains tips for interviews and resume writing. It even allows users to ask career experts questions.

Users can also e-mail the site's health experts with questions about nutrition, fitness and motivation.

Gurza and Zargham formed the site in partnership with Kevin Makra, author of *The Canada Student Employment Guide* and so there is free access to this guide on the site.

While Zargham found on-campus recruitment intimidating, it was planning life after graduation which frightened Gurza.

Two years ago, while still a student, Gurza began thinking about life after undergrad. "So many options were running through my head," he said.

So he visited the campus career centre – his first and last trip. "It was a short visit," Gurza said with a laugh. "I left thinking I hadn't gained anything from it."

He said the information at the centre was very basic."I left there very disenchanted. I was maybe expecting too much."

Later, in the spring of 1998, when he began researching and applying to graduate schools, Gurza again noticed a disparity in resources.

"I was a little lost in terms of where I was going to go in terms of the direction of my life. I saw there was no comprehensive resource to help me decide," he said.

His friends, who were also finishing undergraduate programs, were asking similar questions and many were interested in paying off loans and finding jobs rather than going back to school, he noted.

But there was no one-stop resource for them to turn to.

So, Gurza decided to create one.

He said he initially thought of creating CD-ROMs, but realized the Internet was more versatile because it could be updated regularly and was more interactive.

He began to do research by gathering information about campus and post-campus life.

He spoke to experts on financial aid, graduate schools, and other student-related areas. He also sent questionnaires to every Canadian college and university.

In March of this year, Gurza launched a skeleton of today's site – a 100-page question and answer-based site filled with advice for post-secondary students.

In June, Zargham, approached Gurza with the idea of teaming up. They agreed that Zargham would mainly handle the business side of the site – budgeting and finance – while Gurza would primarily handle the content of the site.

Noah Gurza (left) and Reza Zargham have launched a Web site for students.

On Sept. 1, after a year-and-a-half of planning, the pair officially launched campusaccess.com.

"Since Sept. 1, we've had about a 500 percent increase in our traffic," said Zargham.

The pair are happy with the site's success, but they were reluctant to reveal any plans for future expansion.

"Right now, we're very information-based. We want to start offering services," Zargham said.

"We've got some projects on the go we think will become very valuable to students."

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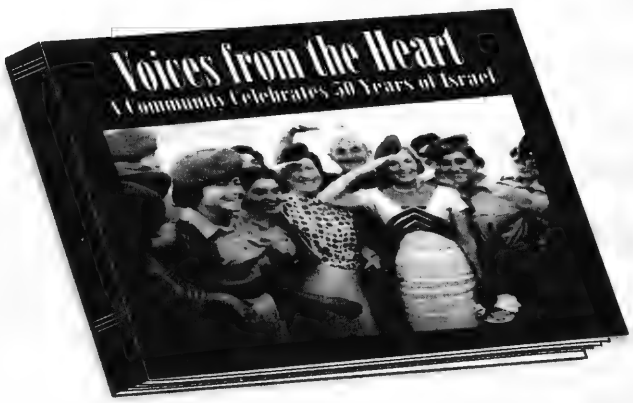

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אין ענגלישן זאָגט מען: „אויב ביים ערשטן מאָל דו האָסט נישט קיין דערפאָלג, פּרוּוו, פּרוּוו וידער אַמאָל". כשורייב דאָס אָקעגן דעם, וואָס איך האָב שוין וועגן דעם עפּעס „יִידישע ביכער" געשריבן עטלעכע מאָל. איך וויס נישט וויפל דערפאָלג איך האָב געהאַט מיט מיין שרייבן, כאָטש איך האָב באַקומען פאָזיטיווע אָפּ־רופן פון אַ צאָל יִידישלייענערס. נישט נעקוקט אויף דעם, טו איך עס איצט וידער אַמאָל. די היפּס־סיבה אין, ווייל יִידיש איז מיר ליב און יִידישע ביכער זיינען פאַר מיר אַ קוואָל פון פאַרגעניגן.

איך שרייב די ווערטער ספּעציעל פאַר דעם חיי־יאָריקן „יִידישן בוך־יאָריד", וואָס איז איצט אין פולן גאַנג און דערבי וויל איך אויסדריקן מיין ליבe אָן באַגייסטערונג פאַר אַלע וואָלונטיר באַטיליקערס. איך וויס גאָנץ גוט, אַז די, וואָס ליינען דעם „יִידיש־ווינקל" וייסן וועגן דעם קאָמף פאַר עקסיסטענץ, וואָס יִידיש לשון פידט אָן. בלי ספק וויסן זיי אויך וועגן דעם מצב פון יִידישן בוך, וואָס זיי האָבן זיכער ליב פונקט אַזוי ווי איך.

מיין האָפענונג איז, אַז אפשר וועלן מיינע ווערטער דערגרייכן צו אַזאָ יִיד, אַלט צי יונג, וועלכער קען ליינען און פאַרשטיין יִידיש, אָבער ער נעמט זיך נישט צופיל צום הארצן, וואָס די רעזול־טאַטן פון דעם קאָמף וועלן זיין. איך גלויב, אַז ער טוט עס נישט בכיוון, חלילה וחס. ער האָט פשוט נישט געוווּסט אַז אויטאָביאָגראַפיע אויפן יִידיש לשון אין דעם ענין. ער האָט אַ סך אנדערע פראָבלעמען אין יִידיש לשון אין יִידישע ביכער זיינען בי אים נישט קיין „פּריאָריטעט", זיי זיינען נישט אויפן ערשטן אָרט. אָט פאַר די זאָזיקע שרייב איך מיינע ווערטער, כדי אויפצווועקן אין זיי אַ גרעסערן אָנטיילנעמען בוגע מאַמע־לשון. אַ גוטער אָנהייב איז דער „יִידישער בוך־יאָריד".

דער היסטאָריקער פּילפּ פּרידמאַן האָט געשריבן אין זיין בוך: *„דער גרויל פון יִידישן בוך בשעת דער נאַצי־תקופה"* (אין ענגליש): „יִידישע ביכער האָבן זייער אָפט געטיילט דעם גורל פון יִידישן פאָלק, פון עס הספּר". די וואָס האָבן געליינט אָדער שטודירט די געשיכטע פון יִידישן פאָלק, וועלן גפידענקען, אַז אין אַלע תקופות, אין אַ סך לענדער, זיינען צוזאַמען מיט פאַגראָמען און גירושים אויף יִידן, אויך פאַרניכטעט געוואָרן הייליקע ספּרים, יִידישע ביכער, מגילות און פּנקסים אין די טויזנטער. עס האָט זיך אָנגעהויבן נאָך אין אַלטערטום, עס האָט אָנגעהאַלטן אין מיטלאַלטער, עס איז פאָרגעקומען געוואָרן אין 19טן און 20סטן יאָרהונדערט אין דער־גרייכט דעם הויכפונקט אין דער נאַצי־תקופה.

לויט געוויסע פאָרשערס ווערט אָפּגעשאַצט, אַז ביים אָנהייב פון דער צוויטער וועלט־מלחמה האָבן זיך געפונען אין די ביבליאָ־טעקן פון גרעסערע און קלענערע יִידישע ישובים אַרום 3,300,000 יִידישע ביכער. אָוּא קליין שטעטל ווי מיין געבורטשטאָט סטאָפּניץ, אַוי גרויס „ווי אַ גענעץ", האָט פאַרמאָגט דריי ביבליאָטעקן, נישט „גוואַלטאָווּנע", אָבער געוויס גרויס פאַר דער שטאָט. זיי זיינען גע־גרינדעט געוואָרן פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאַציע, ביית"ר אין דער אומלעגאַלער קאָמוניסטישער פאַרטיי.

עס איז פשוט נישט מעגלעך צו קענען אָפּשאַצן וויפל ביכער עס זיינען געווען אין פריוואַטע העגט. מען קען מיט זיכערקייט פעסטשטעלן, אַז כּמעט יעדע יִידישע משפּחה האָט געהאַט עטלעכע ספּרים אין ביכער אין זייערע היימען. מיין פערוואַנדטער ביבליאָטעק האָט איך אָנגעהויבן צו זאַמלען וען איך בין נאָך געווען אַ יונג יינגל, ווי מען פלעגט זאָגן, „כּהאָב נאָך געטראָגן קורצע הויזן". „ביבליאָטעק" איז אפשר צו הויך געזאָגט. אָבער עס איז אַ פאַקט, אַז וען די נאַצים זיינען אַריין אין שטעטל, האָב איך פאַר־מאַגט עטלעכע הונדערט ביכער, ישורונלן, קינדער־צייטשריפטן — אַן אמתן „אוצר". וואָס עס איז מיט זיי געשען, קען איך זיך נאָר בלויז פאָרשטעלן. זיכער גענטיילט דעם זעלבן גורל, וואָס אַלע אַנ־דערע ביכער, ספּרים, ספּרי־תורה און אַנדערע כּלי־קודש, צוזאַמען מיט די יִידישע אינסטיטוציעס פון שטעטל.

די אָפּגעראַטעוועטע ביכער פון יִידישן חורבן אין איראָפּע און די נייע יִידישע ביכער, וואָס זיינען עגדדזוק געוואָרן נאָך דער מלחמה, גענפינען זיך אין צפון און דרום אַמעריקע, אין מדינת ישׂראל און אין פריערדיקן סאָוועט־פאַרבאַנד. דער גרעסטער יִידישער ישוב גענפינט זיך אין די אַמעריקעס. אין עס דווקא אויף אונדז, די נייע יִידישע אימיגראַנטן אויף דעם קאָנטינענט, און די הי־גענבי־רעגע יִידן, אַרויפגעליגט געוואָרן דער חוב אָפּצוהיטן די יִידישע ביכער, די אַלטע און די נייע. איך מיין נישט בלויז נעמען אין האָנט אַ פלעדערווישׂ און רייניקן און פּוצן די ביכער. איך מיין זיי ליינען און שטודירן, און אויב נאָר מעגלעך, זיי איבערגעבן צום יונגן דור. ווי איך האָב שוין גזאָגט פריער: אַ גוטער אָנהייב איז דער „יִידישער בוך־יאָריד", וואָס וועט איצט אָפּגעהאַלטן אין שטאָט.

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Caplan brings own immigrant roots to job

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Elinor Caplan had barely been installed as Canada's immigration minister, when the first big test of her mettle came: the unexpected arrival of nearly 600 Chinese migrants crammed aboard four rusting hulks, spirited to Canada by shady people-smugglers.

As thousands of Canadians clamored for the arrivals to be denied entry – calls that were bolstered by the Reform party – Caplan attended Shemini Atzeret services at the Markham Lubavitch congregation, and heard a sermon that helped make her decision easier.

The sermon was about a man walking down a path and arriving at a fork. A sign post pointing the way had fallen down, so the man picked it up and put it back, with the sign pointing to where he had come from. The man then knew which way to proceed.

So which way to go depends on where one has been.

Thus, for Caplan, what to do with the Chinese boat people was a no-brainer in light of Canada's dismal record in admitting Jewish refugees before and during World War II.

"Everyone is entitled under Canadian law to have their case heard," Caplan, 55, told *The CJN* in an interview prior to a Canadian Society for Yad Vashem dinner this past Monday night, which honoured her as Woman of the Year. "And I would never do anything that would endanger lives."

Besides, "In our [Jewish] tradition, we know the adage that if you save one life, you've saved the entire world."

Caplan isn't out to save the world, but as Canada's newest (and first Jewish) immigration minister – a prickly post at the best of times – it's her job to set goals for the number of newcomers Ottawa will admit, and then, it is hoped, live up to those goals with a mix of policy and compassion.

She comes to the job after having paid dues at the municipal and provincial levels. After serving on the now-defunct city council of North York as comptroller and councillor, she waded into provincial politics, and from 1985 to 1997, was the MPP for Oriole riding. She also served as Ontario's minister of health in David Peterson's government.

In 1997, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien tapped her to become the Liberal hopeful in the federal riding of Thornhill, and she won the heavily Jewish seat handily.

Last August – almost a century after her own grandparents journeyed from Poland to Canada – Caplan, holding a Tanach she was given by Shaarei Shomayim Congregation after she graduated from teacher's college, was sworn into the federal cabinet.

It's been a heady few months for the minister, who recently conceded that Canada has not lived up to its immigration quotas, and would do its best to meet targets for 2000.

At a Nov. 1 briefing, Caplan revealed that her department will fall 10 to 20 percent behind targets laid out last year. Ottawa had expected to take in between 200,000 and 225,000 newcomers in 1999, but projections show the figure will be closer to 180,000.

In 1998, the immigration department also fell well short of its target for that year.

Caplan reiterated her goal of between 200,000 and 225,000 newcomers for next year, encompassing 200,000 immigrants and some 25,000 refugees.

"With our birthrate, an aging workforce and an increasingly global marketplace, immigration is essential to maintaining Canada's place as a leader in the economy of the 21st century," she said.

Elinor Caplan

But her goals are still a far cry from the Liberals' 1993 Red Book of promises, which pledged that immigration levels would be set at one percent of the population, or roughly 300,000 people a year.

Caplan blames budget cuts.

"When the Liberal government took over, there was a $43 billion annual deficit, and the decision was made that we had to get our fiscal house in order. All ministries had reductions. The result has been this ministry has had challenges in the areas of client service and being able to process applications, simply because of the desire by the government to get its house in order."

Caplan said she will continue to pursue a target of 300,000 newcomers a year.

Her plan for 2000 calls for between 42,000 and 45,000 immigrants in the family class (in addition to about 15,000 parents and grandparents), while economic immigrants will account for between 117,000 and 130,000 people.

Caplan tried to reassure Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, which recently expressed concern over a government blueprint that would set more stringent requirements for proficiency in English or French.

Language requirements, she explained, are not imposed on refugees or in the family reunification category. Good knowledge of English or French has always been a requirement in the independent immigrant class, she said.

Caplan also said her department is committed to retain the Immigration and Refugee Board, which has come under much criticism in recent years, and will even seek to cut the determination period for refugee claimants, from the current average of 11 month, to six months.

The former Elinor Hershorn (with various spellings among her relatives) recalls that both sets of her grandparents came here in the early part of this century from the same place in Poland: a community called Slipia, which the Nazis wiped off the map.

Being a descendant of immigrants "is a sensitivity I share with most Canadians, with the exception of some of our aboriginal people. In Canada, someone on your family tree is an immigrant or refugee, and it's only a question of seniority."

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CJC calls for full funding in wake of UN ruling

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On the same day as the UN decision was released, Ontario Education Minister Janet Ecker's office issued a terse statement, saying Queen's Park "remain[s] committed to the existing publicly funded education system. The Ontario government will continue to uphold its constitutional obligations and fund public and separate schools fully.

"The Ontario government is committed to providing an excellent public education system that is open to all students regardless of religious or cultural backgrounds," the statement said.

That certitude flew in the face of assurances that Ontario had little choice but to obey the UN.

Waldman's lawyer, York University professor Anne Bayefsky, told a news conference last Friday she "fully expects" that Ontario's laws will be changed to reflect the UN's finding.

There could two remedies, Bayefsky said: either withdrawing public funds for Catholic schools, or extending tax dollars for private and independent schools. She said the latter is more realistic.

Although the UN decision is not binding, and there is no way to enforce it, it is binding "in the sense that Canada is a leader in international law," and if it ignores the decision, "we cannot then presume to lecture countries like China and Indonesia on human rights," she said.

Canada, Bayefsky noted, is a signatory to several human rights agreements, including the one the UN said it is contravening, and ignoring the UN would diminish Canada's moral authority on the world stage. Ontario "cannot choose not to comply."

The Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress praised the UN decision, stating that it "clearly puts the fight for fair funding in a new arena. In order for Canada not to be named a human rights violator, our country must remedy the situation quickly."

Congress Ontario chair Keith Landy called on the province "to immediately and in earnest begin the process of providing access to government funding for all independent, religious schools."

Waldman said he, and members of other religions, "demand" that authorities comply with the UN decision.

He also said he expects "full compensation for the monies I spent to educate my children since launching my complaint, and I expect it no later than Feb. 3, 2000."

Waldman said he favours extending funding to Jewish day schools, and not taking away money from the Catholic system.

"You don't build a better society by taking away, but by adding to it."

He said only two percent of students in Ontario attend private or independent schools, so the cost of funding them would be two percent of Ontario's annual $14 billion education budget, or $280 million a year – "a drop in the bucket."

Bayefsky, who argued Waldman's case before the 18-member UN committee, said that over the past 25 years, there have been 89 complaints lodged against Canada at the world body.

In eight of those, Canada was found to have violated its international obligations, and in two of those cases, domestic laws were amended.

Aviva Weiss, speaking on behalf of Ontario Parents for Equality in Education Funding, said the UN decision was "a wake-up call" for Canada.

Wayne Levin, a director of Parents for Educational Choice, a grassroots group dedicated to fair funding in education, said he had high hopes that the UN finding would shame Ontario into changing its laws.

But by ignoring the decision, Ontario's behaviour "is Orwellian," said Levin, who has two children in a Jewish day school. "It's saying that some students are more equal than others."

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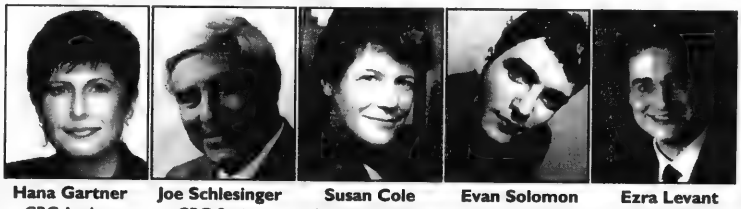

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Judaica exhibit on display in Ottawa

By DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — A display of Judaica used by the military during World War II recently opened at the National Library of Canada.

The opening included a tribute to the late Elliott Gluck, a veteran of World War II and a longtime member of the council of the Jacob M. Lowy Collection at the National Library. There was also a presentation of a new book by Ottawa Jewish veterans about their experiences during World War II.

Cheryl Jaffee, curator of the Jacob M. Lowy Collection, told those assembled: "I drew inspiration for this display from Elliott's passion for bringing his wartime experiences to life."

The display consists of such things as calendars noting Jewish holidays, small Bibles designed to be carried by soldiers in their breast pockets, pamphlets with special prayers for divine intercession and even instructions in Jewish burial and mourning practice.

"We know that the lives of people and books are intertwined," and the books in the display tell the story of the Jewish soldiers' lives during World War II, Jaffee said.

Wartime experiences

There was a ceremonial presentation of two copies of the new book by the Jewish veterans for legal deposit in the National Library.

The book, *There I Was...A Collection of Reminiscences by Members of the Ottawa Jewish Community Who Served in WWII*, contains 53 accounts of the wartime experiences of Jewish veterans from the Ottawa area.

It was produced jointly by the Ottawa Jewish Historical Society and the Ottawa Post of the Jewish War Veterans. Cy Torontow, a veteran, co-ordinated the project.

"The book epitomizes what Elliott Gluck really meant to the Ottawa community," said Mel Goldberg, who represented the Ottawa Post of the Jewish War Veterans. "It epitomizes the spirit, the indomitable attitude that our boys had and which comes forth in Elliott Gluck's writing."

The Judaica display runs until Nov. 19.

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Scene in Ottawa

By G.K. SIMCOE

While waiting in the government lobby to buttonhole a particular politician last week, a friendly MP came over to chat for a few minutes. Knowing my religious orientation, he offered that it had been quite a good week for "your people."

When pressed for details, he began to list the Jewish "scores" – the Bob Rabinovitch appointment to CBC, the apparent break on the 10 percent ownership clause offered to Gerry Schwartz at Onex by Transport Minister David Collenette, and the successful visit to the Hill by Israeli Minister of Justice Yossi Beilin.

Later on, the absurdity of what had been said began to settle in and thoughts turned to how Jews are viewed on the Hill.

Is the Jewish dimension highlighted in a way that is different from that of Italians or Filipinos?

When profiling Bob Rabinovitch, for example, did the oft-repeated insertion about his having belonged to a "mostly Jewish" fraternity advance the story in a meaningful way?

What does Gerry Schwartz' commitment to Israel have to do with his bid to merge Air Canada and Canadian Airlines? For *Maclean's*, apparently, enough to make several references to it in their feature article about the man.

Perhaps one can argue that journalists looking to add some colour to a story will reach for these kind of tidbits. But what about the political sector? Should Jews be concerned that a little tally rests in the heads of many about how many Jews are in senior government positions?

Consider it for a moment. There's Eddie Goldenberg and Chaviva Hosek at the Prime Minister's Office, the previously mentioned Bob Rabinovitch at CBC, Charles Freedman, the deputy governor of the Bank of Canada and so on.

In reality, their being Jewish likely had nothing to do with their achievements. Nor, except in the broadest context of personal social values, is it likely that their religious affiliation influences their contribution to public policy or government business.

As great as the strides forward may have been since Jews were barred from recreational beaches (along with dogs) and admission to McGill's College of Pharmacy, sometimes it is hard to escape the belief that for some – even in the political sector – one's religion is not a significant detail...unless the religion is Judaism.

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Toronto couple killed in air crash

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ton's Hadassah-WIZO chapter.

"They were very nice, very social people," said Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman of Toronto's Jewish Russian Community Centre. "They helped a lot of people."

The Kogans would often come to services at the Rockford Road synagogue for emigres from the former Soviet Union, Rabbi Zaltzman said.

Relatives of the Kogans cannot sit shivah until some remains are found and returned to the family, the rabbi noted. He said that if remains are discovered at the crash site, they will be buried in a funeral service.

If there are no remains, a memorial ceremony may take place, and the family may erect a plaque or marker of some kind, Rabbi Zaltzman said.

Mark Kogan had two sisters, both in Toronto, while Anna had a brother in Russia.

Elena Kogan said there would be a trust established in her parents' name, the proceeds from which will pay the tuition for one year for a Russian immigrant to study at the University of Toronto's engineering faculty.

Anna and Mark Kogan: Killed in EgyptAir crash

OPERATION WARMTH: Associated Hebrew Schools has launched a campaign to provide warm clothing for the city's homeless. Operation Warmth is the brainchild of Danilack campus grade 8 student Tamar Benoliel (left). Students and staff are encouraged to gather used clothing from home and donate it to the cause. Large wooden crates have been placed outside the school's main offices. Seen with Benoliel is (from left) Hailey Goldberg, grade 7 class rep; and Laura Hartman, grade 8 class rep. [Adina Abramov photo]

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Community campus dedicated in Montreal

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Two years to the day after the announcement of plans for a Montreal Jewish Community Campus that would transform Cummings House and the YM-YWHA, the project was officially dedicated in the presence of Deputy Prime Minister Herb Gray, Premier Lucien Bouchard and Montreal Mayor Pierre Bourque.

The campus is still "a work in progress," said outgoing FEDERATION CJA president Stanley Plotnick, who was hailed as a visionary for conceptualizing the project, the biggest the Jewish community has undertaken in over 30 years, and as a man of uncommon determination for seeing it through to near-completion.

Plotnick was unfazed by the inevitable delays: "We are taught that God created the world from nothing in six days. That was relatively easy. He didn't have renovations."

Even though the finishing touches continue, the 1,000 people who attended the event in the new Gelber Conference Centre built behind Cummings House were awed by what they saw. The community now has an elegant, state-of-the art facility for meetings and dinners, which can be subdivided into six smaller rooms. It is scheduled to be open for use in February.

The main entrance lobby, at 1 Carré Cummings Square (formerly 5151 Côte Ste. Catherine Rd.), has been completely done over in a warm beige brick, reminiscent of Jerusalem stone. It is now an airy atrium overlooked by a mezzanine. The Jewish Public Library and Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre are off either side.

Work continues on a new fifth floor and renovations throughout Cummings House are expected to be completed next month.

The campus project has grown from an initial $23-million target to the now projected $30 million. About $12 million is being spent on the north side of the campus and $18 million on the Y to the south.

At the Y, the first phase of construction, a two-level underground parking lot for 260 cars, has been completed. Work has begun on a new education centre, a gymnasium and a swimming pool, that should be finished by late next spring.

Politics were set aside as the leaders of the three levels of government, which contributed equally a total of $3.9 million to the project, took turns praising the community for its belief in its future in Quebec.

Bouchard even joked that his "former colleague in the House of Commons" (Gray) said more in 10 minutes than he did in three years.

The premier said the project is not just a fund-raising success. "It is above all a mark of significant solidarity and co-operation that augur well for the future of your community. It provides an example for others and proves that, despite the difficulties with which a community may be faced, despite the skepticism that it sometimes combats, even within the community itself, it is still worth making the effort to dream, to hope and to work."

Bouchard talked about Jewish history in Quebec, and paid tribute to the foresight of eastern European Jewish immigrants in the early part of this century for their establishment of a network of social, cultural and educational institutions "that were in the avant-garde of what existed here.

"It is not an exaggeration to say, in 1999, that this new building will be a perpetual tribute to all those who built your institutions and permitted your community to know a true success 'à la québécoise.'"

Bouchard acknowledged that being Jewish in Quebec is not always easy. "Your community has sometimes faced certain expressions of intolerance here. In these difficult periods, some visionaries undertook the essential work of maintaining solid ties with your community."

Even in the '30s, prominent Quebecers like Henri Bourassa sought dialogue with Jewish leaders such as H.M. Caiserman. Years later, René Lévesque was among those who continued the dialogue with David Rome and others, he said.

Bouchard urged that these historic ties be deepened today. "Your contribution is essential to Quebec. We need it. That is why your project has interested us from the start.

"The campus... represents for all Quebecers an open door to the Montreal Jewish community and its cultural, social and human richness. It symbolizes for us the common home that we wish to share with all Jews of Quebec."

Gray also set the inauguration of the campus within the community's long tradition of contribution to the country. The project, he said, is a sign of the community's "future health and vitality."

Bourque used the occasion to announce that the city will give a $100,000 grant to the Holocaust Centre, which is to be expanded and updated. He deemed the campus "fabulous, fabulous."

"I believe today the Montreal Jewish community stands a bit more proudly, is more secure, more understood, more recognized, more appreciated and more encouraged about its future," Plotnick said in his farewell address.

Funding for the project has come mainly from individuals in the Jewish community, as well as foundations and corporations. Plotnick reiterated that not a single dollar came from Combined Jewish Appeal funds designated for local services.

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Pipe bombs injure dozens in Netanya

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Terror struck inside Israel the day before Israeli and Palestinian officials were to begin final-status negotiations.

Israeli officials said they would fight terrorism and continue to work towards peace with the Palestinian Authority despite a triple bombing in the northern coastal town of Netanya.

No group claimed responsibility for the three pipe bombs that exploded Sunday, wounding dozens of people. A fourth pipe bomb did not detonate.

Israeli and Palestinian officials blamed the attack on Islamic militants seeking to derail the peace process.

The Israeli cabinet was meeting to approve the next withdrawal from the West Bank when the attack occurred.

According to witnesses and police, the explosions occurred at about 10:30 a.m in the heart of Netanya's business district.

Witnesses and police said the bombs had been planted near a garbage bin at a corner near a bank.

"I was at the corner, waiting at a red light, when I heard an explosion behind us – three explosions," said an Israel Radio reporter who was at the scene.

"There was heavy smoke and fire. I looked behind and saw fire in a pile of garbage, and I saw six or seven people lying on the sidewalk. Police arrived in a few minutes."

"Suddenly I heard this explosion," said another witness. "I turned around. I was burned in the hand. My father was thrown back by the force of the blast. Everyone was running around. People were lying in the streets. It was chaos."

Police cordoned off the area as ambulance crews began evacuating the wounded to three area hospitals.

Israeli police put up roadblocks around Netanya, as part of a search for suspects. A local police official confirmed that suspects had been detained for questioning based on descriptions given by witnesses.

An Israel Radio reporter said police were investigating whether the same terrorist cell that planted two pipe bombs outside the Netanya police station three months ago – an incident that caused no damage or injuries – was involved in Sunday's bombing.

Prime Minister Ehud Barak issued a statement soon after the explosions, saying the government was determined to eliminate terrorism and that it expected the Palestinian Authority to do likewise.

The Palestinian Authority also spoke out against the attack.

Tayeb Abdel Rahim, secretary of the Palestinian Authority, said there was a clear link between the attack and Monday's scheduled start of the final-status talks.

He said the Palestinian Authority had in recent weeks arrested some 25 Islamic Jihad activists and members of the Hamas military wing who were allegedly planning terrorist attacks.

The bombing followed last week's summit in Oslo, where Barak and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat vowed to press ahead with the final stretch of the peace process.

Deputy Defence Minister Ephraim Sneh said Sunday that Israeli officials have long been warning that Islamic militants may try to sabotage the process.

The militants "do not want us to move forward," Sneh told Israel Radio. But, he added, "the dialogue will continue."

Communications Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer said that despite Sunday's attack, he believes Israel should go ahead with the next West Bank withdrawal.

Under the terms of the September land-for-peace agreement that Israel signed in Egypt, Israel is slated to transfer an additional five percent of the West Bank to the Palestinians on Nov. 15.

"I see no reason to stop this process," Ben-Eliezer told Israel Radio.

In the wake of the attack, Israeli police were put on heightened alert throughout the country.

Police Commissioner Yehuda Wilk said police had received no specific information of a planned attack in Netanya.

He dismissed a possible link between the nail-packed pipe-bombs in Netanya and a Hamas leaflet distributed over the weekend threatening attacks against Israel.

"This is not the same [kind of attack] as the leaflet discussed. This was a pipe bomb with improvised explosives. That doesn't say there won't be attempts to carry out more serious attacks," he said.

Hamas leader Sheik Ahmed Yassin was quoted as telling Qatar television he could neither confirm nor deny the authenticity of the leaflet because he was not in contact with the organization's military wing.

Yasser Abed Rabbo, left, head of the Palestinian negotiating team greets his Israeli counterpart Oded Eran Monday in Ramallah. **[Isranet photo]**

Final-status talks begin

By ALUF BENN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Israel and the Palestinians officially began final-status talks when the two sides met in Ramallah Monday.

The discussions opened with speeches by the heads of the negotiating teams, Oded Eran and Yasser Abed Rabbo, followed by debate regarding which topics will be included in the framework agreement, and the method of discussion.

In his opening comments, Eran stressed the historical importance of negotiating, and the heavy weight of responsibility resting on the shoulders of both sides.

Prime Minister Ehud Barak has set out a number of guidelines for the Israeli delegation:

- The framework agreement will signal the end of the conflict between the two sides.
- The accord will bring about a separation of political policy and security between Israel and "the Palestinian entity."
- The "five red lines" must be kept: No return to 1967 borders; a united Jerusalem as Israel's capital; no foreign army west of the Jordan valley; no return of refugees to Israeli territory; and most of the settlements to be absorbed by Israel.

The talks lasted for two hours. The delegations were scheduled to meet in Ramallah again Wednesday.

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Number of homeless youth in Jerusalem growing

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Although in Israel, where the official languages are Hebrew and Arabic, most of this crowd is speaking English.

This is, after all, what the *Jerusalem Report* magazine termed the "headquarters of teenage American Jerusalem."

While the teens – many dressed all in black, others wearing American brand name clothing – look like they're just hanging out, a good number of them call this open square "home."

There are about 400 homeless youth in Jerusalem – a growing population in this city – according to the many organizations that help street kids. More than 200 of them are English-speaking Americans and Canadians.

Adam used to be one of them. Now, he only comes here occasionally to see some of his friends. "I will always be attracted to Zion Square because I'm American," says Adam.

Israeli-born Dan is a fixture at the square. Although not all of the kids in this group are homeless, 17-year-old Dan is.

Sitting on some steps in an alley just off Zion Square, Dan has warily agreed to be interviewed. After the first story about Zion Square's teens appeared in a local newspaper, police "started beating up the kids to clear the [promenade]," Dan says.

Dan, dressed in baggy khakis and a buttoned down shirt, has been living on and off the streets since he was 15, when his abusive father broke his nose.

Dan's family, who immigrated from the States, lives in the settlements. He sometimes goes to his parents' home, but inevitably ends up back on the streets. His family is religious, he's secular.

Raquel's life revolves around kids like Dan and Adam – dropouts, drug addicts, and just plain homeless youth. She refers to them as "my kids."

The kids are teenage children of American and Canadians either living here or in North America.

Their stories are variations on several key themes: broken homes; parents who have become religious, while they stayed secular; being uprooted from North America and then incomplete absorption; and sexual molestation by a relative.

Some have been in jail, mostly for drugs and theft. Many are, or have been, homeless.

No one seems interested in them, except for the police – who monitor drug use and who off and on pull kids in – and Raquel and her institute.

Raquel takes these kids to court and finds them lawyers, she takes them for AIDS tests, she talks them out of suicide, she drags junkies to drug-rehabilitation centres, and most of all, she listens – as an adult they can trust.

Recounting his past two years on the streets, Dan says he can't remember how many times he's been frisked and arrested by the police. "I didn't know it was a crime to sleep on stairs," he says innocently.

According to the municipality's youth services director, Shabtai Amedi, there are approximately 130 homeless youth in Jerusalem.

Raquel says the city's figures are off. "The city says we only have eight kids who are homeless," Raquel says. "Correction: We only have eight kids that fit into the city's program."

The city's program only accepts homeless youth between the ages of 18 and 22. The person must be totally drug-free, and must have citizenship.

Raquel, whose father is a former Venezuelan career diplomat and that nation's poet laureate, has a network of people willing to shelter the homeless English-speaking kids for a night or two, here and there. Some are families she has worked with in the past, others are people who just want to help.

When Adam was under house arrest, he says he let more than 30 homeless kids each spend some time under his roof. Adam says it was the least he could do. After all, the apartment which served as his base for house arrest was paid for by a lawyer who volunteers his services to The Rose Institute.

Raquel's institute, which last October was officially recognized as a not-for-profit organization, is made up of three social workers in addition to a band of volunteers – ranging from lawyers offering free services, to restaurants giving away food, to therapists waiving their fees.

"She does things no one else will do," Adam says. "The first time I felt I had self worth was after six months house arrest."

Sixty percent of Raquel's "kids" are here on tourist visas and are not even officially recognized by the State.

This group of young people is comprised of those who were sent to Israel by their parents to participate in various programs, but because they haven't fit in, have found themselves without lodging.

There are also those who came as tourists and don't want to return to their home countries, for many different reasons, including abusive homes, religious coercion and drug addictions. As non-citizens they are not entitled to any government assistance.

The other 40 percent of "her" kids are citizens whose families moved here and who haven't adjusted to the way of life here, or have fallen in with the wrong crowds, or do not fit in, religiously, in their families,

Six of her kids – who range in age from 14 to 22 – have died this year, be it from a "stabbing, suicide … one reason or another."

"I didn't know so many [of these] kids existed," admits one of the Rose Institute's social workers, Caryn Green, a Wurzweiler School of Social Work graduate who works with about 100 kids. "I was surprised."

Raquel, who got her master's degree in social work at Yeshiva University and worked in crisis intervention in the U.S. before moving here almost five years ago, says awareness of this issue by the general population is one of the first steps in overcoming the problem.

"Everyone acknowledges it's a surprise to them – the number of these kids – because people haven't been exposed to the information and didn't know what kind of crisis it could cause."

"The underground community [of homeless youth] is exploding," she says.

Raquel is hoping to receive funding from the Jerusalem municipality in the near future. At the moment, she relies solely on funding from North America.

But the city – which allocates $23,000 Cdn towards helping its homeless young adults and its shelters – has no budget for Raquel's kids.

Adam is hoping to change this situation.

With Raquel's help, he managed to secure a spot in the municipality's homeless program – despite his tourist status.

He is hoping to prove to the government that The Rose Institute should receive funding for the work it does with the troubled and homeless English-speaking youth.

"My goal is to get citizenship, get a job, and go [back to school]," says Adam.

In the meantime, however, Adam rents a city-subsidized apartment and is completing community service at an old age home for his drug conviction. His parents and five siblings still live in the States.

The institute doesn't only help the kids on the street, but it helps get them off the street, too. Raquel offers educational and rehabilitation programs to help reduce the numbers of kids who take to the streets.

Raquel tries to keep families together and sends some of her kids back to North America.

"We try to build a bond so that when the kids go back they will go to therapy," she says.

And she also works with the families here. "We start working as a unit – trying to keep the kid in a family setting."

Adam admits that he didn't think he would be in contact with his family again. But now, he says he speaks to them as much as he can.

He adds that he wants to go into social work and would like to work for the institute.

"In the dictionary under social worker, there should be a picture of Raquel," he says. Then, after catching her eye, he smiles broadly.

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Assad's son hopeful of peace

By DANIEL SOBELMAN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

PARIS — While the son of Syrian President Hafez al-Assad, speaking in Paris, was upbeat about breaking the deadlock in talks with Israel, Syrian state-run media is skeptical about progress, accusing Israel and the United States of derailing the peace process.

On a ground-breaking visit to France, Bashar Assad expressed hope that the four-year impasse in negotiations with Israel would be broken soon. After meeting with French President Jacques Chirac for two hours, he said that he hopes negotiations with Israel will be renewed, but added that "it all depends on the good intentions of all sides involved."

Amid speculation in the French media about the purpose of his visit, Syria's heir apparent, 36, said that Europe's role in the Middle East peace process is "always important but complementary to that of the United States."

France and Syria have similar, but not identical positions on the peace process, he said.

Syrian media steps up criticism of Israel, U.S.

It was not known whether Bashar Assad was scheduled to return to Syria, or stay in Paris when Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat were to be in the city.

In a radio interview in Jerusalem, Barak praised Syrian President Hafez Assad, and said he hoped that talks between Israel and Syria would be revived by the end of the year.

Meanwhile, Syria's state-run media stepped up attacks against Israel and the United States, and called for enhanced French involvement in the peace process. *Tashrin* newspaper announced recently that the chances of renewed negotiations with Israel have lessened due to "Israel's obstinacy, the categorical rejection of international decisions by Tel Aviv leaders, and the boundless support given to them by the Americans."

Tashrin contended that damage to the peace process has been caused both by "Israel's conquest ambitions for the Golan Heights, the West Bank and Jerusalem," and by "Israel's refusal to resume talks with Syria from the point at which they were halted in 1996."

Coupled with this anti-Israel attack, *Tashrin* charged that "harm to the peace process derives from the lack of an active and just American role. The experience of the past two years proves that Washington is too weak to use its authority to impose a balance between the sides and implement Security Council resolutions."

The *Tashrin* article emphasized that "there is now an imperative for a European role in moving the peace process forward."

The Syrian paper elaborated: "Within Europe, France plays an important role, one which is positive and necessary... France is a member of the [Grapes of Wrath] monitoring committee, and is a balancing factor on this committee, denouncing the aggressor, and disclosing (Israel's) responsibility for all to see."

A conference marking the centennial of the birth of the Iranian Islamic revolution leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, concluded recently in Damascus. Figures associated with the Teheran leadership, such as Hezbollah secretary general Hasan Nasrallah, and Islamic Jihad secretary general Ramadan Shalah, took part in the meetings.

Commentators in Damascus interpreted the conference as a Syrian signal indicating pessimism over recent developments in the peace process and over Israel's positions regarding the renewal of talks.

This is the fourth event held in Damascus in the past month involving participants from Palestinian and Lebanese organizations that oppose the peace process.

The Week in Israel

Nov. 1

• President Ezer Weizman was hospitalized after suffering a gall bladder inflammation. A hospital spokesperson said Weizman was in no danger.

• The first Israeli Arab to pass El Al's flight attendant school will begin work for the airline this month.

Nov. 2

• Israel successfully tested its Arrow missile, which destroyed a dummy Scud missile fired from another boat.

• Plans to open an emergency exit in a Christian holy site in the Old City set off a dispute over who will hold the keys.

Nov. 3

• Israeli Arab legislator Ahmed Tibi proposed extending citizenship to the immediate families of Israeli citizens, even those who are not Jewish.

• Israel will carry out another withdrawal from the West Bank this week, said education minister Yossi Sarid.

• Police investigated whether a series of fires outside Jerusalem was deliberately set. Traffic was stopped on sections of the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway as planes, helicopters and ground crews battled to control the blaze, which was boosted by dry and windy conditions.

Nov. 4

• Bar Ilan University and a teachers college for women in Moscow signed an agreement to promote educational co-operation between the two schools.

• Prime Minister Ehud Barak attended a ceremony marking the fourth anniversary of the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, held at the grave of the fallen leader. A rally was held later in the day in the Tel Aviv square where Rabin was shot.

Nov. 5

• A census of Ethiopians waiting to immigrate to Israel found that 26,196 individuals comprise what the survey describes as "the remnants of Ethiopian Jewry."

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Arts & Travel

Oscar-nominated film imitates director's life

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Drawing on her childhood in Switzerland and letting her memory run free, prominent Quebec filmmaker Lea Pool has written and directed an affecting coming-of-age movie which critics in Canada and the United States have universally acclaimed.

Premiered at the recent Toronto International Film Festival, *Emporte-moi* (*Set Me Free*) is Pool's sixth feature since 1979, a tender, warm-hearted film which is partly autobiographical. Last week, it was named Canada's entry for best foreign-language film at the 2000 Academy Awards in Los Angeles.

In *Emporte-moi*, set in Montreal and environs in 1963, the protagonist is Hanna, a 13-year-old girl. (Not by coincidence, Pool has an adopted child whose name is Giula Hanna). Pool's father, an unpublished poet and a Holocaust survivor, is Jewish. Her mother, a garment factory worker, is Catholic.

They have a problematic marriage, and amid the household discord, Hanna struggles with her adolescence and her dreams.

When the characters in *Emporte-moi* are compared with Pool's actual biography, one is struck by the notion that art can indeed imitate life.

Pool's dad, Jacob David Mohr, was a Polish Jew born in the village of Rozwadov. In 1939, the year Germany invaded Poland, he was living in Capri, Italy. He was married to a woman whose German-Jewish father was a banker.

During the war, they fled to southern France, where his wife was arrested and ultimately deported to a concentration camp. Alone, Mohr made his way southward toward Spain. In a move which probably saved him, he flew to Switzerland. There he remained in a camp until 1945.

Only then did he learn that his parents had been murdered in Rozwadov, and that his sister and two children had been killed in Auschwitz.

At the end of the war, Mohr met Pool's mother, a Protestant whose surname was Pool. She and her brother, who is three years older, were born in Geneva. They were raised in Geneva and Lausanne in a French milieu.

Lea Pool

As in *Emporte-moi*, Pool was subjected to anti-Semitic taunts when she was a student. "I was accused of killing Jesus," she said in an interview." I answered that Jesus was a Jew."

Her father was a frustrated writer. "The problem was that he spoke nine languages – Polish, Yiddish, German, Russian, Italian, Hebrew, French, Spanish and English – but could not write one correctly. So he was never published and suffered a lot from this situation. He was an autodidact, never having studied at a university."

Pool enjoyed a special relationship with him, although he was not an easy man. "I loved him very much. I think I am what I am because of him."

In their house, religion and poverty grated on the family's nerves. "Religion was a source of conflict between my mother's family and my father," she acknowledged.

At her father's insistence, Pool was raised as a Jew and attended synagogue. "I was never in a church," she said. "My father was not religious, but he followed Jewish rites and holidays."

Since he was chronically unemployed, the family suffered. "We were poor. I remember my parents selling a typewriter in a pawn shop."

Due to these factors, perhaps, her parents clashed, like Hanna's parents in *Emporte-moi* . But later, their relationship improved. Mohr died in 1975 and was buried in Israel, a country she has visited five times and loves unabashedly. Many of her cousins live in Israel. Her mother still resides in Switzerland.

In *Emporte-moi*, Hanna's career as a filmmaker is launched when a sympathetic teacher gives her a movie camera. In fact, Pool's attraction to cinema was a gradual process. "I never really intended to be a filmmaker," she said.

Pool, a 49-year-old former teacher, immigrated to Canada in 1975. "I found Switzerland too narrow-minded, and I knew I had to change something in my life to be more free and to be able to do something interesting."

In Montreal, she studied communication arts at the University of Quebec. "I had a chance to make a short documentary film there, and it was well received."

Thanks to a Canada Council grant, she made *Stras Cafe*, her first feature, which won awards at four festivals. "It took me three more films before I considered myself a filmmaker." After *Stras Cafe*, Pool made *La femme de l'hotel* and *Sauvage*, among others.

Emporte-moi is not her first film with Jewish characters and situations. "The (Jewish) theme was already there in 1986 with *Anne Trister*. "It opens with the death of a father, who is buried in Israel."

Pool, whose films are noted for their emotional intensity and esthetic beauty, is sure that *Emporte-moi* is not her last film revolving around Jews. "It will come again sooner or later, because it is part of me. I always do very personal films."

Currently, she is working on her next project, entitled *Taxi pour la liberte*. "It's a story of three people – a German-Turkish woman, a Yemenite man and a Cuban man – trying to find their roots. They have lost their respective countries and cannot find a new one. It's about exile, loss of territory and racism."

Original Jacob film available on video

By LARRY ANKLEWICZ
Special to The CJN

Two remarkable films are being released on video: the original East German version of *Jacob The Liar (Jakob der Lugner),* (the release date is Nov. 16) and the tender and warmhearted *A Walk On The Moon,* which is now available on video.

With the recent release of the Robin Williams remake, the owners of the rights to the original 1974 version of *Jacob The Liar* gave it a short theatrical re-release and slated it for the video market.

The original is a much smaller production than this year's remake. It has fewer special effects and its cast is composed of relatively unknown, but excellent German actors.

Valstimil Rodsky plays the central role of Jacob, but the only actor viewers may recognize in this production is Armin Mueller-Stahl, who appears in a relatively small role.

Jacob The Liar is a well-made film about an inconspicuous resident of a Polish ghetto, who accidentally overhears a radio broadcast announcing a Russian military victory. The news quickly goes through the entire ghetto and eventually everyone believes that Jacob

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Arts & Travel

It's a fine life for Oliver!'s Artful Dodger

By KATHRYN KATES
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — In less than a year, Jake Epstein has graduated from performing in school plays to portraying the Artful Dodger in Lionel Bart's *Oliver* at the Princess of Wales Theatre.

This is the 12-year-old's second Mirvish Production since May.

"The Artful Dodger is my favourite role in the world," Jake says. "The first time I saw the movie, I started doing imitations of Jack Wilde, who played the character. Then the auditions for *Oliver* came up and I was really psyched."

After the first auditions, an Artful Dodger had not been found, and the people working with producers Cameron Mackintosh and David and Ed Mirvish called some local agents.

"When I went to audition, I was taught a few things in the morning, then was sent off with a group. We were taught some dance steps and a verse of *Consider Yourself*. I waited about a week to find out if I got the part. I couldn't sleep. I knew I had a good chance, and it was really nerve wracking.

"I've only sung a solo once in my life in front of people, so I guess I'm going to have to find out what it's like," says Jake, a novice to the musical theatre.

"At least when we are singing at rehearsal, I know everyone. *Consider Yourself* and *I'll Do Anything* are my two biggest songs. I also do a solo verse in *Be Back Soon* and in the reprise of *A Fine Life*."

To perfect the role of Dodger, Jake had to master the Cockney dialect. "At the beginning it was overwhelming. I didn't know if I was saying it right or wrong. We've had days that we've just worked on the accent going over each line. It helped when they gave me a sheet that phonetically spells out almost every word in the script."

Jake's earlier dreams were far removed from the world of entertainment. "My sister tried out at the Claude Watson art school because she told me it was really fun, and besides, it was a missed day of school. I was more of a jock, I still am, but I've been going [to Claude Watson] since Grade 4 and now I'm in Grade 7.

"At school I take drama, visual arts, dancing and singing. Last year, I was in the school play *Our Town*, and our drama teacher got a call from the casting director of the professional production of *Our Town* at the Royal Alex. My teacher asked me to audition. I got a tiny, tiny role as a paperboy, who walks on stage for about five seconds. It was really a lot of fun."

Jake shared his paperboy role with his friend Mitchell Freed. This summer, at Freed's suggestion, the two auditioned for the PBS show *Ricky's Room*. Jake won a leading role and says filming the show was as much fun as going to camp.

Jake Epstein

Through this experience, the budding actor met Shari Quallenberg of Vision Talent. "The casting director of *Ricky's Room* [Quallenberg] was also an agent. About two weeks into the filming, she called me and said, 'Do you want to have a meeting? I want to be your agent.' After one week, I got five auditions in a row. I am extremely lucky to have Shari as my agent. She was one of just a few agents called for the casting of Oliver."

Although Jake's theatrical resume is building quickly and includes filming *Real Kids, Real Adventures* for Firecorp VIII Productions and a commercial for Light Pasta, he considers acting his hobby.

An A student, he says his future plans are still ahead of him. His goal is to garner a university athletic, academic or arts scholarship.

When not on stage, Jake, who speaks French, plays piano, clarinet and saxophone. He participates in tennis, all star soccer, basketball, ping-pong, baseball, hockey, rollerblading, squash, gymnastics and swimming, and has a brown belt in karate.

Jake's parents are Ian Epstein, a lawyer, and Kathy Kacer, a psychologist and children's author. His sister Gabi, 14, is a member of the Toronto Children's Chorus.

His future plans include continuing to audition for parts after *Oliver* ends and to follow in his sister's footsteps.

"I'll probably go to Earl Haig Collegiate, cause that's where my sister goes. Wherever Gabi goes, I seem to follow her. We get along pretty well."

For more information or tickets to *Oliver* call TicketKing at 416-872-1212 or 1-800-461-3333.

Original Jacob better than new one

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has a radio and that his news is genuine.

The initial news item was true, but Jacob invents and embellishes the story after that. Although spirits in the ghetto rise because of Jacob's "news," in the end nothing really changes.

Several scenes in the original production were reproduced in the remake, but the scenes from the original appear to be shorter and more to the point. The humor is also a little more low key and the production is a little grittier and less surreal in the new version.

At the same time, I must admit that I still enjoyed the new film. Despite some negative reviews, I found this film to be both sensitive and realistic, except for the very last scene which almost destroyed the film's credibility.

I certainly think that the Williams production is much better than *Life Is Beautiful*. But the 1974 version of *Jacob The Liar*, is better than both.

Jacob The Liar was nominated in 1977 for an Academy Award for best foreign film and was recently chosen as one of the 100 most important German films of all time.

If you cannot find a copy of *Jacob The Liar* at your local video store, ask the manager or owner to order it through his distributor. The video is available through Morningstar Entertainment Inc. and should be accessible to every video retailer interested in stocking it.

A Walk On The Moon, released in theatres earlier this year, is a much lighter and warmhearted film.

Set in the summer of 1969, at the time of Woodstock, and when the first man landed on the moon, *A Walk On The Moon* could be about any working-class family. But first-time director, Tony Goldwyn, grandson of movie mogul Samuel Goldwyn, chose to make this a film about a Jewish family who spends summer vacations at a cottage in the Catskills.

A scene from Jacob the Liar.

The whole family is at the cottage except for the father, Marty Kantrowitz (Liev Schreiber). He spends all week in the city working in a television repair shop and joins his family only on weekends.

The family includes Marty's wife Pearl (Diane Lane), his teenage daughter Alison (Anna Paquin), his young son Daniel (Bobby Boriello) and his mother Lilian (Tovah Feldshuh).

The film revolves around Pearl and her feelings that life has passed her by and that her youth has disappeared before she had a chance to enjoy it.

Marty was Pearl's first boyfriend. She met him when she was 17 and she immediately became pregnant. As a result, she married Marty at a young age and accepted the responsibilities and obligations of family life at that time.

Pearl's searching for some meaning to her life leads her to an affair with the "Blouse Man" (Viggo Mortensen) who visits the cottage community on a regular basis, and to her experimenting with pot, sex and Woodstock.

Pearl must decide whether she wishes the uninhibited lifestyle of her lover or the stability and security of her family.

Lane gives one of her best performances to date as the somewhat confused and questioning Pearl Kantrowitz and Feldshuh is outstanding as the rock upon which the Kantrowitz family is anchored. Feldshuh provides the wisdom and the love the family needs to get through this crisis, and her continual stream of Yiddishisms gives the film the ethnic base for its setting.

Although *A Walk On The Moon* did not receive wide theatrical success, it should do much better on video. It is a film that will appeal to a lot of people on different levels. It explores the changing mores and morals of a time that has come to symbolize change, and it does so with a nice light touch that is both entertaining and thought provoking.

This video should also be readily available at video stores everywhere. It was released by Alliance Home Video and most stores will probably have at least one copy on their shelves.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

TEMPLE SINAI CONCERT WELCOMES NEW CANTOR

Temple Sinai of Toronto is welcoming its new cantor, **Donna Faye Dower**, with a "joyous ceremony, followed by a celebratory concert of rare dimensions."

The installation of Cantor Dower will be performed by **Cantor Israel Goldstein**, director of the school of sacred music at New York City's Hebrew Union College. Visitors from all over North America, including noted dignitaries of the Reform movement, are expected to attend.

The post-installation celebration is the first concert in the Temple's series, Our Musical Legacy. The programme features the cantorial voices of **Benjamin B. Maissner** (Holy Blossom), **Efraim Sapir** (Beth Tikvah), **Martin Steinhouse** (Temple Har Zion) and **Anna Trubashnik** (cantorial soloist). The Temple's adult and youth choirs will also participate.

The evening's piece de resistance is expected to be a duet by Cantors Dower and Goldstein of an opus by the renowned composer of sacred music, **Ben Steinberg**.

Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m. 210 Wilson Ave. 416-487-4161.

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Yiddishland Cafe: The Workmen's Circle presents a Yiddishland Cafe evening, Yiddish Songs — Moscow Style: Yiddish Songs from the Moscow Yiddish Theatre of the 1980s. Featuring **Miriam Eskin**, **Yuri Tsevi** and **Nina Shapilsky**, all former members of the Moscow Yiddish Theatre.

Tickets are $12 in advance, $15 at the door. Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m. 471 Lawrence Ave. W. 416-635-0720 or 416-787-2081.

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Friends of Yiddish: Author **Dr. Itzik Gottesman** will deliver a talk in Yiddish (*Der Folklorist Tsvishn der Yiddisher Untervelt*) at the 23rd Jewish Book Fair in Toronto. Members free, guests $3. Nov. 14, 1:30 p.m. Leah Posluns Theatre. Call Bess Shockett, 416-630-7222, to reserve.

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A Story of Survival: The Cranbrooke Friendship Club of the United Jewish People's Order &Winchevsky Centre presents **Ibolya Grossman**, author of *An Ordinary Woman in Extraordinary Times*, which documents her heroic story of survival in the Budapest Ghetto in WWII.

Nov.15 at 12:30 p.m., Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. $5 includes a light lunch. 416-789-5502.

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Jews of the Deep South: The University Press of Mississippi has published **Edward Cohen's** recollections of Jewish life in the American South. In *The Peddler's Grandson: Growing Up Jewish in Mississippi*, Cohen tells of how he sang Dixie in his segregated school and recited the *Sh'ma* in temple.

Cohen's grandfather was originally from Romania. An itinerant farm laborer, he was the first Jew many Mississippians had ever seen. Cohen is now a TV producer based in Venice, Calif. The Peddler's Grandson costs $41.95 in Canada.

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Music & Dance

• **The Toronto Children's Chorus** salutes the choral legacy of Jewish composers in Roots and Wings, a performance of works by **Srul Irving Glick**, **Gerald Cohen**, **Joel Hardyk**, **Leonard Bernstein**, **Aaron Copland** and others.

Adults $15-$10. Nov. 14, 3 p.m. Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. 416-932-8666, ext. 111.

• Striking members of the **Toronto Symphony Orchestra** perform works by **Mozart**, **Telemann**, **Donizetti** and **Dvorak** at the George Weston Recital Hall, Ford Centre, 5040 Yonge St. $30. Nov. 15, 8 p.m. On Nov. 21, 3 p.m., some striking TSO members perform How the Orchestra Grew: A Family Concert at the same venue. Adults $25, families (up to 3 children), $50. 416-870-8000.

• **The York Symphony Orchestra** performs Great Classics of Prokofiev, Beethoven, Strauss and Tchaikovsky, with baritone **Igor Emelianov**. $20. Newmarket Theatre, Nov. 20, 8 p.m. 905-953-5122. Also at the Markham Theatre, Nov. 21, 3 p.m. 905-305-7469.

• **Kaeja d'Dance** in association with the Ashkenaz Foundation and Harbourfront Centre Dance Series present the premiere of *Resistance*, the final instalment of **Allen Kaeja's** Holocaust-themed dance creations. Premiere Dance Theatre, Harbourfront, Feb. 1 to 5, 2000. Tickets $28-$20.416- 973-4000.

At the Galleries

• Mindscapes, a collection of oil paintings by Montreal-born artist **Ron Clavier**, is on view Nov. 13 & 14 at the artist's studio, 308 Glen Rd., Toronto. 416-489-0300.

• **Stefan Galvanek** and **Asher Sadeh** present Two Views of the Nude, Nov. 4 to Dec. 1 at the Illuminary Art Gallery, 96 Spadina Ave., Suite 606. A panel discussion, The Nude in Contemporary Society, takes place Nov. 13, 2 p.m. 416-703-6500.

Beth Tzedec cantor releases CD

CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A copy of the new CD, *Creations in Rhythm: New Sounds in World Music*, by Cantor Paul Kowarsky, was sent to Israel's Prime Minister Ehud Barak with prayers for the renewal of the peace process in the Middle East.

A thank you letter from the Prime Minister's Office states, "May the words of this prayer come to fruition."

The CD included a dedication of the song *Sim Shalom* in Barak's honour.

Kowarsky says he hopes his rendition of *Sim Shalom* will become the theme of the peace process.

"Peace and well-being, surely the dream of all mankind," are found in his rendition of *Sim Shalom*.

"Jew and Arab, religious and secular, Sephardi and Ashkenazi – bring us all together, we pray, so that the Middle East may become a haven of peace for all who dwell there."

On his recently released CD, tenor Kowarsky demonstrates his skill in harmonizing, his concert artistry, and his varying styles of chazzanut.

The diversity of his original music recorded on *Creations in Rhythm* reflects Jewish traditional sounds in music from around the world – klezmer, Ashkenazi, Sephardi, South American, and African.

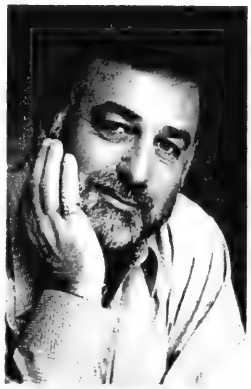
The variations of rhythms and orchestral arrangements transform liturgical music into universal world music and Kowarsky is pleased that the CD is attracting both Jewish and non Jewish fans.

There are variations of ethnic and cultural sounds and many freilech foot-tapping songs. His extensive repertoire includes chassidic, Israeli, Yiddish, opera, and popular English, Italian and Neapolitan songs.

Kowarsky, cantor of Toronto's Beth Tzedec Congregation since 1980, is widely recognized as one of today's most outstanding cantors.

Born and raised in South Africa, Kowarsky practised law for a short time before accepting cantorial positions in Montreal, Cincinnati, and now at Beth Tzedec.

This winter, Kowarsky will be taking a six-month sabbatical and plans to visit Jewish communities worldwide. He has received numerous invitations to daven in many countries including Hungary, Australia and New Zealand.



Paul Kowarsky

His plan is to be in Israel over the next year "and I hope to sing *Sim Shalom* when I am there."

Over the years, Kowarsky has presented concerts and made cantorial appearances around the world.

Creations in Rhythm has been released by Kannekt Records, Canada. Kowarsky's compositions are orchestrated by five-time Canadian Juno award nominee, Howard Baer.

Creations in Rhythm and other Kowarsky recordings are available at Jewish book and gift shops, major music stores, and at the Beth Tzedec Congregation.

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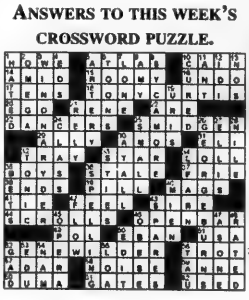

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Yiddish is alive and well

BY BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Judging by the tumultuous reception given *On 2nd Avenue*, presented by Olive Eye Productions, Yiddish is alive and well in Toronto.

A near sell-out crowd of 450, paid $100 a seat to benefit Yiddish studies at the University of Toronto when *On 2nd Avenue* opened recently at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

Two other performances of the musical by the Yiddish Theatre of the Saidye Bronfman Centre in Montreal, were complete sell-outs.

"Yiddish is our heritage, our bond to the past and our obligation to the future," said Sandy Wise, chair of the opening night gala committee.

For 28 years, the U of T Yiddish studies program has played a vital role in keeping the language alive, without any funds from any other sources, except through contributions from its supporters, Marvin Schiff said.

Schiff is chair of the Yiddish studies committee, which is a subcommittee of the Committee for Yiddish, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

Though the well-thought out choreography and the hustle-bustle of the New York-style musical were enjoyable, the most popular numbers were those of a more intimate style, for example, by Elan Kunin, the show's musical director, and Benji Gonshor doing *Mir Kumen Fun Passaic* and *Hootsa Tsa*. This pair brought an electric spark whenever they stepped on stage.

In the same vein, Aron Gonshor, Benji's father, got big laughs for his rendition of Menashe Skulnik's *It Shouldn't Happen to a Dog, What Happened To Me*. The audience appeared to enjoy those moments that were filled with the guttural sounds of street Yiddish.

Courtroom scene from *On 2nd Avenue*. [Gloria Fuerstenberg photo]

Kunin's bit as a Shakespearean actor doing *Hamlet* in Yiddish, and substituting *New York* for Yorick at the behest of a prompter, was hilarious.

The veteran trouper, Sam Stein, got a big hand when he auditioned for a fictional synagogue in Mississauga, his act benefiting from the local reference. More of these would have been a good idea.

The *Jenny Runs for Mayor* sketch was a good one and the lyrics and dialogue were just as appropriate for Canada as for the United States. However, this plus was voided when a U.S. flag, instead of a Canadian one, was introduced at the finale.

The singing voices of Karen Karpman, Emilie Phaneuf, Michelle Heisler and Judy Strauber added a lot to *On 2nd Avenue* but the Molly Picon number with Heisler went on too long.

The biggest ovation opening night came when Yiddish Theatre founder Dora Wasserman was wheeled onto the stage in front of the cast by daughter, Bryna Wasserman, the theatre's present director. To make the evening complete, Bryna's son, Ian Wasserman-Turetsky, was one of the children in the cast.

***Saidie Di Lady* with Michelle Heisler and Elan Kunin. The audience appeared to enjoy moments filled with guttural sounds of street Yiddish, critic Ben Rose says. [Gloria Fuerstenberg photo]**

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Health

DVI offers dental services to Israeli kids

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The old adage that it is better to give than to receive could be the motto of Dental Volunteers for Israel (DVI).

Two Toronto dentists, Dr. Melvin Charendoff and Dr. Irving Petroff, along with thousands of other dentists from 12 countries, have given their time and expertise to serve as volunteer dentists at DVI, a Jerusalem dental clinic that provides free services to Israeli children who would otherwise not have access to dental care.

Charendoff and Petroff told *The CJN* they feel great joy in knowing that they have contributed to the health of Jewish, Christian and Muslim children in Israel, many of whom have never had dental care before.

The dentists pay their own way to Israel, where they work in the clinic for periods of one to four weeks. They get free apartments for their families and enjoy a busy schedule of trips and lectures. They also receive free tickets to concerts and other events.

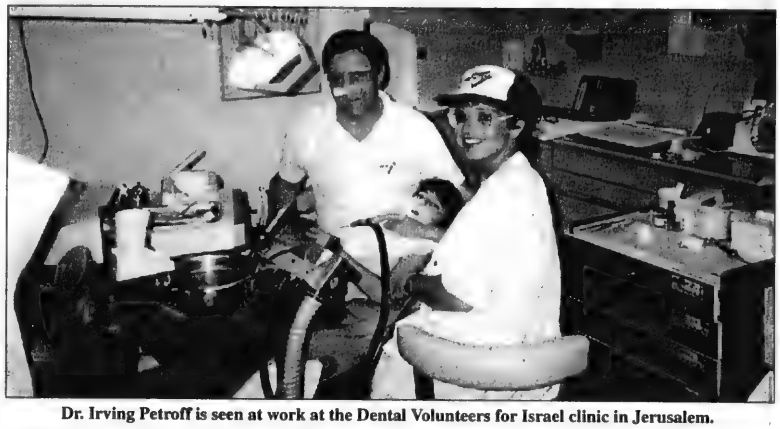
Charendoff, who has been in practice for 38 years, was last at the dental clinic in March. "The clinic is a marvelous place. It is difficult to put into words the total participation of the volunteers and the staff," he said.

Most dentists who volunteer are from Europe and not Jewish, he noted.

Trudi Birger, who founded the dental clinic and is the driving force behind its operation, was recently in Toronto. She said she hopes to attract more dentists from Canada.

Petroff, who has been in practice for 40 years, said it is wonderful to see how appreciative the Israeli patients and their families are at the DVI clinic.

"I felt tremendous as a dentist in Israel," he said, adding that he hopes to make a return visit to the clinic soon. "There is a high level of dental expertise among North American dentists, and the requirements in Israel are also very high."



Dr. Irving Petroff is seen at work at the Dental Volunteers for Israel clinic in Jerusalem.

It is wonderful to be able to transport dental skills to the children in Israel, Charendoff said. "But what we reaped in satisfaction far exceeds any professional treatment that we rendered."

He notes that Hebrew is not a prerequisite. "Our thanks were a *todah* [thank you] and their smiles. Many of the families brought fruit and cookies to show their appreciation."

Today, many of the patients are from Russian and Ethiopian families. "It is exciting to see black kids speaking Hebrew," Charendoff said.

The highlight of living and working in Jerusalem, he feels, is mixing with the people on the streets, taking buses and shopping, "being a temporary Israeli more than a tourist."

Both dentists made their volunteering in Israel a working holiday.

"There is plenty of time to sightsee and enjoy yourself, but at the same time, you see Israel as tourists don't," Petroff said.

Birger arranges for Israelis to escort the volunteers and they are invited for Shabbat dinners to Israeli homes and to other Israeli activities.

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Search for lung donor

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Ten-year-old girls like to ride their bikes, play in the park with friends, and pine over the current favourite rock star.

Lisa Ostrofsky, a 10-year-old Israeli girl, lives in a small town near Safed. But she is not riding her bike or playing in the park like other girls her age.

Instead, she is in a hospital bed at Duke University Medical Centre in Durham, N.C. Her cystic fibrosis has progressed to such an advanced stage that she needs a lung transplant.

In fact, her condition has become so serious recently, that a search is under way for a lung donor who is willing and able to give Lisa part of a lung in the hope that that will help her.

A worldwide campaign has been ongoing to raise funds for Lisa to have the operation: Duke would not even accept her into the program until close to $600,000 (US) had been raised.

The family needs at least another $200,000, to pay the rest of the medical fees, the cost of potential complications, and the expenses of her father, Ilya, who is with her. Her mother and sister remain in Israel.

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Good outlook for aging brain

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Brain cells die as we age, but the brain can then form new connections that enable us to continue to perform the same tasks we always have, said Gordon Winocour, a psychologist at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

"This leads me to be pretty optimistic about the future," he told an audience at the last of the Ada Starkman lecture series.

"We've underestimated the aging brain; it's not the bleak picture we once thought."

The discovery that the elderly can reorganize their brains to use new parts, for example in remembering faces, was made using a new method of taking pictures of the brain.

Winocour showed slides indicating that young and old people use different areas of their brains to do similar tasks of memory.

The number of elderly people who suffer from cognitive impairment is only from two to six percent, he said.

Even this figure is of "epidemic proportions" and represents a tremendous loss, he said, but the majority can continue to function well throughout their lives.

Long-term memory for episodic events is lodged in a part of the brain known as the hippocampus and it is particularly susceptible to aging, as is the frontal lobe, which governs attention span, he said.

Yet, using other parts of the brain, one participant in the study was still able to classify and arrange hundreds of photographs. And another, who said he always wanted to write a play, did so.

Referring to another aspect of the brain addressed by the current research, Winocour spoke of the difficulties stroke patients experience.

Non-neurologic factors, such as an enriched environment, are crucial in all cases of cognitive impairment, Winocour said, adding that the patients who respond the best are the ones who are treated the best at home.

In animal studies, Winocour said they were able to show that rats put in an enriched environment for just a matter of days had beneficial brain changes.

"We couldn't do our work without the help of caregivers. Unfortunately, we do treat the elderly differently, even dehumanize them, and that's a real tragedy."

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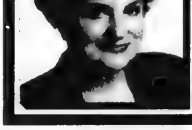

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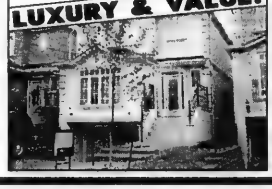

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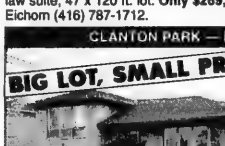

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KROST, Charles - on Oct. 14, 1999, late of 377 Ridelle Ave., #320.
DRUTZ, Meyer - on Oct. 21, 1999, late of 621 Vesta Dr.
KATZ, Jack - on Oct. 21, 1999, late of 25 Fisherville Rd., #208.
GRANT, Sylvia - on Oct. 24, 1999, late of 130 Dunn St.
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ELLISON, Rhoda - on Oct. 12, 1999, late of 3300 Don Mills Rd., #1002.
FREEMAN, Jack - on Oct. 14, 1999, late of 38 Stormont Ave.
GOMBAS, Edith - on Oct. 15, 1999, late of 46 Old Forest Hill Rd.
GERO, Emery - on Oct. 16, 1999, late of 12 Linelle St.
SCHWARTZ, Lionel - on Oct. 16, 1999, late of 110 Park Rd., #107.
HERSHENHORN, Bella - on Oct. 18, 1999, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
TOPLEY, Esther - on Oct. 18, 1999, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
BACK, Mel - on Oct. 19, 1999, late of 138 Hetherington Cres.
PASCOE, Herbert - on Oct. 19, 1999, late of 70 Rosehill Ave., #501.
ROTENBERG, Gertrude - on Oct. 19, 1999, late of 18A Hazelton Ave., #401.
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Israel & the Jewish World

Conversion decision delayed

By AVI MACHLIS
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Israel's Supreme Court has delayed a hearing on the legitimacy of Conservative conversions of adopted babies, until next April.

Reform and Conservative leaders, who originally rejected a delay, accepted last week's decision with mixed feelings.

They said they are unhappy with the delay, but are pleased that Justice Aharon Barak, the president of the Supreme Court, also agreed to address the general issue of conversions in April by lumping together more than 50 other outstanding conversion cases.

That decision could set the highest level precedent on non-Orthodox conversions.

According to a statement issued by the Masorti, or Conservative movement, Barak agreed that the special panel to convene in April "will discuss the issue in principle of the State of Israel's recognition of non-Orthodox conversions."

Reform and Conservative leaders had recently turned down a request to delay the hearing made by Rabbi Michael Melchior, minister of Diaspora affairs, who is heading a new governmental conversion committee.

The committee represents the first high-level attempt to address the controversial issues that have divided the movements since Prime Minister Ehud Barak was elected in May.

The liberal movements have repeatedly sought to gain recognition for their movements and institutions in Israel. The Orthodox fear that any change in the so-called status quo, which gives the Orthodox control over Jewish religious issues, would weaken the Jewish character of Israel.

Rabbi Melchior, a modern Orthodox rabbi, said the committee's purpose is to "strengthen unity among the Jewish people in Israel and the Diaspora" and to promote "dialogue between the streams."

Although Reform and Conservative leaders are pleased with his goals to promote dialogue, they say they don't expect much from the committee, and are disappointed that they are not on the committee itself.

"I do not have high expectations from this committee," said Rabbi Uri Regev, director of the Reform movement's Israel Religious Action Centre.

"The committee does not have the authority to decide. It will have to go back to the government, and I feel that the committee may be an unfortunate exercise in further prolonging the process."

In expressing his hopes for the committee, Rabbi Melchior has pointed to the fact that cabinet ministers across the political spectrum will address the issues there.

The liberal streams also expressed dismay that one of the committee's first acts was to ask the court to delay next week's hearings.

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Israel & the Jewish World

Oslo summit set tone for toughest talks yet

By DOUGLAS DAVIS
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Unlike previous Middle East summits, last week's Clinton-Barak-Arafat meeting in Oslo did not aim at achieving any dramatic breakthroughs.

Analysis

Instead, the three leaders had the more modest goal of creating a positive atmosphere as Israel and the Palestinian Authority embark on their most difficult negotiations to date – the final-status talks.

U.S. President Bill Clinton declared the meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat a success.

"We have just completed a very good meeting. I feel we have revitalized the peace process," Clinton said after the meeting, which took place amid commemorations in the Norwegian capital of the fourth anniversary of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

He offered no details about the hour-long meeting, which was intended to lay the groundwork for the final-status talks.

Those discussions – which will tackle such issues as the future of Jerusalem, Jewish settlements, Palestinian refugees and final borders – are slated to begin this week in the West Bank town of Ramallah.

Barak and Arafat have agreed to reach a final peace agreement by September 2000. They have also set an interim Feb. 15 deadline for achieving an outline of that pact.

Clinton said he would hold another summit with Barak and Arafat to work on the outline, adding that they "agreed with me that we might well have a summit at the end of this process if enough progress has been made" in the weeks before the February deadline.

Earlier in the day, the three leaders invoked Rabin's memory in a bid to kick-start the final-status talks.

Yet, for all three of the principals who assembled along with other leaders in Oslo, the summit was a high-stakes diplomatic poker game.

They knew that if they were unable to create the appropriate mood in Norway's placid setting, the task of negotiating the tough issues back home in the pressure cooker of Middle East politics would be far more difficult.

No one was underestimating the enormity of the task ahead, the consequences of failure – or the very real benefits that success will bring.

For the Israelis, a final settlement with the Palestinians will still leave unfinished business in Syria and Lebanon, but it will remove the major obstacle to normalizing relations with much of the Arab world and help secure the legitimacy that has eluded the Jewish state in the region.

For the Palestinians, a deal would mean not just a homeland, but, for the first time in history, the very real likelihood of an independent Palestinian state, with the promise of international diplomatic recognition and aid for reconstruction and development.

For Clinton, it is his best chance to redeem his presidency and associate his name in history with the achievement of a lasting peace in the Middle East. A hint of Clinton's eagerness to score this achievement could be detected at the Oslo town hall before the summit, when he joined other speakers in paying tribute to Rabin's legacy.

"If Rabin were here with us today he would say, 'There is not a moment to spare. All this honouring me and these nice words, they are very nice – but please finish the job,'" the president told those who had come to pay homage to Rabin.

"We have now a chance, but only a chance, to bring real and lasting peace between Israel and her neighbours," Clinton said. "If we let it slip away, all will bear the consequences."

Both Barak and Arafat joined in the drama played out before a cast of dignitaries that included Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, former Israeli prime minister, Shimon Peres, Rabin's widow, Leah, as well as representatives from the European Union and senior officials from several Arab states, including Jordan and Morocco.

"I vow to you, Yitzhak, a soldier who fell in the battle for peace, that we are determined to give your death meaning by following your legacy until we achieve peace," Barak said.

"We will strive to ensure Israel's security interests and vital needs; but, at the same time, we will seek to achieve a fair settlement which reflects the needs and sensitivities of our neighbours."

Arafat gave a military salute to a large portrait of Rabin that graced the stage. But he struck a harsher, perhaps more realistic, note when he focused on issues that will dominate the final-status negotiations.

He called on Israel to return to its pre-1967 borders and declared that peace meant resisting "violence, terror, occupation, exile and settlements."

In Gaza, Palestinian officials later defended Arafat's decision to make his demands clear at the Rabin memorial ceremony.

"We are more than a year behind an agreement which should have already been completed," Palestinian official Hisham Abdel Razek told Israel Television. "Yasser Arafat must use every forum to present the needs of the Palestinian people."

Peres, speaking to Israel Radio from Oslo, came out in favour of a Palestinian state, adding that Israel needs a Palestinian state alongside the Jewish state.

Earlier in the day in Oslo, at a formal royal banquet hosted by Norway's King Harald V in Rabin's memory, Leah Rabin received a standing ovation from the 220 guests when she urged Clinton, Barak and Arafat to fulfil the dream of peace for which her husband had given his life.

"It's up to you now," she said. "Is that too much too ask?"

What is at stake in the final-status negotiations are core issues that go to the heart of a seemingly intractable dispute.

In the coming 10 months, as Israeli and Palestinian negotiators face those issues, they will know that the destinies of their peoples will be riding on the outcome of their deliberations. They will know, too, that this is a rare opportunity to strike a deal, if, indeed, a deal is politically possible for the two sides.

History will weigh heavy on their shoulders.

JTA correspondent Naomi Segal in Jerusalem contributed to this report.

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Chat student stars on golf links

By MICHAEL NOBLE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Multi-sport athletes, students who star in whatever team they decide to try out for, are the hallmark of the high school sports world.

Oren Eizenman is such an athlete. On October 6, the 14-year old CHAT student tied for first in the 23-team TDCAA Golf Tournament.

Eizenman's performance, less than one month into his high school career, evened him with Jeff Overholt, a Grade 12 student, and helped lead the four-man CHAT team to a second place overall finish.

Oren Eizenman

The victory was one of many highlights in Eizenman's athletic career. In addition to his golfing prowess, he is captain of the Toronto Young Nats AAA Hockey Team, and plays baseball with the province's second ranked rep squad, the Willowdale Bruins.

Hockey, however, is his passion. It was on the ice that he had his proudest moment, scoring a hat trick in front of 8,000 fans at last year's Quebec Peewee International tournament, the world's biggest of its kind. On the rink, he has competed for teams representing his school, his neighbourhood, and briefly, even played a game last year with the Israeli National Hockey team.

While he has faced opponents from as far away as Kazakhstan, his most serious competition comes, not from across the world, but across the hall. Oren is the youngest of three athletic brothers. Alon, 20, is a first team All-American who is on a hockey scholarship at Penn State, and Erez, 17, had his own feature in *The CJN* last year as the top scorer on the Israeli National team.

Oren, who has been on the rink since age five, has brother Alon to thank for bringing hockey to the Eizenman house,

"My parents are from Israel and never really knew the game of hockey. My older brother went up to them after seeing a game on TV and convinced them to let him play. Ever since, we've been a hockey family."

Three years ago, it was golf that started to draw the brothers' interest, and the three of them went to the driving range to see what they thought of it. Today, the youngest Eizenman is the family star on the links.

"There's no real competition in golf, because they shoot in the 90s and I'm usually in the 70s," Oren says, matter-of-factly.

Hockey is a different story, for now. "In hockey, I always try to beat them, but it usually doesn't happen. That's because I'm younger. If we were to compare when [they] were my age I'd be beating them by a lot."

Oren is getting his chance to test his skills alongside brother Erez this year on the CHAT varsity squad. The two brothers will likely get a chance to play together again when Team Israel comes calling again this winter.

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Dan Shulman and Buck Martinez

Shulman turns extracurricular activity into sports career

By NEIL BECKER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — During the baseball season, sports broadcaster Dan Shulman is on TSN with partner Buck Martinez calling every play, from April to October, in the Blue Jays' quest for a third World Series.

Shulman, 32, who comes from a non-athletic family never planned to make sports broadcasting a career. In fact he just looked at it as an extracurricular activity.

"I went to Western. I worked at the campus radio station and started broadcasting school basketball and football games. I looked at it as more of a hobby, but I caught the bug. I graduated as an actuary and worked for six months before deciding that I wanted to give radio a try as a career," Shulman said.

Fresh out of university, he sent out demo tapes before landing his first position – outside of Toronto.

"I landed a weekend job in Barrie with CKBB doing news and sportscasts. I ended up working there for a year and a half," he said.

The bespectacled Shulman was getting to be known on the air in Barrie when his friend named Evan Kirsh told him about an opening at CJCL, a radio station in Toronto.

"He got me an interview, but they didn't hire me. When they turned the station into an all-sports format, they needed someone, and they ended up hiring me in 1994. I started off working in the evenings and the mornings. Eventually I went to prime time with Bob McCowin," he said.

At this all-sports station, called Fan590, Shulman was faced with the biggest challenge of his young career. By going prime time, he would be heard by millions of sports fans on their drive home from work. His deep, made-for-radio voice would become known and judged by not only the audience of Toronto, but also his colleagues at the Fan.

He had one major advantage, however – the crew at the station were also young and just learning.

"It was our first couple of years at the Fan. Most of the people, including me, were in our 20s. It was a most memorable experience because we were part of the first all-sports station in Canada. It was an exciting time in Toronto. The Leafs were going far and the Blue Jays were winning World Series titles," he said.

Shulman ultimately decided to challenge himself by giving television a try. When TSN employee Jim Houston went back to his home in Vancouver, a friend suggested that Shulman apply for the vacant position – broadcasting Blue Jays baseball.

"Rod Smith, who still works at TSN, suggested that I take in a demo tape. In August [that year], I called and expressed an interest in the position. It wasn't until December that they called me and asked me to audition, which was a huge surprise," he said.

In the audition, Shulman was led into a room where he was asked to call a few innings from a previous baseball game between the Jays and the Kansas City Royals.

"I was nervous, but I felt that I had nothing to lose. After a couple of innings, I was asked to go to the offices of the big bosses," he said.

He was not offered the breakthrough television baseball broadcasting job until a couple of weeks later.

Highlights Shulman lists in his career to date include working on radio for ESPN during the playoffs last year, and his chance to record a milestone for future Hall Of Famer Roger Clemens.

"I was lucky enough to do Roger Clemens getting career strikeout number 3,000," he said.

Among the ballparks in the American League, Shulman lists Fenway, Camden Yards and Jacobs field as his favourites.

"I love the tradition of the old ballpark of Fenway. The new facilities are also nice in Baltimore and Cleveland. I will really miss Tiger stadium because the broadcast booth is so close to the action on the field," he said.

On a typical 7 p.m. game day, Shulman does a couple of hours of homework on the teams before arriving at the ball park for a 4 p.m. production meeting.

"I spend a couple of hours at home on the Internet, which has a breakdown on how the opposing team is doing."

The Inside Back

Elsie Wayne's world

As I was saying...

By RON CSILLAG

A recent two-day conference I attended in Kingston was billed as Faith and Public Life. It brought together some 300 academics, religious and lay leaders, and policy experts to explore how faith groups in Canada can exercise more influence on public policy, and what form that influence should take.

Elected officials joined clergy, professors and other pundits in defending the role of religion in the formation of policy and in issuing a call to arms to faith groups to end their torpor and flex their muscle, in the best tradition of their stands on social justice, equality and fairness.

Alas, despite its wan efforts to reflect Canada's diverse and multi-faceted religious traditions, the conference could easily have been called Christianity and Public Life, so overwhelming was its Christian flavor and tenor. Among the panelists were two Muslims (of 350,000 in Canada); one Buddhist (of an estimated 163,000); one Sikh (of roughly 300,000 in this country) and two Jews (Rabbis Dow Marmur of Holy Blossom Temple and Michal Shekel, education director at Temple Har Zion). The other 35 panelists, and almost all the attendees, were Christians, representing Catholics, Anglicans, several Protestant denominations and a few evangelical ones.

One delegate crystallized this unmistakable Christian slant when she rose in a plenary and demanded to know why the name of Jesus was not being hailed, and why each session did not start with a [Christian] prayer.

A good-natured Rabbi Marmur took the query because, as he jibed, he was the least qualified panelist to answer it. But his response was clear. There is a great deal of difference, he noted, between interfaith dialogue and Christian ecumenism. He did everything but say that the conference was an exercise in the latter.

But it was federal Progressive Conservative deputy leader Elsie Wayne, the feisty former mayor of Saint John, N.B., who really knocked the ball out of the park, so to speak. Employing language reminiscent of Bible-thumping U.S. Christian conservatives, Wayne defiantly charged that Canadian Christians "have not fought hard enough," and she pledged to battle "tooth and nail" to preserve "Christian values" in this country.

She wasn't done. From her conference kit, she pulled out a prayer that opened the state legislature of Kansas in 1998. Wayne said she thought the prayer was an ideal one with which to begin daily House of Commons proceedings, and, she implied, to borrow from its principles. We reprint it herewith:

"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask Your forgiveness and to seek Your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'Woe on those who call evil good,' but that's exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We confess that:

"We have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and called it pluralism. We have worshiped other gods and called it multiculturalism. We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative lifestyle. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have neglected the needy and called it self-preservation. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn children and called it a choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem. We have abused power and called it political savvy. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

"Search us, O God, and know our hearts today; Cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent to direct us to the centre of Your will. I ask it in the name of Your Son, the living Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen."

Last month, I took a lot of heat for my description in this space of the Agudah movement. Fair enough. If I can dish it out, I should be able to take it.

Now let's see how many of us can muster our energies toward pointing out to Ms. Wayne and her ilk that perhaps not everyone appreciates the imposition of her "values" on you and me.

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1/4 cup rice wine (mirin)	1 cup frozen peas
1/4 cup soy sauce	2 carrots, grated
1 tblsp sugar	8 green onions, roughly chopped
1 lb udon noodles	1/2 cup chopped fresh coriander

Put stock, ginger, rice wine, soy sauce and sugar in large saucepan or dutch oven. Bring to boil, then simmer gently 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, cook noodles in boiling water until almost tender. Rinse with cold water. Drain well.

Add chicken to stock and cook a few minutes. Add spinach, peas, carrots, green onions and noodles. Heat thoroughly. Sprinkle with coriander. Taste and adjust seasoning if necessary.

Yield: 4 to 6 servings.

About Seniors

Dear JESSE,

My mother was recently in the hospital. While she was there, her doctor told me she had noticed that my mother is malnourished. I was shocked. My mother can well afford to buy groceries and the occasional meal at a restaurant. What can I do to help her?

Concerned Daughter

Dear Concerned Daughter,

Malnutrition among the elderly is a growing concern. There are many factors that contribute to poor eating habits, including how the taste of the food is perceived, financial resources, education level, health problems, and living arrangements, especially for people who live alone.

As a result, although your mother can afford to buy nutritious foods, there are probably other factors that are preventing her from eating properly.

I recommend that you and your mother make an appointment with a nutritionist and have the nutritionist assess your mother's situation and develop a meal plan.

You may also want to look into Meals on Wheels programs and the services of a home care worker who could prepare meals for your mother.

Another option would be to find a group dining program which is often available at recreational-social centres for seniors. By participating in this type of program, your mother will not only be eating nutritious food, but will also benefit from the social contact with her peers.

It is important that you address both the issue of malnourishment and the underlying cause of your mother's poor eating habits.

Readers are invited to send any questions they have for Jesse to The CJN. *Jesse represents the management and staff of Jewish Support Services for the Elderly (JSSE) in Montreal.*

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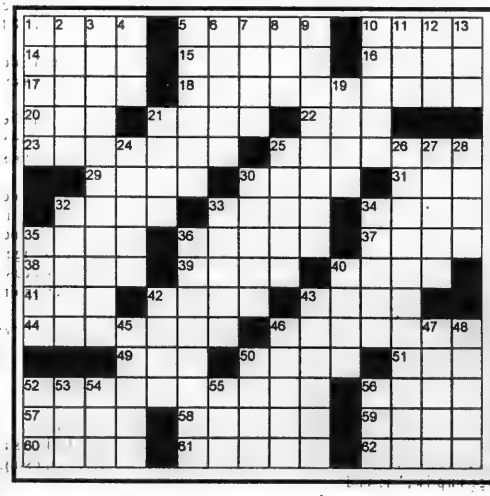

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By Matt Gaffney and David Bianco (QSyndicate@aol.com)

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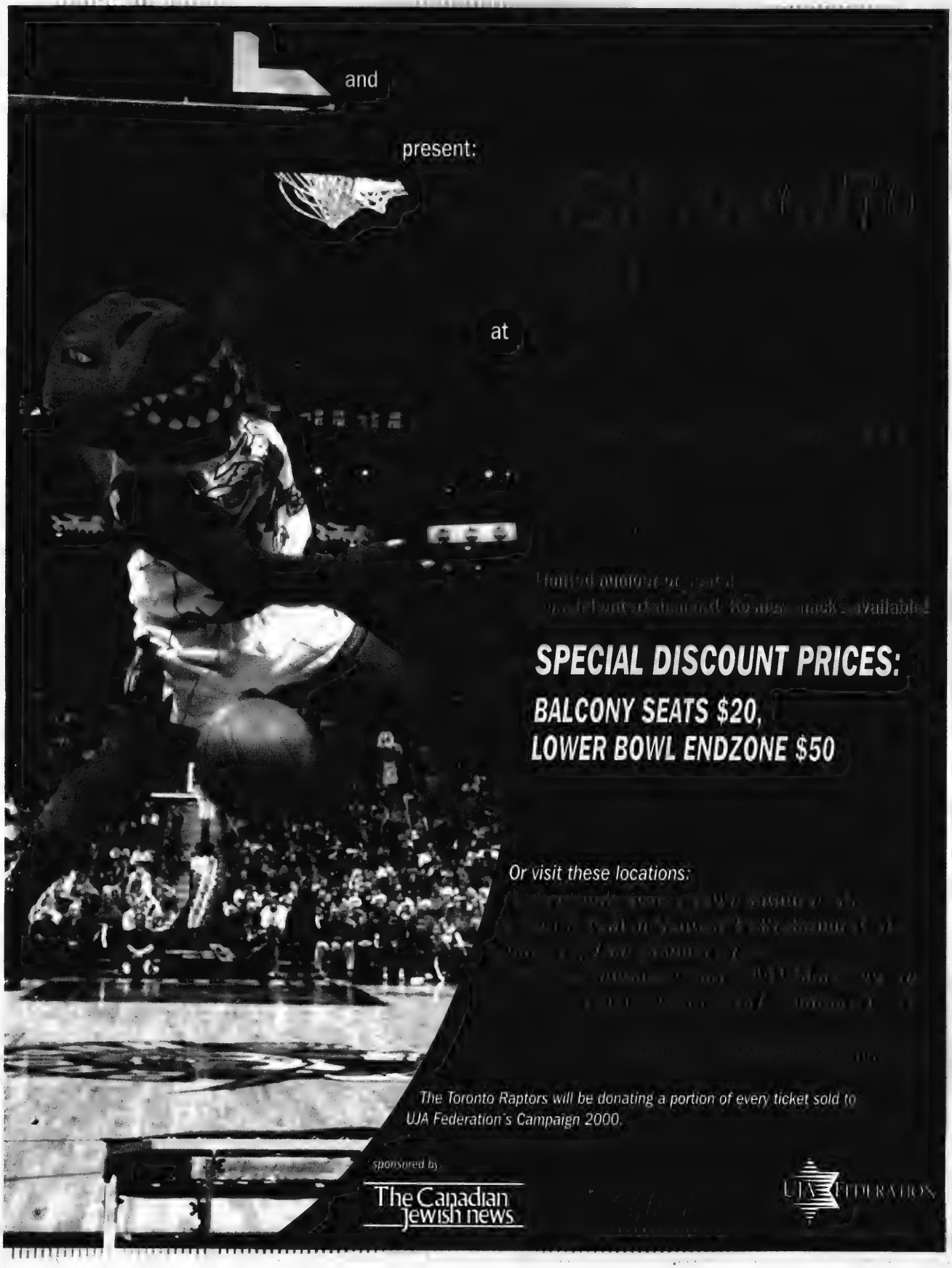
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IDF removes settlers

Last week Israeli army and police units removed settlers from a hilltop outpost, Chavat Maon. This was the last of 12 outposts that the Yesha Council agreed would be dismantled by the government. No one was injured. *[Israel photo]*

El Al to suspend Montreal flights

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

El Al will suspend all its operations to and from Montreal as of Jan. 1, 2000, the airline announced last week.

This was the latest development in an ongoing air dispute that is threatening to strain Canada-Israel relations.

What began as a commercial conflict has escalated into a full-blown diplomatic row. Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak are scheduled to hold talks in Istanbul, Turkey, Nov. 17 and 18, at the summit of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), to try and iron out differences.

A settlement of the dispute earlier this month was described as temporary. Indeed, it lasted just 10 days before the Canadian government embarked on a hardball strategy by threatening to ban El Al flights from Canadian airspace when flying to U.S. destinations, unless Air Canada could continue its current schedule to Israel.

Barak personally intervened after his transport minister, Yitzhak Mordechai, sided with El Al, which had lobbied hard to reduce the number of Air Canada flights in the winter to four a week.

The Israeli prime minister authorized daily Air Canada flights to and from Israel to continue until Dec. 9, at which time agreements will be renegotiated.

The transport ministers of Canada and Israel are scheduled to meet in Washington Dec. 3 to seek a permanent settlement to the dispute.

El Al has adamantly opposed Air Canada's request, charging that the Canadian carrier enjoys an unfair advantage because among its

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Croatia's Jews rebuild

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

ZAGREB, Croatia — Jews in Croatia are rebuilding a community traumatized and virtually destroyed during the Holocaust.

With outside assistance and encouragement, Jews have launched a modest revival as they try to overcome the bitter legacy of a pro-Nazi Croatian regime which marginalized and murdered them in a concerted anti-Semitic onslaught.

First of two parts

When Ante Pavelic's fascist Ustashe movement declared statehood under the auspices of Germany and Italy, 23,000 Jews lived in Croatia, then a constituent republic of Yugoslavia. The puppet state – which encompassed Slovenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and much of Dalmatia – lasted from 1941

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CJC Opposes Bill

OTTAWA — Canadian Jewish Congress has expressed opposition to Bill S-8, which would deny entry into Canada of ships bearing possible refugee claimants. The bill, originated in the Senate and received first reading in the upper chamber on Nov. 2. The bill seeks to restore ministerial authority to prevent entry of vessels into Canada's territorial waters, or to direct vessels already in Canadian waters to the nearest port. CJC says that in light of this year's 60th anniversary of the voyage of the *St. Louis*, the ship carrying Jewish refugees from Hitler's Europe that was turned away by several nations, Canada should be mindful of the proposed legislation's harsh effects. The bill was proposed by Senator Ronald Ghitter, who is Jewish.

Ground Turned

VANCOUVER — Ground was broken here recently for the planned new Lubavitch centre at 41st Avenue and Oak Street. At the ceremony were Jack Diamond, honorary chair of Lubavitch British Columbia and Vancouver Mayor Philip Owen.

Socks for Homeless

TORONTO — Ve'ahavta, the Jewish humanitarian group, is asking the public's help in collecting socks for Toronto's homeless. For the past year, Ve'ahavta has teamed with the Native Men's Residence on Vaughan Road in the Mobile Jewish Response to the Homeless. Every Wednesday night four Jewish volunteers travel in a van through the streets of Toronto distributing food and clothes for the homeless. The group's goal is to collect 2,500 pairs of socks before the end of December. For information, call 416-964-7698, e-mail, mail@veahavta.org.

CCCJ Annual Awards

TORONTO — The Canadian Council of Christians and Jews will honour three activists at its annual awards banquet, scheduled for Nov. 29. The honourees will be Brent Belzberg, president and CEO of Harrowston Inc.; Tony Gagliano, president and CEO of St. Joseph Printing Inc.; and Richard Venn, chair and CEO of CIBC World Markets Inc. Receiving the Good Servant Medal will be Anita Goodman in recognition of her support of the council's work.

ISRAEL

Population Tops 6M

JERUSALEM — Israel's population is 6,169,000, according to figures released last week. The number is an increase of 154,000 over the same time a year ago. The total population growth rate is 2.5 percent. The growth rate of Muslims was highest, at 3.7 percent, followed by the Druze at 2.3 percent and Christians at 2.1 percent. The Jewish population growth rate is lowest, at 1.8 percent.

Aussies Sue Maccabi

HAIFA — Maccabi Australia is suing its parent body, the Maccabi World Union (MWU), for $300,000 in connection with the collapse of a bridge at the 1998 Maccabi Games. Four Australian athletes died in the accident, and several were injured. According to Maccabi Australia, MWU is liable for damages because it organized the Games' opening ceremony and requisitioned the construction of the bridge.

Soldiers Smuggle Drugs?

JERUSALEM — Dozens of Israeli soldiers serving in southern Lebanon smuggle drugs into Israel, the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz* reported last week. As much as three tons of heroin are smuggled into Israel across the Lebanese border each year, with soldiers making up to $10,000 for every two pounds they smuggle into the Jewish state, the paper said.

WORLD

SS Guard Ordered Out

WASHINGTON — A U.S. Federal Appeals Court has upheld a 1997 deportation order against Ferdinand Hammer, 78, a retired foundry worker living in Michigan. Hammer was a Waffen-SS guard at Auschwitz and Sachsenhausen. He was ordered deported to his native Croatia. To date, 63 people have been stripped of U.S. citizenship and ordered deported since the Office of Special Investigations was set up in 1979.

Attacks on Shuls

NEW YORK — A witness prevented the recent firebombing of a Connecticut synagogue by honking his car horn. Two men outside Congregation Beth El in Norwalk were apparently frightened by the sound of the horn, dropped the Molotov cocktails they were holding and fled. There were worshippers inside the shul at the time of the incident. In August, two containers of medical waste marked with swastikas were found outside Congregation Beth El and another synagogue in Stamford, Conn.

Israel is Y2K Ready, Canada's PMO Says

OTTAWA — Israel is well prepared for the year 2000, according to Prime Minister Jean Chrétien's office, which is monitoring Y2K readiness around the world.

Most of Israel's small and mid-sized companies are still installing new systems. The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) in Ottawa is considering special measures to assist these companies, especially with computer software.

The Israel Electric Company has reported that 90 percent of its equipment is Y2K compliant. Bezeq, Israel's telecommunications company, is well advanced in its preparations, the PMO says.

The major systems of the national airline, El Al, were made compliant in 1998.

Israel's central bank has stated that it expects the banking system to have fully completed its Y2K preparations by the end of October.

According to the Israeli government, central systems for the management of medical information have been made Y2K compliant.

Israel's existing Emergency Public Services (EPS) is currently conducting exercises and developing contingency plans in preparation for Y2K.

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Native Canadians help restore Jewish cemetery

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Two young native men are bent over desecrated tombstones at the Lambton Mills Cemetery, gently and patiently removing vicious words spray-painted by vandals prior to Halloween.

The repair work, which took place last week on six tombstones and a Holocaust memorial, was a volunteer effort initiated by Tony Duguid, 29, a Six Nations Mohawk art restorer and board member of the Native Men's Residence (NA-ME-RES) on Vaughan Road.

The residence works in partnership with Ve'ahavta – the Canadian Jewish & Humanitarian Relief Committee. Ve'ahavta joined forces with NA-ME-RES last year to work on its Street Help project.

Help was also given at no charge by Graffiti Removal Systems, a Mississauga company.

Duguid learned of the Jewish cemetery desecration from a radio news report. "I was really disappointed that people are still doing this," he said at the cemetery, located on Royal York Road.

His offer to help was conveyed by Ve'ahavta's executive director Avrum Rosensweig to Canadian Jewish Congress and to a representative of the cemetery.

"The Jewish community, especially Ve'ahavta, has bent over backwards to help us in our time of need," said Duguid. "We can do something, as one community to another, saying we empathize...and that this is not acceptable. We want to help."

Phillip Baker, 24, an Ojibway, hadn't had any prior contact with the Jewish community, but was "glad to help out."

Desecrating a grave is one of the most drastic things you can do to a person, said Shawn Beauvais, 22, a Swampy Cree. "Since I'm a minority myself, I feel we've got to help each other," he said. "I feel

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From left, First Nation volunteers Tony Duguid, Shawn Beauvais and Phillip Baker restore a desecrated Holocaust memorial at the Lambton Mills Cemetery. [Frances Kraft photo]

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"It's still me inside"

I met my friend Alan more than 20 years ago. He was, even then, so young, a seasoned lawyer with the government of Ontario. I was barely past my call to the bar, attending a special program for lawyers who were seeking "accreditation" to represent children in court in Child Welfare Act cases.

He was one of the "accreditors." We have been friends ever since.

Alan is wise and gentle, speaking almost always with commanding authority, though barely ever above a low, soft, casual tone of voice. He is an insightful and precise thinker whose judgment is sought by colleagues and friends constantly clamoring to consult with him. His is the legal acumen that today guides one of the largest ministries in the government of Ontario. Throughout his life he has carried great responsibility. It has been his nature and his conviction never to recoil from or to buckle under the burdens that destiny placed upon his gently-sloped shoulders.

It was around the time we met, some 20 years ago, that his son Mark was born.

Last Sunday, in the mid-afternoon, when the sky had become very grey and the air chilled to a pre-winter, discomforting cold by hard-blowing winds, hundreds of broken-hearted people helped to bury Mark.

It was the cruelest of all burdens yet for Alan and his grieving family.

Mark Wolfish was an exceptional young man, whose life ended after only two decades. Complications, it was believed, from a bone marrow transplant more than a year ago, were the cause of his final hospitalization.

He ultimately succumbed to a disease that slowly, surreptitiously prevented his body from regenerating and replenishing healthy, restorative blood.

The physical travail was severe, and yet, through the period of this last illness, Mark triumphed in ways that made those of us who heard its details sigh ever deeper, while wiping our tears, that he had been one of our very best.

Mark was a graduate of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, class of '97. Scores and scores of his high school classmates were at the funeral.

With remarkable composure and with tender though searing expressions of love, three of Mark's friends eulogized him, delivering their final farewells, as well as testimonies from friends in Jerusalem, who, because of distance and timing, could not be at the funeral.

As we listened, it quickly became apparent that Mark's humility and goodness had affected a great many people, had splashed his friends' lives with a measure of permanent illumination like a pinwheel perpetually swirling above, intermittently throwing a finely feathered ray of light onto our upturned foreheads.

Two days before he died, Mark's friends organized what they described as "a chain of prayer and chesed" that connected former classmates in Toronto, Montreal and Jerusalem. They studied in his name; they read psalms, tehillim, on his behalf; they fulfilled whatever mitzvot they could with him in mind, in furtherance of a love and a respect that they hoped could delay if not prevent an awaiting destiny.

"Two qualities above all," we learned from one of the young eulogizers, "characterized Mark: his will to live – strength, determination and courage – and his ever present consideration and kindness."

Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl addressed the sobbing and silent mourners, recounting stories and anecdotes of the young man's life that rounded out for us more of its benevolent, generous shape.

One story taught us as much about ourselves as it did about Mark.

During his final days, Mark was visited by some of his high school teachers, one of whom had taught him Talmud. Because of his sharply intuitive and analytical mind, Mark had excelled in Talmud just as he had in mathematics. Upon seeing his former teacher, Mark attempted to speak to him. But he could do so only barely. The illness had encroached too deeply by then. He was, however, able to say so that all around him could hear: "It's still me inside."

Knowing how frightful and fragile his outward appearance must have seemed to his visitors – frail, pale, entubed with science's devices – even then, he tried to abate their sense of gloom. He urged them to look past their fears, past their immediate senses, to see and to understand that the "person" who was their friend, "was still there," the mind and the soul of their friend Mark, "was still there," receiving them, though his body was diminished, weakened and weakening.

How often we surrender to our reluctance to visit someone sick and feeble in the hospital because our fear is so great!

How remarkable was this young man, Mark Wolfish, who, even then, so close to his final breath, felt it so important to give comfort to the comforters.

How remarkable too, were Mark's many friends, who, on a day when the sky had become very grey and the hard-blowing winds chilled the air, had gathered to return to him what had been his abiding gift to them, a measure of their friendship, love's permanent illumination

May his memory be for blessing.

MBD

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A CENTENARIAN SOLDIER REMEMBERS: Samuel Kernerman, aged 100, is helped to lay a wreath at last week's Remembrance Day services at the cenotaph outside Toronto's Old City Hall. Kernerman was a private in the Canadian Expeditionary Force during World War I. He served as an electrician in the Royal Canadian Engineers, wiring tents in Egypt and Palestine. According to Canadian Jewish Congress, 4,500 Jewish servicemen from Canada served in World War I, and over 16,000 in World War II, or nearly 10 percent of the Jewish population at the time. [Ron Csillag photo]

Greater Toronto Area

Yad Vashem set to undergo major expansion

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Avner Shalev

TORONTO — Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial/museum in Jerusalem, is getting a major makeover.

In a $70 million (US) campaign to refurbish itself and keep pace with an avalanche of visitors, Yad Vashem has embarked on a crash building program.

Yad Vashem will get an International School for Holocaust Studies, a bigger museum, a new visitors' centre and an expanded archives.

It is also computerizing its vast database and making part of it available on the Internet, said the chairman of Yad Vashem's directorate, Avner Shalev.

In an interview, Shalev, a retired brigadier-general, explained that these changes are driven by demand.

Six years ago, Yad Vashem attracted 970,000 visitors, compared to 1.8 million so far this year. "We'll probably reach two million by the end of 1999," he said.

There has been "a tremendous growth" of interest in the Holocaust among Jews and non-Jews, said Shalev, who has headed Yad Vashem since 1993.

"More and more Jewish youngsters, secular and religious [though not necessarily haredi] see the Holocaust as a pathway to Jewish history, culture and identity."

The Holocaust, he added, is a unifying force among Jews, as well as a vehicle for combating assimilation.

At the same time, non-Jews, who currently comprise 80 percent of Yad Vashem's visitors' roll, regard the Holocaust as an event which endows them with a better understanding of the vagaries of human behaviour and of the notion of tolerance.

Yad Vashem's development plan is nothing if not ambitious.

The first new facility to come on stream, the International School for Holocaust Studies, will open on Chanukah, said Shalev, who was here under the auspices of the Canadian Society For Yad Vashem.

It will basically cater to three constituents: Israeli teachers; Israeli high school students, who must now attend a compulsory day-long seminar on the Holocaust; and overseas teachers. At present, Yad Vashem hosts 21 teachers' groups from abroad each year.

The historical museum, with 3,000 square metres of space, will open in 2003. The current 1,200-metre museum will be used for storage purposes after 2003.

The visitors' centre, complete with a cafeteria, will be ready in the spring of 2001.

New parking lots and an underground garage will accommodate 40 tour buses and almost 200 cars.

The 3,400-square-metre archival building, to be finished next March, will have room for Yad Vashem's collection of more than 55 million pages of documentation, some 150,000 photographs and an assortment of artifacts.

The facility will be able to absorb fresh material. On average, Yad Vashem receives two million pages of new documentation annually.

Shalev said that testimonials of Holocaust survivors, taped by filmmaker Steven Spielberg's foundation, will be stored in this building.

Computerization of Yad Vashem's database is already under way, Shalev noted. "We're halfway there."

The computerized database will begin functioning in February 2000. About 20 percent of it will be on the Internet.

Shalev disclosed that Yad Vashem is compiling a definitive master list of Holocaust victims.

"We expect to collect close to five million names, and this will take another few years. Most researchers will tell you that it's impossible to track down the names of all six million victims. The problem is that entire Jewish communities in the former Soviet Union were wiped out."

Shalev said that virtually all the new buildings will be subterannean and ecologically-friendly so as not to disturb Yad Vashem's park-like ambience.

Yad Vashem's transformation will be financed by various means. "The Israeli government has allocated $15 million, and the rest will be raised in Israel and the Diaspora."

Shalev, 60, has a personal stake in Yad Vashem. His parents, Polish Jews from Galicia who settled in Palestine in 1935, lost many of their relatives in the Holocaust.

He believes that Holocaust denial, the basis of which is anti-Semitism and neo-Nazism, is growing slightly.

Yad Vashem, he acknowledged, has not been fully engaged in the struggle against this phenomenon. "Maybe we're making a mistake."

He is concerned by the success of Joerg Haider's right-wing Freedom party in Austria's recent election. "Haider expresses a neo-fascist outlook of xenophobia and Austrian superiority over foreigners."

If he becomes a member of the government, Israel should suspend diplomatic relations with Austria, Shalev said.

"Had Austria come to terms with its Nazi past earlier, Haider would have won fewer votes."

Cemetery restored

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kind of a brotherhood. It's only natural for me to help."

According to Duguid, the two days of labour-intensive work would probably cost $3,000, at the going rates.

On observing part of the clean-up, Danny Fine, director of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region's community relations committee, said the scene was "truly a juxtaposition of profound evil and profound good. It reinforces one's faith in human nature."

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Ont. court declares Shalom-K Tours bankrupt

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Shalom-K Tours Ltd., once a well-known Toronto travel agency that specialized in trips to Israel, has been declared bankrupt.

Earlier this month, a judge of Ontario's Superior Court of Justice declared Shalom-K bankrupt for failure to pay debts to El Al and Air Canada.

The agency owed El Al over $688,000 and Air Canada more than $25,000 for tickets it had sold. The carriers attempted to collect the money in the normal fashion – through a trust arrangement with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) – but in each case, the debits were rejected by Shalom-K's bank, the court stated.

"The amount collected for tickets sold should have been in the trust fund, but insufficient funds were available to cover [Shalom-K's] obligations," Judge Katherine Swinton wrote in her Nov. 4 ruling.

IATA pursued the claims on behalf of the airlines (*CJN*, Oct. 21).

An affidavit from the court-appointed interim receiver said there was a shortfall of $707,328 in Shalom-K's trust account.

Swinton also found evidence of over $100,000 owed by Shalom-K to the Travel Industry Council of Ontario (TICO), which paid out the money to compensate travellers who had placed deposits on tickets bought from the agency.

TICO, which monitors the travel industry and enforces provincial laws, has yet to file a formal request for the money, the court noted.

A few weeks ago, Shalom-K voluntarily withdrew its registration from TICO, meaning, in effect, that the agency relinquished its licence.

The family-owned travel wholesaler was founded in 1982.

It is now up to the receiver to determine how to proceed with a lawsuit launched by Shalom-K two weeks before the bankruptcy decision. The suit seeks $50 million in damages, and alleges breach of contract, conspiracy and interference with economic relations against El Al and its Canadian director of operations, Moshe Shamai; and against Peerless Travel Inc., and its director, Ehud Telem.

Shalom-K founder Shalom Even told *The CJN* his business's bankruptcy will result in "a huge loss" for El Al because more than half of all trips from Canada to Israel were handled by his agency and the Israeli airline.

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Agunah *Get* Day planned for November 30

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — L'maan B'nos Yisrael International has announced that a pre-Chanukah Agunah *Get* Day is planned for Nov. 30.

Mattie Klein, founder of the volunteer-run New York based organization, said in a phone interview from New York that "people all over the world are challenged to encourage recalcitrant husbands and fathers of Jewish children to give their agunah wives a *get* before Chanukah."

Batei din will be prepared in various locations in the United States and Canada, she said, to facilitate the *get* process. Her organization will "cover the cost of the sofer in an attempt to participate in this great mitzvah.

"The agunah crisis has caused epidemic and tragic consequences for the entire Jewish community.

"As a result of abuse of Torah law by those seeking personal gain by hurting unsuspecting Jewish women, the lives of Jewish women are being sold for profit by individuals who fear no one. There seems to be no end to the extent to which individuals will go to profit from the newly established agunah industry," said Klein.

L'maan B'nos Yisrael International has updated its guidelines and recommendations to give those individuals who need to go through the beit din *get* process, "a sense of what they should expect, what they should tolerate, and what they should avoid." she said.

Klein recently travelled to Israel to read the names of agunot at Rachel's Tomb on Oct. 21, the anniversary of Rachel's death. "I carried the names of 125 women, who either cannot get a *get*, or received one at sometimes irretrievable costs.

"Before I left, I got calls from people begging me to pray, and to thank me for what I was doing. Hopefully God will have mercy on these women who cannot have husbands and children until the matter is resolved."

On Nov. 30, Jews are encouraged to repeat the prayer written by Rabbi Mordechai Tendler. It can be found in the Sept. 2 edition of *The CJN*.

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Books essential for continuity: Rabbi Hartman

By ANNA TURKIENICZ
CJN Staff

TORONTO — Books must continue to play a meaningful role in bringing Jews together, said Rabbi Donniel Hartman.

We are a people who have already survived thousand of years because of our books, he said, and the Jewish Book Fair is a celebration of this fact.

Rabbi Hartman spoke at the recent opening of the 23rd annual Jewish Book Fair at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

The evening featured *A Heart of Many Rooms: Celebrating the many voices within Judaism*, by Rabbi David Hartman.

In speaking about the ideas in his father's book, Rabbi Donniel Hartman said the sharing of books leads to a shared culture and community in which all Jews can find a sense of belonging.

He said his father believes that Judaism must celebrate complexity and allow for the multiplicity of ideas.

"We must first start with the premise that there are multiple places and voices within Judaism."

In an interview before the opening, Rabbi Hartman said that "all branches of Judaism are meaningful – Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, secular, traditional, Reconstructionist – as long as they are asking, do you want to engage in this tradition in a meaningful way."

Today, as a result of our commitment to our particular passions, we are unable to love our people, to celebrate together, or even eat together, he said.

"It is unfortunate that kashrut and eating at a common table, the very thing that was supposed to draw people together, is now a source of tension. Laws of kashrut are meant to serve the needs of the Jewish people – if we don't use them that way, then we are abusing the laws of kashrut."

There are ways to solve the problems that are separating us, he said, as long as there is a desire and we continue interpreting.

In discussing the Shulchan Aruch, a codification of Jewish law which literally means "the set table," Rabbi Hartman said, "My father never taught me the Shulchan Aruch, because there is a right and a wrong answer in the Shulchan Aruch. When it is a set table, most Jews don't have a place at that table.

"Instead, my father celebrates the radical, innovative spirit of the Talmud. Everyone disagrees with each other and they're all on the same page."

Rabbi Donniel Hartman

Judaism cannot be based on one voice, Rabbi Hartman said. We have to work towards a pluralistic, multicultural society based on a shared memory.

"The meaning of a people," he said, "is a collection of individuals who share something in common.

"The essence of Judaism is for those individuals to be part of a story and a shared memory. If you try to understand the past and argue with it, then you make it yours.

"One of the great tragedies of Israel is that modern Israeli youth don't believe that they have access to that shared memory."

They then feel disenfranchised, Rabbi Hartman said.

"We have to be careful that we're not giving up our peoplehood for the sake of our Jewishness."

A people cannot be like a synagogue, said Rabbi Hartman. Those who don't agree with other members, can change synagogues. But you can't change your people.

"Our challenge is to build a meaningful, vibrant, Jewish people, where all voices can find a space.

"In today's environment, the secret for both Israel and the Diaspora," he said "is not to panic about issues of modernity, continuity and pluralism. Panic can only lead to short-term solutions.

"The Renaissance didn't happen overnight. We need a longer term, a 50 year process. It is important, that Jews take the time to develop rooms for books, and for ideas and for multiple dialogues."

The Book Fair opening was chaired by Marilyn Jacobs. Greetings were brought by Dorothy Shoichet, president of the Koffler Centre of the Arts.

Elyse Goldman of the New Leadership Division, Toronto chapter, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, introduced Rabbi Hartman and praised his work as an educator able to respond to the crisis facing the Jewish world today.

Rabbi David Hartman, philosopher, author, social activist and professor emeritus, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, is the founder and director of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem.

In the closing remarks, Rabbi Steven Salzman of Adath Israel Congregation said, just as Isaac widened the wells Abraham had dug in Genesis, so did Donniel widen the intellectual paths of his father. "Charisma must be a gene that is passed down from father to son," he said.

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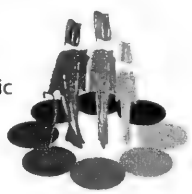

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Craven avoidance, shallow smokescreen

Two weeks ago the United Nations committee on human rights formally ruled that the government of Ontario's educational funding policy discriminates against non-Catholic Ontarians who pay taxes toward the public and separate Catholic school system, but who receive no funding from the government for their own schools.

The ruling was handed down in a case brought to the international body by Arieh Waldman, whose children attend Bialik Hebrew Day Schools.

The Ontario government responded to the ruling by issuing a clipped, almost peevishly petulant press release that deliberately sidestepped the issue and attempted to divert attention away from the heart of the Waldman complaint and the resultant UN ruling.

The government affirmed that it remains "committed to the existing publicly funded education system." *But this is as it should be. No one was suggesting that the government abandon its commitment to the publicly funded education system.*

"The Ontario government will continue to uphold its constitutional obligation and fund public and separate schools fully." *But this too is as it should be. No one was suggesting that the government stop funding public and separate schools fully.*

"The Ontario government is committed to providing an excellent public education system that is open to all students regardless of religious or cultural backgrounds." *This too is as it should be. Imagine the government not being committed to an excellent public education system!*

The government's response was to ignore the decision. It did not deal at all with the central issue in the UN body's ruling, namely, the lack of fundamental fairness in the government's education funding policy. Far worse, however was the fact that the government implied that the UN committee and by inference, the complainant Waldman, were somehow advocating the dismantling or the dilution of the public education system in Ontario. This, of course, is patently and pungently false.

That has never been the objective of the parents of children in non-Catholic private schools. These parents have asked, simply and only, for equal treatment with respect to the general studies portion of their children's school curriculum and the non-educational health and other services that Ontario schools provide their pupils.

During the Ontario election campaign last spring, Premier Mike Harris and his colleagues strongly suggested – and to some minds, promised – that his government would provide funds to all Ontario students for non-educational health and other services.

The handing down by the UN of its condemnatory ruling was the perfect opportunity for the premier and his education minister Janet Ecker to announce, finally, at least this funding. That they chose not to, was immensely disappointing. That they chose rather, to respond with the same craven avoidance and ineffectual, shallow smokescreen, was a disgrace. What then, is there left to say about the government's approach to educational funding except that, in addition to being unfair, it may also be dishonest and expedient.

CAPTIVE IN IRAN

The government of Iran still holds the following members of the Jewish community as prisoners. Each is a universe of life and existence unto his own. And each has a name. Let us not forget them.

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Warm welcome for convert

I would like to respond to Marlane Smith's article, "Does Judaism Want Me?" (*CJN*, Nov. 4), in which she shares her feelings about converting to Judaism, and questions Judaism's interest in her contribution.

As a young Jewish woman engaged in the struggle of what it means to be a Jew – by blood connection, through religious training, and in questioning the conversion of a potential life-partner who also has a familial Jewish connection – I can understand your confusion in taking these steps, Marlane. Indeed, even as a Jew by birth, my own identity has been unrelentingly challenged.

Today, many fear losing the commitment of those Jews who are loosely affiliated. The preference to "gain an outsider" over "losing an insider" may be understandable in our modern context. But please do not doubt your unique potential for contributing to our community! The Torah itself speaks to the critical importance of "the other."

Yitro the Midianite's advice to Moses ultimately served to found the first Jewish justice system. And in the Book of Ruth, where Ruth the Moabite joins the Jewish people, it is written that the future redemptive messianic figure will descend from her lineage.

I deeply wish to extend a warm welcome to you, Marlane, to our community. *Kol Hakavod* for taking the daring leaps that you describe. I wish you and your future husband an enriching and challenging journey. I believe that the challenges ultimately yield fruitful growth for Jew and convert alike.

Lauren Posner
Toronto

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Questions Zegota story

In the story by Frances Kraft, "Polish Organization Zegota Helped Jews During the War" (*CJN*, Oct. 28), she writes about Wladyslaw Bartoszewski, who co-founded the organization in Poland in 1942. In a speech in Toronto, Bartoszewski said that the organization helped Jews (especially Jewish children) with money, medication and thousands of pieces of false identification. He also stated that his organization had Jewish members.

Did Kraft ask the professor what happened to the Jewish members of his organization? Can he show us at least one member who survived? Did she ask him how many Jewish children the organization helped and how many of them survived? Did she ask Bartoszewski why the Germans freed him from Auschwitz when it was almost impossible for a Pole to get out?

In recent years, I have been trying to find at least one living soul who survived thanks to Zegota, and I have had no results. To me, the subject of Zegota is the biggest bluff of the 20th century.

Sholem Hershkop
Toronto

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Says Koren is anti-Israel

My belief is that *The CJN* exists in favour of all Jews in Canada and probably also in favour of those living in our one and only Jewish state, which is Israel. Israel is unique in the whole world, with the good and the bad that exists there. The fact that there are people who have left Israel years ago and still call themselves Israelis, simply demonstrates that it's a place that one's heart cannot tear itself from.

Yet, this does not give one the right to be a spectator, and take every single opportunity to defame that country, as does Gidi Koren in his column "Let it stay between us" (*CJN*, Nov. 4). I wonder who are those "us" that Gidi Koren relates to? We and many of our Israeli friends here in Montreal are offended time and again by his unhidden hatred for the Israeli state, people and customs.

As this is the only Hebrew-language article printed in *The CJN*, I find it very insulting for me, as an Israeli living in Canada, to run into this type of unleashed style of writing.

Gidi Koren's permanent generalities about "all the Israelis" and about "the character of Israel," always in negative connections, very much remind me of the best of anti-Semitic rhetoric. With such friends, we really don't need enemies, and we don't want this simply to stay between us.

Pnina Brandes
Montreal

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Abide by UN decision

The UN's human rights committee ruled on Friday, Nov. 5, that Ontario's school funding violates an international agreement by funding Catholic schools and not those of other faiths (*CJN*, Nov. 11). Janet Ecker, Ontario minister of education, immediately dismissed the ruling, stating Ontario will ignore it completely.

In an open letter to the minister, I wrote: "I was taken aback by your response to the United Nations Human Rights decision with respect to the fair funding issue. Canada has a tradition of fighting for the dignity and human rights of others around the world. Canadians uphold the decision made by the United Nations when it impacts on others, yet you immediately dismiss their decision when it affects us. How hypocritical this is on your part.

"The entire world community has now recognized that funding the Catholic population and not other religions is contrary to the human rights of the citizens of Ontario. You have a moral obligation as the minister of education to ensure that all the citizens of Ontario are treated equally. I sincerely hope you adhere to the oath you took upon being sworn in as the minister of education and that you abide by the United Nations' decision."

Kindly encourage your readers to fax Ecker at 416-325-2608 or David Young, parliamentary assistant for education at 416-325-2368. Let our elected officials realize how we as a community feel.

Peter Klemensberg
Toronto

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Perspectives

German Jewish life rising again

By TOBY AXELROD
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Inna Orlowski sits at an outdoor cafe near the Jewish high school in Berlin, sipping a cappuccino.

It is a long way from Russia's Ural Mountains, where Orlowski, 20, with close-cropped blond curls and a ready smile, was born – and a long way from Israel, where she wants to be.

Across town, Inna Slavskaja, 44, a Yiddish singer from Birobidzhan, smokes another cigarette. Her husband, Igor, died three years ago, and she is raising their son, Genja, now 11, alone.

"I see myself as Jewish," says Slavskaja, a small, dark-haired woman with sad eyes. But Genja, though born in Ukraine, feels like a German.

In the evening, Lyonia, an engineer from Lithuania, sits in a grocery store and watches his wife, Marina, a slightly plump woman with dyed blond hair, count the pfennigs of another drunkard making a small purchase. Lyonia, 53, a short man with glasses and a receding hairline, had wanted to emigrate to America. For now, the two, who requested that their last names not be published, live in Germany.

These people are among the tens of thousands of Jews who, instead of going to Israel, caught the wave of freedom that swept the former Soviet Union after the fall of communism and rode it into the land they always associated with Hitler and death camps

In the last decade of the century, their arrival has dramatically changed the Jewish landscape of Germany, more than doubling Germany's Jewish population and making Germany the only country in Europe whose Jewish population is significantly growing.

In fact, since 1990, Germany's official Jewish population has risen from 35,000 to 75,000, nearly one-fifth of its prewar level.

With Germany settling its immigrants on a per-state quota basis, new Jewish communities are being established virtually overnight in towns and cities where no Jews have lived since World War II. In some cities, like Munich, Berlin and Frankfurt, the Jewish population has soared.

"I believe in the year 2004 we will have 100,000 Jews in Germany, making it one of the largest Jewish communities in Europe," said Michel Friedman, a Frankfurt attorney and member of the board of the Central Council of Jews in Germany. He is a possible contender to replace the late Ignatz Bubis as council president.

There are now nearly 12,000 Jews in Berlin alone, a tiny minority in this city of 3.8 million inhabitants, but Berlin now has a Jewish community larger than that of many other major European cities.

"The immigrants brought back life into a community that was in danger of being very over-aged, to put it lightly," said Nicola Galliner, director of Jewish adult education programming in Berlin.

"We have two Jewish junior high schools and one high school in Berlin, and none of these schools would have been possible without these immigrants."

The immigrants are old and young, resigned and hopeful.

Pushed to leave the former Soviet Union as a result of economic hardship, anti-Semitism or fears for the future in chaotic new conditions, all have personal reasons for choosing Germany over Israel, where hundreds of thousands of other ex-Soviet Jews have immigrated since 1990. These reasons include Germany's liberal policy in accepting ex-Soviet Jews, not to mention a desire by many to live in a country which is both a solid democracy and a firm member of the European Union.

"It's very difficult to get to America, and you can't get into England," said a Berlin Jewish activist who asked to remain anonymous. "Germany has the highest standard of living in Europe. It's Germany or Israel, and if you are desperate you will go anywhere."

The Slavskajas, for example, left Ukraine in 1991, after learning that their son's playground had radioactive sand in it, probably from Chernobyl.

"I knew Germany took Jewish families," said Inna Slavskaja, who had cousins in Berlin. "We came with two suitcases."

Germany's open door for Jews is no accident. It is connected with the country's sense of responsibility for the Holocaust. After the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991, Germany established a liberal immigration policy for Jews. They are eligible for housing, financial aid, language instruction and help in finding work.

They may also become German citizens more quickly than usual, a right usually extended only to immigrants from ethnic German families. Under European Union regulations, citizens of one member country have the right to live and work in any E.U. country.

The influx has presented major challenges as well as rewards.

How does the established Jewish community integrate a largely non-religious population? And how does Germany justify its liberal policy toward Jewish immigration, when more than four million Germans are unemployed and when Israel wants these Jewish immigrants for itself?

To be sure, Germany's Jewish newcomers often have little connection to the Holy Land, and little more than a piece of paper certifying their Jewishness.

The Israeli Consulate in Berlin.

Raised in the Communist atheist tradition, they usually have more cultural than religious bonds to Judaism. But the Hebrew stamp on one's passport – once associated with discrimination – is now virtually a ticket out of a world whose poverty and growing xenophobia outweigh the advantages of free speech and free enterprise.

With enough rubles, one can buy proof of a Jewish maternal grandmother on the black market.

"It's true that a lot of people would like to be Jewish because they have a better chance to get out," says Michael Liokumowitsch, the official trouble-shooter on integration issues for Berlin's Jewish community. Liokumowitsch, 40, is a dental surgeon whose family emigrated from Russia in 1974.

A Jewish woman reflects in silence at the site of a vandalized gravestone.

[Reuters/RNS photos]

In some cases, he said, the community does something to check, such as asking people who are visiting Russia to see if a certain person is known in a Jewish community or not.

But Jewish leaders say fakers pose less of a challenge than does the task of integration.

Newcomers need to learn German and find homes and jobs. Jewish leaders would like them to show an interest in religion, and not just to use Judaism as a ticket for social help.

For some, the process has produced resounding success.

"In Frankfurt we have had an unbelievable infusion of oxygen into Jewish life with these former Soviet Jews," Friedman said. "They are creative; a lot of them are artists, and the younger generation is very quickly integrated."

But many who work with new immigrants express frustration and even cynicism.

"After 10 years, people here still make their Passover seders in Russian," said Judith Kessler, who has been handling immigration issues for the Jewish community in Berlin since 1990, co-ordinating language classes, vocational training, social clubs, and publishing a German-Russian Jewish magazine.

"We have done something wrong," said Kessler, who herself came to Germany from Poland in 1972. "We took them by the hand and served them in their own language."

Andy Steiman, who until recently was acting rabbi for the former East German state of Mecklenberg, dismissed the idea of a real "Jewish revival." It's just numbers, he said.

He told of a young couple who met at a Passover seder they had attended because it meant a free meal.

"When they got married," he said, "they didn't want to have a chupah because they think it is antiquated. And when they had a baby boy, they didn't want to have him circumcised because they claimed it is a human right not to be harmed bodily."

Ironically, some of the new immigrants who most want to be involved Jewishly are, as children of Jewish fathers and gentile Mothers, not considered Jewish according to Halachah, and thus, according to community regulations, cannot take part in all official communal activities.

"It's a big problem," said Kessler. "They say, rightly, 'In Russia we were Jews, and here we are Russian. Why will no one have us?' "

But some, she said, are getting "closer to Judaism" in a variety of ways. Some, for example, are taking conversion classes, with some men even being circumcised. Others are immersing themselves in a cultural rather than religious Jewish orientation.

Inna Slavskaja's Yiddish cabaret performances attract good-sized crowds around Germany, mostly non-Jewish. Her identity is more cultural than religious. But her son is talking about a bar mitzvah.

"I have nothing against it," she said. "It will take a lot of practice, but I am happy."

And Inna Orlowski, a member of the first graduating class of Berlin's new Jewish high school, is part of a back-to-Judaism movement among young people.

"My grandparents had decided against Jewish life and for communist ideals," she said. "Now, we can begin again to rebuild the relationship to Judaism. If I don't do it, then for my children, it would not be possible."

Throughout the postwar period, the prevalent view of world Jewry was that no Jews should live in Germany.

Until the influx of immigration over the past decade, the Jewish community consisted mainly of eastern European Jewish survivors who ended up in displaced persons camps after the war, and their descendants. Many openly said that they lived "with packed suitcases" ready – just in case.

"For the Jew, it is always a difficult decision to come to Germany," Liokumowitsch said. "The generation who suffered directly [from the Holocaust] is still alive. On the other hand, Germany has changed, and we have to ask ourselves, 'What is the alternative?' "

Still, whether Jews should live in post-Holocaust Germany is eternally debatable. Sometimes, ironically, immigrants encounter more overt discrimination in Germany than they faced at home. Two years ago, citizens of the economically depressed eastern German town of Gollwitz demonstrated against plans to place 50 Russian Jewish immigrants in their midst.

German xenophobia is most often directed against the millions of Turks and other foreigners living in the country, but a series of recent anti-Semitic episodes, including the desecration of the biggest Jewish cemetery in Berlin, has put the community on guard.

The fact is, however, that, 10 years after the fall of communism and more than half a century after the Holocaust, Jews are in Germany, building new lives.

"It's certainly good that Jews want to live in Germany and are no longer afraid," said Orlowski, the student from the Urals.

"I don't believe that the young German born yesterday should carry guilt on his shoulders," said Slavskaja, the Yiddish singer from Birobidzhan.

"We must be sure that never happens again."

"Maybe in 15, 20 years, when the young extremists come to their senses, it will be better here," said Lyonia, the engineer from Lithuania. "Whoever doesn't take a risk, gets nothing."

Opinions

Into the cold

By the time this column is published, the first serious harbingers of winter will have made themselves felt and spread their not-so-tender tendrils for all to feel.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

The people who fear the onset of the wintry weather more than anybody else are those who have no permanent shelter to call their own, the homeless whose condition is becoming an ever increasing plight in the midst of one of the wealthiest nations in the world.

By this time it is well known that Holy Blossom Temple is part of a network of religious institutions that, week after week, try to ease the plight of the homeless. It does so with a bevy of dedicated volunteers, some infusion of cash and a heap of determination.

The result has been spectacular, and the old Jewish saying that "the reward of a mitzvah is doing a mitzvah" has been borne out over and over again for those who are privileged to participate in the effort.

I do not have the latest statistics at hand, but here is what it looked like a little while ago. (It has no doubt become worse since then.)

In an eight-year period, almost 200,000 different people have used shelters at hostels in Toronto. Nearly half of them were families with children – and amongst those families, children and youth under 18 were the fastest growing group of users.

Translated into figures, this means that at the time the statistics were taken, more than 5,000 children were living in public hostels.

It appears that almost 50 percent of the homeless people in Toronto are coming from outside the city, which means that we have a constantly growing problem on our hands.

A half a year ago, Anne Golden, president of United Way, submitted a widely hailed report of the Homelessness Action Task Force that she chaired. Toronto's City Council adopted it in May with very few amendments, and today it represents the official policy of Metropolitan Toronto.

Put baldly, the problem of homelessness in our city – and I suspect in other large cities in the country as well – is a blight that is likely to get worse, especially if public policies will reduce the amount of affordable housing more and more.

The province bears a large share of responsibility in this respect, but so does the federal government. We cannot afford to leave the solution to the cities alone. They do not have the resources of doing it all by themselves.

I write this column for two reasons: because the problem is so urgent and it is essential that we spread a keen awareness of it as quickly and as far as possible; and because I want to salute Anne Golden for her great work.

I am delighted to know that on Sunday evening, Dec. 5, she will be the honoree at the annual Negev dinner, sponsored by the Jewish National Fund in Toronto. No one deserves this honour more than she.

Food and Jewish mothers

It's Sunday evening and my refrigerator is full. Not only is it full, but there seem to be all these colourful objects I'm unfamiliar with. I believe, in some circles, they're known as vegetables. These foreign objects sit in a drawer-like compartment called a crisper that I've never seen the inside of before. There can only be one explanation for the invasion of greenery – my mother's recent visit.

Jennifer Lee on campus in Halifax

November is an evil month for students. Between catching up on the missed work due to studying for midterms and preparing for the plethora of assignments with pressing deadlines, the typical university student has no idea what the grocery store looks like. Nor do these poor, overburdened, under-appreciated souls know what clean dishes are, or even what clean laundry is, for that matter.

I, sad to say, am no exception. Under the egotistical notion that I could actually understand a class on scary philosophers such as Immanuel Kant or Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel, I've been consumed with a paper on these men, ignoring my household duties. The only time I've been inspired to clean was when I hit the brick wall of intellectual writer's block. Cleaning equals procrastination.

But more about my mother.

Now I'm not so self-serving that I would ask my mom to shlep all the way out to Halifax from Toronto merely to fill my fridge and cook me my favourite things. No, I thought it would be nice – and she agreed – if she finally saw my apartment, met my roommate and attended the play I wrote, which was performed at my school. Now, if she just so happened to buy a few items here or there or made one or three dishes for my roommate and me, then who was I to complain?

I don't know the origin of the stereotyped connection between food and Jewish mothers. I do know that it's true. My mother was pretty much appalled when everything I owned could be classified as a health hazard. Not to mention her horror at discovering I only had completely nutritionally void white bread. In my defence, at least I had bread.

With my mother here it would have seemed wrong not to have her make blintzes since they are what I crave most from home. (My bagel dependency has lessened over the years, plus she brought a dozen with her.) Unfortunately, the local grocery didn't have the proper cheese filling. Now my mother's a resourceful woman so she asked herself, "Who knows about blintzes?" and immediately called the synagogue to find out where to buy the necessities of Jewish life.

The blintzes landed on the table and my roommate and I were instructed to eat. I, of course, scooped some sour cream onto my plate and dug right in. My roommate, a nice Catholic girl from New Brunswick, was a little hesitant. Her only blintz exposure was the time in first year when the residence's cafeteria made some at my request. After that little experiment, I didn't bother to suggest any more recipes.

I think my roommate liked the meal. I know she was amused when my mom and I got into a theological discussion. Now this isn't a normal occurrence when we get together. In fact, it was rather bizarre – like the beginning of a bad joke: So two Jews and a Catholic are having blintzes and discussing God…

The next day, lasagna and latkes (since I'm not home for Chanukah this year) were made. I got step-by-step instructions on the preparations. My mother often tells me how to make things. I nod my head at the appropriate times, but I never eat the dish until the next time I see her.

Call it laziness. Call it a fear of the oven. Call it a complete inability to operate any appliance associated with the kitchen.

I think some foods are just tastier when my mother makes them.

My kosher lifestyle

My friends constantly remind me that I am a very difficult person to take out to dinner.

It's not that they find me hard to look at while I am eating (I always chew with my mouth closed); nor that I don't know how to hold a fork and knife or remember to put my napkin on my lap. I'm not difficult to take out to dinner because I'm a picky eater (although I don't do eggs or fish), nor because my palate constantly yearns for new and exotic foods (because salad and a piece of chicken seven days a week are more than satisfying for me).

Erica Horn on campus in Montreal

The reason they make the above claim is that I keep kosher. And the more I think about it, the more I believe it should be my mother doing the complaining rather than my friends.

When I was in Grade 10, I decided that I was going to start keeping kosher. I was brought up in a traditional household where we never mixed milk and meat and we had kosher for Passover food, but not necessarily separate dishes. Now, I have my own kosher meat drawer in the freezer, my own set of dishes (consisting of two plates and a bowl) for Passover, and I go to the kosher bakery every Friday to buy challah and any other necessary provisions.

Once I leave my house, I am also well taken care of. Around the campus, there are two kosher restaurants. One is located in Hillel House and the other at Chabad. And when we are invited to our family friends' homes, not only do our four bodies pile into the Hommobile, but so does my kosher meal.

I decided to abide by the laws of kashrut, leaving my friends and family to drool over delicacies such as – it's actually not really that important what they eat.

My decision, in its practicability, is not a major one. While admittedly it requires a bit of advanced planning because I am in it alone in my circle, it is no more of an inconvenience than remembering to brush your teeth before you go to sleep or fastening your seat belt before you drive out of your driveway.

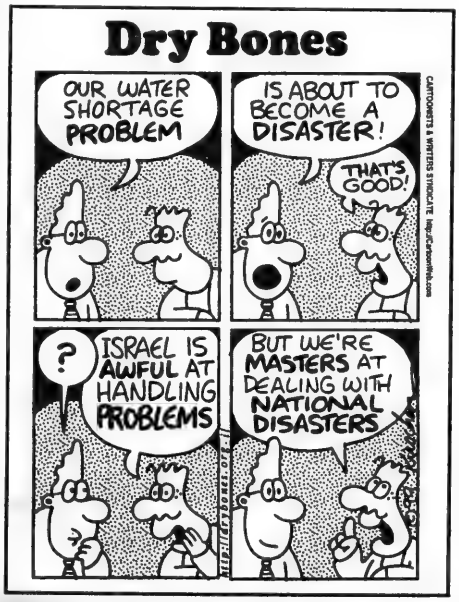
When I move out, my kitchen will be as kosher as I can keep it. I know that I am extremely fortunate to live in a city where kosher food is both plentiful and easily accessible. I should not take that for granted.

It is the significance of my decision to keep kosher that is far more complex and raises many questions among my friends and family about my beliefs and future life plans.

My motto over the past 6½ years has been, "As long as you don't put it on my plate, I don't care what you eat." I have therefore attempted to have my kashrut "policy" interfere as minimally as possible with the lives of my friends and family. It doesn't offend me that my brother spends every dinner elbowing me while he is chomping away at his chicken while I eat mine.

My friends can think of me as a difficult date when we go out to dinner. But me, I like to think of myself as having chosen a certain way of life, which happens to be distinct from that of my peers. I can only try to impress upon my friends the positive value of keeping kosher, but I cannot force them to do anything except respect my decision.

It is worth noting, I believe, that I have spent my entire time writing this piece with my ear glued to the phone, listening to an airline's elevator music, while I attempt to order a kosher meal.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The Kirshner File

Food excites Thelma Barer-Stein

Thelma Barer-Stein, a gastronomic maven, bores to the point. "I have a love affair with food," said the author of *You Eat What You Are* (Firefly Books), an authoritative guide to the culinary traditions of more than 50 national cuisines, including Israeli and Jewish.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

She has been on a gustatory journey since childhood. "I grew up immersed in food," explained Barer-Stein, a dietician by training, and a developmental book editor by vocation.

Barer-Stein's parents, Austrian immigrants Michael and Fanny, ran Barer's Delicatessen, something of a landmark in Vancouver, for 40 years. Expert cooks, they were renowned for their cured and smoked meats, roasted chickens, briny pickles and tart sauerkraut. "My father's pickles were incredible. He was an amazing man."

As a teenager, she and her two brothers helped out in the store. "I peeled potatoes, sliced salami and served customers. It would have been impossible for me not to have developed a sensitivity for food."

This finely-honed sensibility permeates *You Eat What You Are*, a popular work originally published in 1979, which engagingly examines the role of food in our daily lives.

As she puts it: "Food is much more than as tool of survival. Food is a source of pleasure, comfort and security. Food is also a symbol of hospitality, social status and religious significance.

"What we select to eat, how we prepare it, serve it, and even how we eat it are all factors profoundly touched by our individual cultural inheritance."

Barer-Stein, who still recalls the tantalizing aromas which enveloped her father's shop, believes that food preferences are bound up with geography and history.

In centuries past, European explorers set off on arduous voyages in search of fresh sources of foods, seasonings, herbs, spices and preservatives. "Exploration," she said, "changed food customs and habits. Almost everything we eat is from somewhere else."

From Latin America, the Spanish brought back cocoa, the main ingredient in chocolate, as well as such modern staples as tomatoes, vanilla, pumpkins and squash. The coffee bean was found in Africa, while the tea leaf was discovered in Asia.

Marco Polo, that intrepid Italian adventurer who penetrated the depths of China, introduced the west to pasta, ice cream and, now it can be revealed – gefilte fish. "The Chinese," she said, "were making gefilte fish, tiny fish dumplings, thousands of years ago."

And cholent, Sabbath fare favoured by Ashkenazi Jews, was originally a North American aboriginal dish flavored by long, slow cooking.

Jewish cookery has been shaped by external influences, she observed, sitting demurely in her pretty garden, sipping home-made lemon juice and nibbling on apple cake sprinkled with bits of nuts.

"Wherever Jews have lived, they've taken the local food and adopted it to kashrut. We think corn beef and pastrami are Jewish, but in fact they originated in Romania. And bagels and borscht are Ukrainian."

Citing yet more examples, Barer-Stein spoke of Balkan Jews, who thrive on eggplant dishes and phyllo pastries; of Bukharan Jews, who feast on rice pilaus; of Austrian and Hungarian Jews, who dine on schnitzels; of Moroccan and Tunisian Jews, who have an affinity for *tajines*; and of Greek and Bulgarian Jews, who make a meal out of moussaka.

And, lest it not be known, there are definite Ashkenazi and Sephardi food preferences, all rooted in geography. In general, Ashkenazim are partial to vegetables, potatoes, onions, cabbage, beets and mushrooms, while Sephardim usually gravitate to eggplants, peppers, leeks, okra, fennel and olives.

Thelma Barer-Stein

Ashkenazim like grains such as wheat, barley and buckwheat, while Sephardim enjoy couscous, semolina and bulgar. Ashkenazim are attracted to flavourings like vanilla and lemon, but Sephardim prefer almond essence, rose flower water and tamarind.

Paprika, salt, pepper, dill and parsley are the spices of choice for Ashkenazim, but Sephardim are drawn to cinnamon, clove, sumac, cardamom, cumin and saffron.

Barer-Stein, a Torontonian who's partial to fruits, vegetables and fish, spent five years researching and writing her magnum opus.

She consulted cookbooks, novels, explorers' diaries and archives. She never used a fact unless she could substantiate it in three different places.

In the interests of authenticity, she cooked her way through the manuscript, whipping up a panoply of dishes ranging from African and Armenian to Turkish and Vietnamese.

Although her palate is thoroughly eclectic, she particularly fancies Mediterranean, Middle Eastern and Austrian food.

Strangely enough, her manuscript was rejected by 32 publishers before McClelland & Stewart finally accepted it. The reasons varied, but each rejection brought tears to her eyes.

She was not discouraged. "I believed in the book. It has been a central force in my life. It threw me into writing and publishing."

The mother of four grown children, all of whom can work magic with a spatula, she thought long and hard about a second edition. But there was never time. "I was pursuing a PhD in adult education," said Barer-Stein, a graduate of the University of Toronto.

Much to her disappointment, McClelland & Stewart had no interest in a revised edition. Firefly, however, was keen to do it.

"The book was like a baby that kept growing," she said. "It took nine months of intensive work to gestate."

The new and improved *You Eat What You Are* is twice the size of the old one, contains a glossary, a 48-page index and additional chapters on Tibetan, Indonesian, Malay and Singaporean food.

Furthermore, the chapter on Israeli and Jewish food has been updated and expanded. "The book has been very lovingly produced," she observed. "Firefly has outdone itself."

Since the publication of the first edition, the place of food in everyday life has undergone a revolution.

"We don't speak in pejorative terms about 'ethnic' food anymore. We talk about diversity," she noted.

The global market, the Internet, travel and waves of immigration have had a profound effect on people's perception. "We live in a McLuhan global village today."

As a result, supermarkets carry a much greater variety of fresh herbs, imported fruits and vegetables, seasonings, flavored oils, condiments and sauces.

And since far more women have joined the workforce and with many of them unable to devote themselves as assiduously to food preparation as in the past, there has been a proliferation of processed, frozen and fast foods.

The last two decades have also had a marked impact on Jews who are faithful to the laws of kashrut. "We're more open to different styles of cooking," said Barer-Stein, a lecturer who once had her own cooking show on television. "Me and Madame Benoit were the only ones doing that in the 1950s."

Barer-Stein is a fastidious eater who considers cooking a form of relaxation. "I eat the way you're supposed, like a dietician," she chuckled.

She enjoys three balanced meals a day, not counting fruit snacks. "I'm not tempted to gorge," said Barer-Stein, a slim woman of medium height who has obviously taken her own advice to heart.

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Roots & Remembrance

The Jews of Poland

By ZE'EV GLICENSTEIN

Prof. Gershon Hundert, the distinguished historian and chair of the Department of Jewish Studies at McGill University, beguiled an audience of Jewish genealogists last summer in New York with midrash-like tales of early Jewish history in Poland.

For centuries, the Jews felt very comfortable in Poland, Hundert said, referring to stories that even the name of the country may have derived from Hebrew. "Po-lin," he said, may have been Hebrew for "dwell here," while the variant "Po-lan-ya" may have meant "Here dwells the Lord."

According to legend, a Polish king named Kazimierz took a Jewish wife named Esterka at the beginning of the 16th century. The royal couple supposedly raised their sons as Christians, their daughters as Jews.

"Esterka used her feminine charms to convince the king to let Jews into Poland," Hundert said. Then he added, tongue-in-cheek: "The confirmation of Esterka's historicity is the fact that you can find her grave in several Polish towns."

Poland's early Jews had "a low level of exilic consciousness" and hired Italian architects to design their synagogues and houses, he said. "They had about themselves a sense of permanence, as if they knew that here they would stay a long time."

Despite invasions by Cossacks, Muscovites and Swedes, the Jews increased in number in Poland-Lithuania in the 18th century. According to a census taken about 1765, there were some 550,000 Jews in Poland and another 200,000 in Lithuania. The region was the centre of the Jewish world.

"It was a massive community, growing more quickly than the rest of the population. This was not due to a higher birth rate but to a lower death rate. The incidence of Jewish infant mortality was lower."

Why did fewer Jewish babies die? Hundert cited the strong communal support network, the relative stability of the family, the low rate of Jewish alcoholism, and the system of "kest" through which young couples were hosted by the bride's family in the first years of marriage.

At the close of the 18th century, some 90 percent of Poland's Christian population were peasants living in the countryside, while the Jews lived predominantly in towns. In other words, the Jewish population was essentially urban, and lived in a society that was primarily rural.

Many Jews preferred to live in private towns owned by magnates who protected them, but even in public towns, most taverns and stores were owned by Jews. Hundert questioned the appropriateness of the term "minority" as applied to the Jews, since only 40 to 60 percent of the inhabitants of Poland were of Polish origin. The population was multinational.

Author of the landmark study, *The Jews in a Polish Private Town: The Case of Opatow in the Eighteenth Century* (John Hopkins, 1992), Hundert cited a few rare bibliographic sources for Polish-Jewish genealogy, including some private-town archives. The message for genealogists? Dogged determination, scholarship and strong linguistic skills can pay off.

With the agility of a stage magician, he closed his lecture by displaying two impressive documents. First, a page from the Warsaw census of 1765, showing a column of Hebrew-style patronymics with no modern surnames in evidence. Second, a census page listing family members of the chassidic giant, the Ba'al Shem Tov.

For experienced researchers, the Polish census of 1765 has acquired the mythical aura of a holy grail. The historian Raphael Mahler examined it and published an analysis before the war. Since then, the census has largely disappeared: only fragments remain, mostly for towns in the east and south-east, but they're very difficult to find. Hundert's determination and superb research skills had paid off once again.

Talmud study on the Web

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

Later this month, on the 22nd of Kislev, thousands of people around the world will celebrate as they complete studying the second of the six Orders of the Talmud, Mo'ed. The very next day, they will begin learning the third Order of the Talmud, Nashim. And they will continue in this shared learning experience until the entire Talmud is completed on Tuesday, the 20th of Adar I, 5765 (March 1, 2005)! **[http://www.dafyomi.co.il/calendars/cal-short.htm]**

In the 1920s, Rabbi Meir Shapiro, the Lubliner Rav of Poland, had a ground-breaking idea: to unite Jews around the globe by having each of them study exactly the same text of Talmud on a daily basis. By reading a double-page (*daf*) a day (*yomi*), they would complete the Talmud's 2,711 double pages in approximately seven years **[http://www.jewish-holiday.com/rosh/talmud.html]**.

Rabbi Shapiro's vision has caught on. When the 10th Daf Yomi cycle was completed on Sept. 28, 1997, 26,000 people crowded into New York's Madison Square Garden to be linked by satellite with dozens of communities around the world **[http://www.jewishsf.com/bk970926/usny.htm]**. An estimated 70,000 people were celebrating learning the daily *daf* for about an hour a day over a span of seven years – before starting over again.

Without a doubt, the best way to learn Talmud is under the guidance of a teacher or with a knowledgeable friend. But there are many online resources that can also help. The premier Daf Yomi site on the Web belongs to the Dafyomi Advancement Forum **[http://www.dafyomi.co.il]**.

This incredible site includes easy-to-follow links to the commentary on that day's Daf Yomi, in addition to hundreds of pages of archives. There are brief biographies of some of the key commentators, charts and question-and-answer sections. Don't miss the calendar section to keep you synchronized with the rest of the world during this, the 11th Daf Yomi Cycle (1998-2005.) Also check out the very best page with links to Daf Yomi resources on the Internet **[http://www.dafyomi.co.il/central.htm]**.

I was intrigued to learn that the Dafyomi Advancement Forum was created by Kollel Iyun Hadaf of Har Nof, Jerusalem where Rabbi Mordecai Kornfeld and other scholars "study the *daf* in depth in the mornings and work on their computers in the afternoons." **[http://www.dafyomi.co.il/kollel/kollel.htm]**

The latest Daf Yomi class can be as close as your e-mail box. Several Daf Yomi e-mail lists are available, and they are all free. You can start learning Daf Yomi at any time and can join up to six lists, including Insights to the Daf, Point-by-Point Summary of the Daf and Discuss the Daf with the Kollel **[http://www.dafyomi.co.il/subscribe.htm]**. Ohr Somayach in Jerusalem offers a Daf Yomi list **[http://www.ohr.org.il/web/sub.htm]**.

If you want to share thoughts about studying Daf Yomi or want to find a local partner, go to Jewish Chicago's Daf Yomi Discussion area **[http://www.inservices.com/jewishchicago/moshe/daf.html]**.

Why do so many people drag themselves out of bed, day in and day out, year after year, to learn the Talmud? Herman Wouk, author of *This is My God* and *The Winds of War*, explains why he made the commitment: **[http://www.ohr.org.il/web/yomi.htm#Wouk]**

"Because by now the Talmud is in my bones. Its elegant and arcane ethical algebra, its soaked-in quintessential Jewishness, its fun, its difficulty, its accumulative virtue all balance against the cost in time and the so-called 'remoteness from reality.' Above and beyond all its other intellectual and cultural values, the Talmud is, for people like us, 'identity,' pure and ever springing."

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Refugee compromise essential

By AVI BENLOLO

The debate over Palestinian refugees is one of the central issues in the Middle East peace process. Arab nations including the Palestinian Authority are advocating for these refugees' right of return or their right to due compensation, based on the premise that they lost their homes during the 1948 War of Independence.

Israel, on the other hand, is concerned about the possibility of admitting millions of people into an already tightly condensed region.

The debate is not clear-cut. Some argue that many Palestinians were not driven from Israel, but were advised to leave by neighbouring Arab nations.

The Institute for Palestinian Studies in Beirut found that 68 percent of Palestinians left in 1948 without ever seeing an Israeli soldier. Despite these arguments, many Palestinians admittedly suffered personal losses.

However, in addressing the matter of the Palestinian refugees, negotiators need not gloss over the fact there were also Jewish refugees from Arab lands – specifically, Sephardim who fled to Israel.

I touched upon this issue in my last article in my discussion about the American Sephardi Federation's effort to compile a list of Jewish assets confiscated in Arab countries to aid Israel in offsetting Palestinian refugee compensation claims.

The scope and depth of this debate cannot be captured entirely in this article. But if peace is to be achieved (and I hope it is), it will be necessary for both sides to compromise on the historical facts in order to find a middle ground. Here are several issues that I believe need consideration:

• Jews who left Arab lands were refugees too. They were fleeing after centuries of persecution and living as second-class citizens. According to Joan Peters, author of *From Time Immemorial*, the belief that Arabs and Jews lived harmoniously prior to 1948 is a myth.

Violent riots in numerous Arab towns and villages ensued throughout the ages – many unrecorded. For example, it came as great surprise to me when I recently learned that my ancestors may have been affected by an 1864 riot in Demnate (Morocco) in which many Jews were reportedly killed.

Like many others, my family eventually immigrated to Israel in the 1950s with bare necessities, leaving significant assets behind. Evidently, they were refugees too.

• Peters contends that what took place in 1948 and immediately thereafter can be viewed as a population exchange. It is believed that about 539,000 Arab refugees left Israel in 1948, while at least the same number of Jews left for Israel from Arab countries.

• While Israel and the Jewish world worked in tandem to absorb thousands of Jewish refugees, neighboring Arab states created refugee camps for the Palestinians. Peters argues that many Palestinians have been living in camps for decades on end as political pawns, because Arab states have been unwilling to absorb and integrate them on humanitarian grounds.

• A quantitative analysis by an independent academic facility needs to be undertaken to determine the true extent of Palestinian and Jewish refugee claims.

The Arab-Jewish refugee debate cannot be resolved solely by the PA and Israel. Many Arab nations are involved in the matter by virtue of the fact that they are advocating for the right of Palestinian return; they are partners in facilitating the peace process, and most tangibly, they were involved in the movement of Jews to Israel.

A marvellous machine

***The Book on the Bookshelf*, by Henry Petroski (Random House, $39).**

Books
Bernard Baskin

Not long ago, Princeton scholar Robert Darnton – in the face of an encroaching technology – offered up this fervent tribute to this book. "The book has proven to be a marvellous machine – great for packaging information, convenient to thumb through, comfortable to cut up with, superb for storage, and remarkably resistant to damage. It does not need to be upgraded or downloaded, accessed or booted, plugged into circuits or extracted from webs. Its design makes it a delight to the eyes. Its shape makes it a pleasure to hold in the hand. And its handiness has made it the basic tool of learning for thousands of years."

But the book is a physical object that has clout and heft. It has to be looked after, dusted and shelved – and protected from such constant threats as heat, cold, fire, insects and vicious or careless human destroyers of the printed word.

Henry Petroski, chair of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Duke University, reminds us that books were not always arranged on shelves with their spines outward. On the contrary, through the centuries bookshelves gradually adapted to accommodate various forms of the written word.

Ancient Roman and Greek scrolls were often stored in ingenious containers resembling hatboxes with tags attached to identify them. Readers had to unroll the manuscript as they went along and then had to reroll the scroll before it could be used again.

The most famous library of early days, a "cage of the muses," was in Alexandria, Egypt. The administrator of the library declared that its 700,000 scrolls included practically all that was known to exist and contained almost all of the world's knowledge, hearsay and superstition.

Security at Alexandria and other libraries of the distant past was tight. Armed soldiers were posted inside or out, or both. Laws were stringent, leniency out of the question; scrolls were as rare a commodity at the time as jewels, and in their own way no less valuable.

During the Middle Ages in European monasteries, books were chained to a horizontal shelving unit in order to prevent theft and misuse.

Shelving books vertically became necessary after the invention of printing which resulted in an unending torrent of books. Bookshelves, once fashioned to meet earlier needs, had to be drastically redesigned.

Housing and caring for masses of books are now a problem for such institutions as the British and New York Libraries. This year about 12 million volumes will be moved into the new British Library, and the New York Public Library has to contend with 63 miles of shelving. The Library of Congress adds 300,000 volumes to its collection every year.

Will computerized databases inevitably replace traditional books? As far back as 1962 Marshall McLuhan predicted that the electronic age would drive the printed word into extinction. The next several decades will reveal whether a generation that grew up with computers will eschew the conventional book entirely for the electronic version.

If this does happen, some libraries are likely to scan and digitize their collections and order all new books in compact-disc or other electronic format. Such a scenario would mean plenty of available shelf space as old books in conventional forms are discarded and few new ones acquired.

This unusual book, filled with much out-of-the-way information, as well as digressions on bookselling and book-buying, is enhanced by 96 illustrations and will be of special interest to bibliophiles and those who haunt libraries.

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Helping out at the bazaar

By ANN SZEDLECKI

Our blue smocks come out again. We wear them only once a year at the annual Hadassah bazaar. The smocks help to identify us as members of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO.

Guest Voices

Our chapter, Massada, is 35 years old. We are selling mostly clothing at the bazaar, and everything is either on the tables or on racks.

At 9 a.m. the doors open and a sea of humanity, prospective customers surge in. They have waited outside since the early hours.

Massada was a chapter with a large membership. We were housewives or career women, bringing up children. We watched them grow, enter high school, enter institutions of higher learning, and go on to their chosen professions.

We attended each other's simchahs and, unfortunately, we shared in each other's sorrows too.

As the years went by, all too quickly, we realized that we could not stay as active as before, mostly, for health reasons. Still, we did the best and carried on with the bazaar. After all, it benefited our beloved State of Israel.

We are flooded with memories of Hadassah Bazaars past, some of them funny ones.

One man brought back a pair of pants, and we refunded the $2 he paid, only to find $20 in the pocket of the pants.

A lady offered $18 for a piece of material we had only asked $8 for. Obviously she did not hear too well. We took the money, but for the sake of public relations we gave her back the $10.

Some people come to the bazaar every year. They make it a family affair, and we see familiar faces.

A few years ago, my daughter, who lives in New Jersey, was so eager to be here for the bazaar, she drove all the way to Toronto with a nine-month-old baby in the back of the car. The day after the bazaar she headed home.

We all bring bags with food – drinks, fruit and noshes to share with everybody – so God forbid, we won't starve.

Our own coats are stored in boxes under the tables. Sometimes some things get sold by mistake, my own coat included.

A few minutes after 9 a.m., and we get mobbed. Everything that was so neat a few minutes earlier, gets turned upside down, but we don't bother straightening up. The next person will probably find something on the bottom of the pile – just the thing they are looking for.

Time goes fast. We don't think about how tired we are. We eat and drink. Some members leave and others arrive.

A few, like myself, stay on until closing. We have to provide transportation for non-drivers, or people who don't drive at night anymore.

The loudspeaker announces the closing time. The unsold things are left behind to be picked up by other charity organizations.

So is this it? Our last participation in the bazaar?

And we remember: Our vivacious, funny Molly, always ready to entertain us. Even with the oxygen tank trailing behind her, she attended our meetings to the end.

Or Frances, wonderful and generous, and always willing to volunteer for tasks that were hard to fill.They are both gone, but not from our fond memories.

Maybe, just maybe, we will be able to do it one more time. Bazaar in the year 2000. That will mark a double chai of our chapter's life.

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Millennium part of Jewish heritage, says professor

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It is wrong to think of the millennium as only a Christian event, says a professor of political studies at Haifa University.

"The birth of Christianity took place against a backdrop of Judaism, and it is an event that is part of Jewish history," said Gabriel Ben Dor. He was a speaker at the four-part Gerald Schwartz/Heather Reisman Lecture Series held at Holy Blossom Temple.

Jews live in a dual world, said Ben Dor; we are part of the general world and part of Judaism.

"The millennium is not something to ignore. It is part of our heritage.

"We have conquered odds, and we are a stronger, prouder, richer culture than ever [before]. We should have no sense of inferiority. To shy away from the millennium, would be to demonstrate our inferiority to the western world."

It is important to study what has gone on for the past 2,000 years, said Ben Dor, in order to ensure that the future "will be no worse. Only by looking at the past will we be able to understand the present. Rejecting history would be rejecting responsibility. By studying the past, you can make a better future."

Among the lessons we have learned in 2,000 years of history, said Ben Dor, is that there will always be a Diaspora. "We will not have a Zionism that will see every Jew living in Israel. Jews should see the Diaspora as an important part of the Jewish people, and [understand] that the two can give to each other and learn from each other."

Throughout the years, Jews have learned the art of diplomacy in order to survive, he said. Good negotiation "is an essential supplement to power. One should not come at the expense of the other."

Jews have lived in many societies, and in the long run, they have prospered best where there is freedom, tolerance and democracy, said Ben Dor.

Gabriel Ben Dor

"We have a vested interest in the triumph of freedom, liberty and capitalism, and we should ally ourselves with those regimes. If we need to confront others, we should not confront liberal countries. It is worth making concessions to be part of the family."

We have survived for the past 2,000 years, "but just barely. We have been persecuted and butchered, but we have also assimilated, intermarried and have had zero population growth. Jews must rebuild as a nation, in the demographic sense. We will not get there by assimilation and intermarriage."

Judaism is distinguished, he said, by the fusion of the nation and religion, and we should stop trying to separate it. "Judaism will not survive without religion. We must have a strong responsibility [towards] tradition; we must not leave religion out of Judaism."

One lesson we must learn, said Ben Dor, is that Jews will always be different. "We should be proud [of that fact]. Being different means having a longer history and higher standards, and being citizens of Israel."

Israel, however, should not be considered a messianic entity, he said. "It should be cherished, appreciated and valued, but it should not be idolized."

Jews are a small people, and will always be small, but in Israel there are almost five million Jews – the only nation that is growing rapidly, said Ben Dor.

"In a good year, Israel gains about 100,000 Jews a year. In seven or eight years, we will reach the symbolic six million Jews in Israel.

As a community, said Ben Dor, Israel is bound to change. "The haredim are having 10 or 11 children, and secular Israelis are having two, three or four children. When the haredim are a majority in Israel…what kind of country will we have? There is no question the state will survive, be strong and be focused on Jewish identity, but what kind of thought will we see?"

It is a mistake to think that solutions to conflicts can be found by political means, said Ben Dor. People need to dialogue and determine what they agree upon. "They all agree on the importance of having a Jewish state, and everyone has a positive attitude to the state and its authorities.

"They also agree on [the importance of] Jewish values and tradition, and they have a fundamental responsibility for democracy. These things are part and parcel of the Israeli soul. We have to build on these foundations."

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During a period of high alert, an order was received to evacuate the women. As the Regiment Commander's Assistant, I volunteered to remain and help the new commanding officer.

On the first day of the Six Day War, October 6, 1973, at 2:15 p.m., I was alone in the office when I heard a roaring sound. Enemy Egyptian planes were bombing our camp. I lay down on the floor ... terrified ... we suffered a direct strike. I was seriously wounded. My legs were severely crushed.

For almost a year I was hospitalized, enduring 15 surgeries and another 8 months of treatment and rehabilitation before even being able to sit in a wheelchair. Today, although my one leg is still paralyzed, with the help of prosthesis and orthopedic shoes, I am able to walk without crutches.

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Women's Campaign Climbs

The UJA Federation Women's Campaign is expected to set a new fundraising record by topping $4.5 million.

Last year's contributors raised $4 million toward the annual campaign total of $40.5 million. The increases are coming from both existing donors and new givers.

Women's Campaign Chair Carole Sterling attributes this year's impressive results to enhanced outreach efforts and a wide range of motivational programming.

"Our volunteers have come up with some wonderfully effective ways of engaging women in the Jewish community who are already committed to UJA Federation, as well as those who are still learning about what we do," says Sterling.

Local mini-bus missions, which offer participants the opportunity to visit community agencies funded by UJA Federation, have become one of Women's Campaign's biggest success stories. The monthly half-day trips have included visits to Jewish Vocational Service, Zareinu, the Bernard Betel Centre and Jews for Judaism, as well as presentations by Jewish Family and Child Service.

Over 100 leading contributors recently attended the annual Lion of Judah and Atarah luncheon at the home of Rosalie Sharp. (l-r) Dodi Weill, Jill Reitman, Rosalie Sharp, Carole Sterling and Fran Sonshine. *Photo: Big Dipper Communications*

For information about the next Women's Campaign Bus Mission, planned for the spring, please call (416) 631-5717.

"The missions have proven to be very empowering for our campaigners," notes Helen Silverstein, who loaded seven women into her mini-van earlier this fall. "It's also a great starting point for newcomers to get to know how UJA Federation fits into the community."

Claudette Edghill brought some of her closest friends along on a mission she helped organize in September. After becoming active in UJA Federation three years ago, Edghill said she wanted participants to share her joy in helping others. "They had such a meaningful experience that some of them came out to campaign on Super Sunday. That's what it's all about," she adds.

But going mobile isn't the only way Women's Campaign is reaching out. A "women's only" poker night and a sushi party were recently held, drawing dozens of supporters of all ages. The programs were successful because they combined learning with fun," explains Sarena Koschitzky, who is co-chairing outreach for Women's Campaign with Alison Himel. "It was great to see so many new faces," adds Himel.

The next Women's Campaign program, featuring world-renowned Judaic scholar and women's rights advocate, Alice Shalvi, will take place on November 22, 7:30 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Avenue. For more event information or to purchase tickets, at $18 a person, call (416) 631-5826.

Meeting Reinvigorates Volunteer

Jocelyn Engel feels a deeper desire to work on beahlf of UJA Federation and Jews in need.

For Jocelyn Engel, being in the right place at the right time led to a deeper connection to UJA Federation.

Until this year, Engel, who works as a supply teacher for the Toronto Board of Education, was a regular contributor and an occasional campaigner. But when a friend, who was an active UJA Federation volunteer, invited her to hear first hand how UJA Federation dollars are helping to save Jewish lives as far away as Ethiopia a new spark of interest was ignited.

The pivotal event was a breakfast featuring Micha Feldman, Director of the Jewish Agency's operations in Ethiopia and Mehereta Baruch, an Ethiopian immigrant who described the harrowing journey she and her family made to Israel.

"When I heard the speakers talk about the difference UJA Federation makes to so many lives I felt re-connected to the cause," explains Engel, who brought along her daughter as well. "I felt very proud to share this powerful experience with her. "So I decided to take my involvement even further." The next step was going on a Women's Campaign bus mission where she visited the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living and the Zareinu school for severely challenged children.

"Seeing first hand the incredible work UJA funds in our community allows me to speak from the heart when I ask people to support the campaign," says Engel. "Now everywhere I go I tell people about UJA Federation."

UJA Federation Women's Campaign & Jewish Women's Federation

Annual Fall Program

UJA Federation Women's Campaign and Jewish Women's Federation's annual fall program Hot and Heavy drew close to 450 participants. Before the program event, Committee members posed in front of a quilt that was hand made by a coalition of Jewish women's groups last year. (from left) Judith Finer-Freedman, Honey Carr, Karen Green, Event Co-Chair Lori Disen-house, Judith Laxer, Janice Langer, Author and Keyn-ote speaker Judi Hollis, Renee Schachter, Helen Silverstein, Lynn Catzman, Joyce Rifkind, Carole Sterling, Symee Citron, Dodi Weill and Joan Shapero. Missing: Ingrid Kay, Event Co-Chair.

Community Campaign Countdown

Campaigners from Jewish Vocational Services at a recent UJA Federation Answer The Call telethon.

Photo: Big Dipper Communications

The countdown to the final phase of UJA Federation's Campaign 2000 has begun. With the campaign closing in on $30 million, efforts are intensifying to raise the total beyond last year's record $40.5 million by reaching as many donors as possible before the end of the year.

The final push is being headed by a specially appointed team of UJA Federation's best campaigners who have been integral to the success of this fundraising drive so far.

To keep the strong momentum during the Community Campaign Countdown, a number of events have been scheduled, including a dinner reception at the Air Canada Centre preceding Jewish Toronto night, November 30, sponsored by UJA Federation, the Toronto Raptors and *The Canadian Jewish News*.

Representatives from dozens of communal organizations, many UJA Federation beneficiary agencies, will also be participating in Campaign 2000 telethons throughout November and December.

"We know our community agencies will pitch in," says Shirley Worth, who is co-chairing the Community Campaign Countdown with Igor Korenzvit. "Without the funds raised by UJA Federation year after year, our agencies would not be able to deliver the services on which so many of our community members depend," adds Korenzvit.

Earlier this week, Alla Levy, Director of Jewish Agency operations in the former Soviet Union, provided some inspirational insight about the plight of Jews struggling to emigrate from the FSU to Israel. Funds raised by UJA Federation help support the Jewish Agency's efforts to rescue Jews from unstable regions all over the world. Aliyah from the troubled FSU, especially Russia, has risen by 130% this year, largely due to growing anti-Semitism.

"Too many people are counting on us not to let them down," adds David Engel, who is co-chairing Campaign 2000 with Mel Wolfond. "That's why we need the help of the entire community."

Educators Eager to Learn

It was standing room only last week as more than 1,000 Jewish day school teachers packed the main auditorium of Associated Hebrew School in Thornhill for the opening session of Professional Development Day, sponsored by UJA Federation's Board of Jewish Education (BJE). A full day of lectures, workshops and exhibits focusing on enhancing student literacy followed the opening session. A similar event for supplementary school teachers took place November 4.

Over 12,000 Jewish youngsters attend Greater Toronto Area Jewish day schools. The families of some 3,000 day school students receive UJA Federation tuition subsidies.

BJE Director Dr. Seymour Epstein told the overflowing crowd representing two dozen affiliated schools that "literacy is the power to feel comfortable enough to get up and take a stand. It's one of the most important lessons we can teach our children."

Former BJE Director Rabbi Irwin Witty, the program's keynote speaker, urged educators to double their efforts in cultivating high levels of literacy among students. Witty stressed the importance of setting goals which go beyond the basics in order to make sure their pupils have the tools and ambition to succeed in the 21st century.

"Your challenge is to whet the appetites of your students and develop in them an insatiable intellectual curiosity," Witty stressed.

Two hundred and fifty supplementary school teachers received a lesson in the importance of bringing mitzvot into the classroom at the earlier seminar. Rabbi and author Jeffrey Salkin, who has written extensively on restoring holiness to the classrooms and the every day lives of children, advised educators to "find ways of elevating simple tasks to a holy level."

Salkin also warned that the gap in assimilation trends between Canada and the United States is not as wide as people perceive. "You're catching to up to us," he cautioned.

Photo: Beverley Abramson

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Birthright Israel's Overwhelming Response

Motivated by excellent odds and a chance to experience Israel for free, Canadian students applied in large numbers to become Birthright Israel's inaugural participants.

Starting in February, 920 participants will be on their way to Ben Gurion Airport for a 10 day trip of a lifetime.

Birthright Israel, the brainchild of philanthropists Charles Bronfman and Michael Steinhart, is offering these organized Israel experiences to North American young people at no cost to participants. The kickoff Canadian trips start February 9, 2000. Future Birthright Israel experiences may involve participation by Jewish Federations.

Last year over 1,800 Canadians participated in a wide range of long and short-term Israel Experience programs.

"Israel is often the bridge between a desire to become more familiar with Jewish life and actually connecting," notes UJA Federation's Chair of Jewish Continuity, Glennie Lindenberg.

Nearly 950 Birthright Israel applicants out of close to 2,700 came from Toronto, followed by Montreal, London and other Ontario communities, Vancouver/Victoria and Winnipeg. Three hundred and twenty five students will be travelling from Toronto and 200 from Montreal. Successful applicants were selected by lottery.

This introductory trip was open to full-time college and university students, who had never before participated in an organized Israel experience trip.

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Hitler's rise to power viewed as catalyst for the Holocaust

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Adolf Hitler's rise to power in the 1930s was the catalyst which precipitated the Holocaust, Ron Rosenbaum said.

Holocaust Education Week

"I must stress the centrality of Hitler," said Rosenbaum, author of *Explaining Hitler: The Search for the Origins of his Evil.*

"In that time, Hitler made the difference between persecution and extermination," he told an audience of 700 at Adath Israel Congregation during a Holocaust Education Week lecture.

The Nazi leader is already winning posthumous victories, he said, by being allowed to escape the responsibility of his actions.

People are letting Hitler escape by describing him as a member of a dysfunctional family, or by agreeing to psychoanalytic theories that blame Hitler's father or mother.

It's scary to think of Hitler as a normal person, he said. We want to believe otherwise and distance ourselves from him.

The anti-Semitism of the times should certainly be considered a key factor in Hitler's rise to power.

In the United States, Rosenbaum said, Henry Ford was as anti-Semitic as Hitler. Ford's views were expressed, for example, in a pamphlet he circulated entitled *The International Jew.*

Hitler worshipped Henry Ford and offered to send storm troopers to America to help Ford win an election, the author said. And Ford financed the Nazi party at a crucial time.

Rosenbaum said he became interested in doing research on Hitler after his father mentioned that his cousin had been rounded up in France and never heard from again.

"All of Hitler's victims are part of my extended family," he said.

Susan Haber, chair, Adath Israel adult education committee, introduced the speaker and he was thanked by Rabbi Stephen Saltzman. Barbara Rush of the Holocaust Education Week committee, and Shelley Parker, Adath Israel president, also spoke.

Holocaust film critiqued at closing program

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The only lesson *Life is Beautiful* can teach is how not to write a film about the Holocaust, said Prof. Stuart Liebman at the closing program of Holocaust Education Week.

Liebman, chair of the department of Media Studies at the City University of New York, debated the merits of the movie with Prof. Judith Doneson, who teaches Holocaust and film at Washington University.

Life is Beautiful, directed by Roberto Benigni, is a film about a Jewish-Italian waiter sent to a concentration camp, who makes light of the situation by convincing his son that the concentration camp is a game.

Benigni uses a technique called inversion to present the opposite of how things really were during the Holocaust, Liebman said.

Inversion is used in his portrayal of the main character, Guido, Liebman said.

"We know people on last marches didn't march off cockily in high spirits, even for their children, but that's the way it is represented in the film," he said.

Doneson, on the other hand, said she liked the portrayal of Guido, because she is sick of seeing Jews portrayed as weak and powerless.

In most movies, "we see Jews always as victims without responses. That's the person who carried out the Holocaust's version of the Jew," she said.

Liebman argued that the movie was a "grotesquely inaccurate" account of the Holocaust.

He also described Benigni's claim that the movie was a fable as "a way of insulating himself from those who would preserve the letter and spirit of what the Holocaust was."

Doneson attacked the argument that the film trivializes the Holocaust.

"If you say films trivialize, you have to look at the rest of the picture," she said.

Look at the tremendous tourist industry spawned by interest in the Holocaust, she said.

If one argues that film trivializes the Holocaust, one must also examine how television popularizes and trivializes the Holocaust, she said.

She pointed to the NBC mini series *Holocaust* which she said "was shown with great trepidation for 9½ hours".

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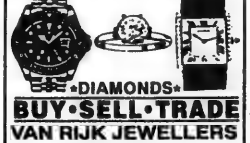

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Focus on child poverty

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The campaign against child poverty is the focus of two community events planned for later this month.

On Nov. 23 at 6 p.m., there is an interfaith event at Nathan Phillips Square sponsored by the Campaign Against Child Poverty, a coalition from across the political and religious spectrum dedicated to raising the profile of child poverty.

On the agenda are a few songs sung by an interfaith children's chorus, led by Renee Bouthot and Carla Silver; a candlelight vigil and entertainment.

Toronto Mayor Mel Lastman will interrupt the council session and he and other speakers will address the crowd inside council chambers.

On Nov. 24, at 5:30 p.m., there is a ½-hour program at Mel Lastman Square called Children Caring for Children.

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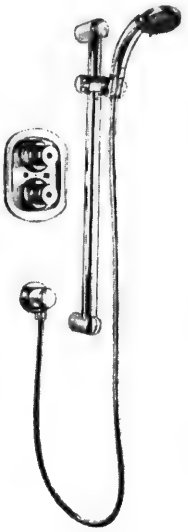

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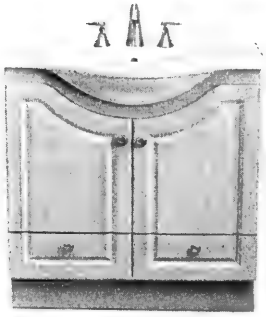

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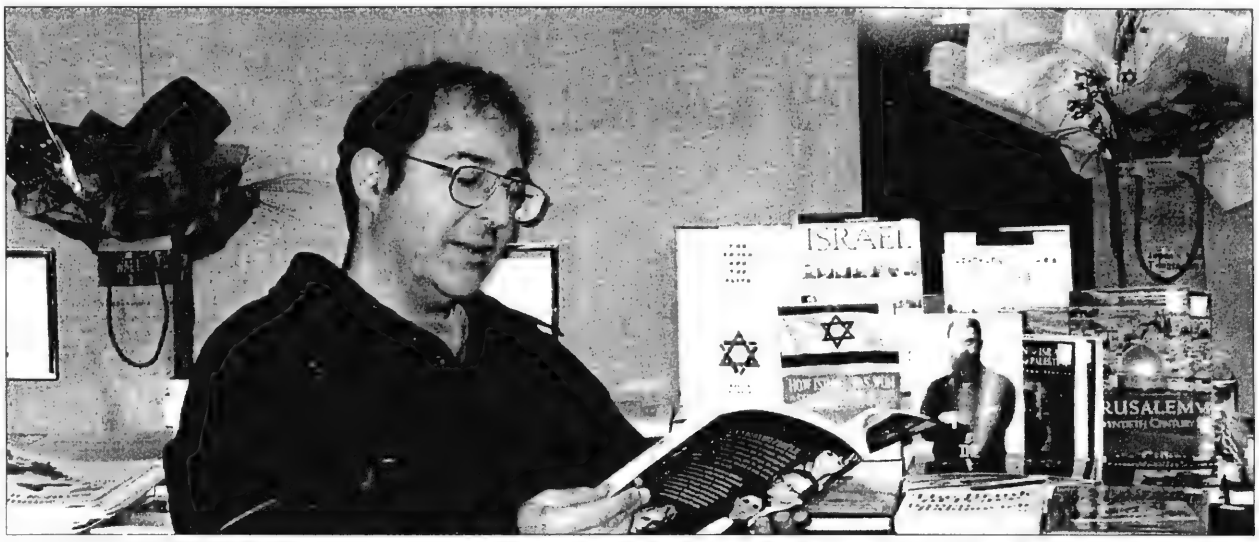

ENJOYING THE BOOK FAIR: David Libman enjoys a quiet moment, reading one of the more than 2,000 books at the 23rd annual Jewish Book Fair held recently at the Leah Posluns Theatre. [Carolyn Blackman photo]

El Al to suspend Montreal flights on Jan. 1

Continued from page 1

passengers are many Americans. The Israeli carrier says this cuts into its most profitable market, the United States.

El Al has also asked that it be permitted to collect U.S. passengers on its Canadian routes.

Because Ottawa has refused that request, and because Israel allowed the current Air Canada schedule to go on, El Al last week announced that it is no longer financially worthwhile to fly to Montreal.

In order to offset potential losses, the airline's twice-weekly flights to and from Montreal, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, will be discontinued indefinitely as of Jan. 1.

Albert Cohen, El Al's longtime Quebec district manager, conceded that Israel acted before the two countries could solve the dispute. "It's very political," he said.

The move will mean that Montreal travellers will either have to switch to other airlines or fly El Al from Toronto or New York, adding more than an hour travelling time, Cohen said.

He said he doesn't know what will happen to the six El Al employees and an undisclosed number of security staff in Montreal.

"There's nothing definite. It's just a suspension, but we don't know for how long."

Cohen said El Al has developed a large clientele in Montreal over the years.

El Al's three weekly flights to and from Toronto will continue as before, said Stanley Morais, the airline's Canadian director of sales and marketing.

Morais said it's possible that El Al will close its Montreal operations permanently.

He charged Air Canada with "creating a monopoly" on Canadian travel to and from Israel. "It's definitely not a fair competition."

The latest round in this dispute took place at Israel's request on Nov. 9, the day on which a 12-year-old bilateral air agreement between Israel and Canada expired.

Through its embassy in Tel Aviv, Ottawa issued a statement warning that "Israel's refusal to allow Air Canada to continue its daily flight schedule will cause the airline to incur considerable commercial losses.

"To offset such losses, [Canada has] decided proportionately to deny El Al the right to overfly Canada en route to the U.S. if Air Canada's daily flights are cut," the statement warned.

It continued: "The Canadian government's action follows Israel's decision to terminate the 1987 Canada-Israel Air Agreement effective today [Nov. 9]. El Al's right to overfly Canada had been granted under the terms of this agreement, which Canada was ready to continue. If Israel fails to approve Air Canada's daily flights, the Canadian government will consider it necessary to take a proportionate and measured response, by denying overflights."

Since virtually all U.S.-bound El Al flights overfly Canada, Ottawa's denial of its airspace would have added an average 30 minutes to each flight, and would have burned extra fuel.

Israel backed down the next day.

And Ottawa wasn't bluffing. "Our position is that Canada does not intend to take action on overflights as long as Israel does not cancel Air Canada flights," François Lasalle, a Foreign Affairs spokesperson, told *The CJN*.

Air Canada, he said, had an agreement with Israel for seven weekly flights from April to October 1999.

As well, Air Canada had sold Israel on seven weekly flights through the 1999-2000 season, Lasalle added, even though the bilateral air treaty was to have expired by then.

Israel wanted the number of Air Canada flights scaled back to four in the winter, and retained at seven in the summer, in keeping with previous years. But Air Canada wanted to keep it at seven a week, because it is booked solid through the coming winter season.

Ottawa said it "regrets" that Israel decided to terminate its air treaty with Canada. The treaty spelled out all air travel arrangements between the two countries, including mandatory El Al flights to and from Montreal.

The Canadian Embassy in Israel also warned that reducing Air Canada flights would result in "economic harm" to both countries.

According to the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz*, El Al chair Yosef Ciechanover discussed the issue in a telephone conversation with Pierre Jeanniot, director-general of the Montreal-based International Air Transport Association (IATA).

Ciechanover reportedly said Jeanniot told him that denying air space as a form of commercial pressure is unheard of in the western world.

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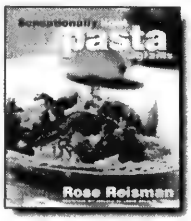

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CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK: Grade 1 students at Leo Baeck Day School celebrate Canadian Children's Book Week with author Allen Morgan, who gave students a preview of his new book about night.

Scene in Ottawa

By G.K. SIMCOE

Q: What issue is virtually ignored for 50 weeks each year and the subject of intense debate for the other two? A: War veterans and Canadian military service in the two world wars.

If it is of any consolation to the veterans, at least the two weeks they are remembered are filled with enough emotion and passion to last about a year!

Every year, the same issues are raised in the House of Commons: reasonable compensation for those who served in the merchant marines; a fitting museum to pay tribute to the contributions and sacrifices of Canadian soldiers; and a Veteran's Affairs policy that adequately cares for our aged soldiers. Each of these three issues has been a source of great agitation in the House – and in our communities as well. The sad part about it is that it need not be so, and some politicians who are close to the issue partly fault the Jewish community.

The two central issues surrounding World War II are what the Nazis tried to do and those who tried to prevent them from doing it. Yet, at every turn, it appears that the victims of the first (i.e., the Jewish community) are at odds with the survivors of the second (namely, veterans groups).

Certainly, that has been the case with respect to the war museum and the promised national Holocaust museum. Earnest politicians are wondering why Jewish leadership does not see veterans groups as natural allies.

Extending Jewish political support to issues central to the veterans' agenda would provide a huge boost in their efforts to prompt government action. Once veterans' issues are addressed, all the obstacles hindering a fitting national Holocaust memorial will have been eliminated.

In the absence of such a strategic alliance, Canada is still without a Holocaust memorial and her soldiers are still without an adequate museum.

Former minister of defence, Barney Danson, who heads the War Museum Advisory Committee is increasingly skeptical there will ever be a new museum. And, the "faint hope clause" could easily refer to the chances of the government underwriting a Holocaust memorial anytime soon.

So another Memorial Day will pass, old soldiers will put away their medals for another year and another opportunity for the Jewish community to advance its agenda in harmonious partnership will have been lost. Another reason to shed a tear on Nov. 11.

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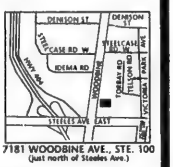

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Activist urges increase in Yiddish instruction

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Yiddish activist who nurtured the adult Yiddish class at Adath Israel until it became the largest in the Greater Toronto Area, wants some changes made.

Louis Gula thinks every synagogue should draw on its own community and establish a Yiddish class for beginners, including children.

He also wants every parochial school that now teaches Hebrew to devote at least half an hour a day to Yiddish.

"Yiddish is more than a language," said Gula, whose daughter Susan Haber, is chair of beit midrash– adult studies – at Adath Israel. "But if these changes aren't made, Yiddish in Toronto will die."

Gula thinks Adath Israel is enjoying a banner year in attendance, without any outside financial help, because of the interest surrounding the celebration of 1,000 years of Yiddish, and because David Newman is the teacher.

The decision to hold the class in the congregation's board room, and to provide generous refreshments has also helped, he said.

The 10-week course, which costs $18 for Adath Israel members or seniors, and $36 for others, ends Dec. 8, but a new class begins in January.

It has taken six years for Adath Israel to reach its present number of students, who start at about age 40, but are mostly seniors.

Gula has been active in Yiddish education for 12 years, his association with Newman going back to the days at Temple Sinai, where the latter taught a class.

Newman, who is about 80 years old, is a raconteur who has an interesting style as a teacher. He insists on class participation, and asks each student to read out a list of Yiddish words, even if they use phonetic pronunciations.

Newman, who was born in Chmelnik, Poland, was teaching his beloved language to 50 or 60 youngsters in Buchenwald, at age 21. The youths sometimes had to hide under their bunks during class to escape scrutiny of the guards.

Newman took part in a death march from Buchenwald, when the Nazis were caught between the advancing American and Russian armies. He lost his father and three sisters in 1943 at Treblinka.

A court interpreter by day, Newman still finds time to be the chief functionary at Kol Yisrael, a synagogue in the Borochov Centre, and chair of Yiddish Kulture Geselshaft.

One of his students, his son Jack, 53, was born in Landsberg, Germany, where Hitler wrote *Mein Kampf*. His other child, Gloria, was born in Canada.

Another student in the class is Rabbi Sheldon Korn of Adath Israel.

Newman credits the *Shofar*, the Congregation's news bulletin, and the backing of its rabbis and cantor, for success of the Yiddish class.

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Jewish studies upgraded at Queen's U

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO – Queen's University in Kingston, Ont., has upgraded its Jewish studies program.

New courses have been or will be added. A new lecture series has been launched. Plans for a symposium on music and Jewish identity, to be held next November, are well in hand.

The first of the new courses, Music and the Arts in Jewish Identity, is currently being taught by Albert Fisher, said the director of the Jewish studies program, Gerald Tulchinsky, a historian. It requires no prior musical training or technical knowledge.

Courses slated for the autumn of 2000 are the History of Polish Jewry, to be given by Lucien Karchmar, and The Sociology of the Jews in North America, to be presented by Morton Weinfeld.

Courses scheduled for 2001 are The Levant from the Late Bronze Age to the Coming of Rome, to be given by Caroline Faulkner, and Jewish Identity in the Traditions of Literature Written in English, by Rosemary Jolly and Paul Stevens.

Still under consideration for the fall of 2000 is Judaism's Encounter With Science. The lecturer will be Aaron Rosenfeld.

The lecture series, entitled Explorations in Modern Jewish History, got underway on Sept. 29 with The Jewish Question in the Enlightenment and the French Revolution, given by James Leith.

Last week, George Sawa lectured on Arabs and Jews: Musical Cousins.

On Nov. 30, James Stayer will deliver a lecture called Martin Luther and Anti-Judaism.

The Expulsion of Jews from Spain will be the subject of David Parker's lecture on Jan. 18.

And on March 7, Geoffrey Smith's topic will be Revisiting American Anti-Semitism in the 1920s and 1930s.

As part of next year's symposium on music and Jewish identity, the Kingston Symphony Orchestra will give a concert of Jewish music, said Tulchinsky.

In an interview from Kingston, Tulchinsky, author of *Branching Out: The Transformation of the Canadian Jewish Community*, said he is trying to develop a larger range of general-interest Jewish studies courses in the humanities and social science departments.

Until the Jewish studies program was unveiled in 1992, Queen's offered courses in Jewish religious texts and Hebrew in the faculty of theology and the department of religious studies, he explained.

Tulchinsky teaches two courses, one on the Jewish experience in North America and another on the Holocaust.

By his estimate, 500 of Queen's 14,000 students are Jewish.

ANNE FRANK DAY: The first week of November brings Toronto schoolchildren to Amsterdam park as they commemorate Anne Frank Day. Tulip bulbs were planted by students of Deer Park and Brown public schools. Ada Wynston, a hidden child from Amsterdam spoke, as well as Consul General Jehudi Kinar, MPP Michael Bryant, representatives from the Netherlands Consulate, Jewish War Veterans and the Holocaust Education and Remembrance Committee of the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

Winnipeg mohel looking for a successor

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Dr. Errol Billinkoff, the community's mohel for the past seven years, has given notice of his impending retirement from the field.

By the end of the year, he is hoping that someone else will step forward to fill his surgical gloves.

It's a question of time, Billinkoff said in explaining his desire to give up the community role. It is not that there are so many brit milahs in Winnipeg in a year – there are fewer than 100 baby boys and girls born each year here, he notes – but rather it is a matter of flexibility.

Brit milahs have to be done on the eighth day. Billinkoff has to fit them into his schedule, and he is finding that the responsibility is having an impact on his medical practice and his time with his own young family.

He trained to be a mohel at a program at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. The program, he notes, is no longer being offered.

"I will probably have to train my successor," he says. "Maybe we can have a couple of people share the work."

If no one has stepped forward by the end of the year, Billinkoff says he will continue to serve as the community's mohel until someone else is available.

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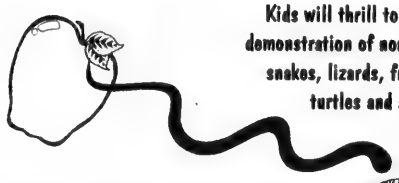

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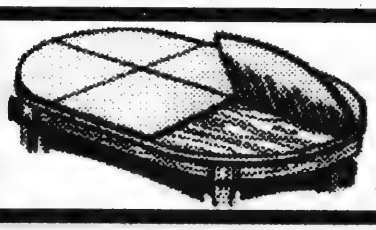

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Coast to Coast

Governor General's award presented to museum founder

By SHERRY SHEFFMAN
Special to The CJN

SAINT JOHN, N.B. — Marcia Koven, founder of the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum, was presented with the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award by the lieutenant-governor of New Brunswick, Marilyn Trenholme Counsell.

The award, created by former governor general Romeo LeBlanc, is given to a very small and select group of individuals, said Trenholme Counsell.

Koven has devoted many years to the founding and building of the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum into an internationally recognized and award-winning institution.

Trenholme Counsell spoke of how Koven's devotion and dedication to preserving the history of the Saint John Jewish community has contributed to the community as a whole, and to all Canadians.

MC Diane Koven of Ottawa, daughter of the recipient, spoke of the many different volunteer activities with which her mother has been involved.

Elsie Wayne, MP, congratulated Marcia Koven on her achievements.

"When you received this award, you brought honour to us, the Jewish community and to the community of Saint John as well," Senator Erminie Cohen said.

Larry Freemen of Halifax, past president of the Atlantic Jewish Council, brought congratulations to Koven on behalf of the Atlantic Jewish Council.

"I will continue to pay tribute to the people who allowed me to nurture and to let my baby grow. I wanted them to share this tribute," Koven said, "for without their support I would not be here today."

From right: New Brunswick Lt.-Gov. Marilyn Trenholme Counsell, Marcia Koven and her husband, Jerry.

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Rabbi Baskin honoured at double celebration

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — A return to "form" in today's Reform movement is a welcome development said Rabbi Gunther Plaut in a lecture entitled Can Israel's Prophets Prophesy for Today?

With this Sunday morning breakfast club lecture, Rabbi Plaut concluded his stint as scholar-in-residence during the recent gala weekend honoring Rabbi Bernard Baskin on his 80th birthday and his 50 years in Hamilton. Rabbi Baskin was spiritual leader of Temple Anshe Sholom for 40 years and has been rabbi emeritus here for 10 years.

Reform Judaism, said Rabbi Plaut, is "prophetic Judaism," based on the "substance" of the Haftorah, the Book of Prophets.

Their message, he said, "was basically a religious and moral message: Act rightly, and you will be okay. Act wrongly, and there will be punishment of the worst kind."

North American Reform Judaism, noted Plaut, has gradually abandoned form over the past century.

However, "form and substance must go hand in hand," he declared. And he was happy to see, he said, that Anshe Sholom Congregation, in common with most Reform congregations in Canada, has returned to Shabbat morning services. Although, he observed, that is not true of the Reform movement south of the border.

"I believe we need that spirit today," said Plaut. In today's deterioration of social and moral values, "we need to heed the voice of the *nevi'im* (prophets)."

The weekend began Friday evening with an erev Shabbat service and a talk by Rabbi Plaut on his newly published book *The Price and Privilege of Growing Old.*

The highlight of the weekend was a gala dinner where Rabbi Plaut, a long time colleague and family friend of the honouree, delivered a warm and eloquent tribute to Rabbi Baskin. He praised Rabbi Baskin for his distinguished service to his congregation and the Jewish and general community.

Rabbi Baskin, he said, is "a person of learning ... a man who shares the ideals in which I had grown up."

Responding, Rabbi Baskin, whose father was rabbi of a large Orthodox congregation in New York, spoke about his years as a rabbi in Hamilton.

He said his work in the general community has helped foster greater understanding of the Jewish community; there is "a genuine sense of good will and a desire to learn more about Judaism."

Rabbi Baskin also spoke about his family: his wife, Marjory, and her distinguished record of service to the community; his eldest daughter, Judith, head of Judaic studies at New York State University in Albany; his son David, a financial adviser in Toronto and the vice-president of Holy Blossom Temple, and his youngest daughter Susan, a music teacher and lay cantor for her father when he officiates at High Holy Day services in Barrie.

David Baskin served as the evening's MC. Other speakers included Rabbi Irwin Zeplowitz of Temple Anshe Sholom; and David Loewith and Rabbi Mark Biller, both of Beth Jacob Synagogue. Cantor Ruth Slater provided a brief musical interlude with accompaniment by Tom Shilcock.

The congregation has established the Rabbi Bernard Baskin Library Fund in his honour, while Irving Zucker, a local art patron and philanthropist, donated a sculpture by Toronto artist Al Green.

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On Campus

Holocaust education weeks on campuses held across Canada

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When Michael Telpner visited Poland and Lithuania last summer, he noticed the grass, trees and flowers growing in former concentration camps.

It was hard to believe these had been the sites of executions and terror, he said.

"It's not such a hard step to imagine it in black and white but when you go there and it's in colour, it's very difficult to imagine. It seems so innocent, like it's anywhere else in the world," he said.

When he was on the Anguish to Hope trip, a Canada-Israel experience program for university-aged people, he also realized for the first time "how quickly the Holocaust happened," he said.

When Telpner, president of the University of Guelph's Jewish Students' Organization, returned to campus he knew he wanted to share what he had learned.

"I'd like other people to get part of the experience I've had, to keep the memory alive," he said.

So Telpner and other executive members of Guelph's Jewish Students' Organization (JSO) co-ordinated a campus presentation to educate people about Kristallnacht and other events of the Holocaust, and to remember Holocaust victims.

Last Tuesday, for seven hours, Guelph students and other members of the community read aloud names of people who had been killed in the Holocaust.

Jews and non-Jews alike stopped to listen, Telpner said, and he was gratified that people were taking notice. "You're getting a message across – a message a lot of these people haven't heard before," he said.

The University of Guelph's memorial service was part of the first Holocaust education week its JSO has held in more than four years, said Telpner.

"One prof said he can't remember the last time this has been done," he said.

Telpner said he felt gratified to have brought the reality of the Holocaust back to people on campus. It "gave them a sense of how real it was," he said.

"This gave a name to a number. It helps [people] see the magnitude of the Holocaust."

Telpner was not the only one raising the awareness of university students and staff about the Holocaust.

During the first two weeks of November, other Jewish student groups across Canada also held memorials as part of their Holocaust education activities.

For 24 hours beginning Monday, Nov. 8, at noon, faculty, staff, chaplains, students and passers-by at the University of Toronto read aloud the names of people who died in the Holocaust.

"The number of people who walked by and stopped to acknowledge it was great," said Michelle Lackie, director of the Centre for Jewish Campus Life at U of T.

The president of the university even participated by reading names just after midnight during this first-ever memorial service at U of T, she said.

At the University of Western Ontario, more than 100 people attended the Jewish Students' Union Kristallnacht ceremony last Wednesday.

Speakers from the London community spoke about the Holocaust, and a glass with the word "hate" written on it was crushed.

"The focus is always to smash out hate," said Arye Berk, director of the Jewish Students' Union at Western.

Last Tuesday, at Wilfred Laurier University, 24 people read aloud the names, birthdays and places of birth of people who perished in the Holocaust.

Laurier's memorial service and Holocaust week were meant to educate the entire campus community, not just Jewish students, said Jeremy Shimkofsky, vice-president of programming at the Waterloo-Laurier Jewish Students Association.

"A lot of people who go to Laurier are from smaller towns. They've heard of the Holocaust, but don't have as great an understanding as people in Toronto would," he said.

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Thursday, Nov. 18

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The video, *To Save a Life – Ending Domestic Violence in Jewish Families*, followed by panel including **Rabbi Wayne Allen** of Beth Tikvah Synagogue and **Gail Gould** of JF&CS, 7:45 p.m., at Beth Tikvah. Co-sponsored with Jewish Women International.

CASINO RAMA

Pride of Israel fund-raiser trip to Casino Rama, leaving 8:45 a.m., departing Rama 5 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 19

YIDDISH & LADINO MUSIC

Temple Emanu-El program, Love Songs, Lullabies, Laments and Leftovers, soprano **Helene Rosenfeld Rudolph** accompanied by **Amy Gilbert**, music director, following Shabbat services which begin 8:30 p.m. 449-3880.

Saturday, Nov. 20

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Sunday, Nov. 21.

ISRAEL, THE MILLENNIUM

Canadian Zionist Federation program, Israel Toward the Millennium: Link to the Past – Bridge to the Future, **Shevach Weiss**, former speaker of the Knesset; **David Goldberg** of the Canada-Israel Committee, and **Prof. Libby Garshowitz**, University of Toronto, 9:30 a.m. to noon, Beth Sholom Synagogue. CZF 633-3983.

CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

An exploration of challenges of the new millennium, **Saul Shapiro**, market research specialist, 8 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

THE VILLAGE SHUL

Rabbi Michael and **Rebbitzen Faige Twersky** speak on Mars and Venus, the needs of men and women in marriage. 8 p.m., 1072 Eglinton Ave. W. 785-1107, ext. 306.

YUJJIES LECTURE

YUJJIES (Young Urban Jews 20 and 30 something) lecture, Five Complaints Jews Have About Judaism and What To Do About Them, with **Gil Marin** 7:30 p.m., Indigo Café, 2300 Yonge St. 905-709-1900, ext. 222.

MITZVAH DAY

Mitzvah Day in the Conservative Community – day programs sponsored by Conservative organizations. Contact synagogue/Kadima/USY/Camp Ramah, or 789-2193

YIDDISH OPERETTA

Yiddish Operetta and Rare Musical Theatre Gems: Selections from the Goldfaden Anthology, **Faye Kellerstein** and **Jordan Klapman**, 2 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation. 781-3511.

SINGLES BIBLE GROUP

Progressive Singles Bible Interactive Group topic, The Binding of Isaac, Abraham and Men of Faith by **Chana Sargon**, 8 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue. 221-3433.

YOUTH PROGRAM

Canadian Zionist Federation youth program, Israel Toward the Millennium, **Shevach Weiss**, former speaker of the Knesset and **Adam Minsky**, Birthright Canada, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Beth Sholom Synagogue. Lunch provided. **Barb** 633-3988.

EMUNAH GALA DINNER

In support of the new crisis centre for children at risk – Neve Michael

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Seminar with **Rabbi Mitch Mandel**, Aish HaTorah, 949 Clark Ave. W. 905-764-1818.

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POVERTY AND POLITICS

Breakfast series at Temple Sinai with **Pat Capponi** 10 a.m.

CHANUKAH

Kehillat Shaarei Torah hosts **Rachael Turkienicz**, 8 p.m. 2640 Bayview Ave.Topic Chanukah.

Monday, Nov. 22

BREAKING THE SILENCE

Breaking the Silence: Violence Against Women in Palestinian Society, **Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian,** The Hebrew University of Jerusalem 7:30 p.m., Osgoode Hall Court Room 1, York University. Co-sponsored by Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University. 485-8000.

MY LIFE'S JOURNEY

An evening with **Alice Shalvi,** founder, Israel's Women's Network, 7:30 p.m., Beth Tikvah. Presented by UJA Federation and Women's Campaign. Reserve. 631-5826.

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Together (B'yachad), a group for single adults 55 plus, presents New Horizons – Anti-Aging and Longevity, pharmacist **S. David Garshowitz,** 7:30 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation. **Sophie** 225-5410.

ROSENBERG TRIAL

As part of the Jewish Trials series at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, **Gerry Zeidenberg** discusses the Julius and Ethel Rosenberg trial, 8 p.m. 221-3433.

MALE AND FEMALE

Male and Female: God Created Them series, **Carl Ehrlich** continues with God As Lover (Hosea 1-3, Ezekiel 16, 23), 8 p.m. Adath Israel Congregation.

Tuesday, Nov. 23

ARE WOMEN JEWISH?

Discussed by **Prof. Sara Horowitz,** as part of Beth Tikvah's Jewish Women in the Next Millennium series, **8 p.m.**

MOTHERS IN THE BIBLE

Rebecca: Playing Favourites, with **Prof. Ruby Newman,** 7:30 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Wednesday, Nov. 24

MESSIANIC THEOLOGY

Jewish Studies Program, University of Toronto, features University of Haifa professor **Menachem Kellner** speaking on Messianic Theology in Israel Today, 8 p.m., University College, 15 King's College Circle. 978-5301.

LAF LUNCH & CREATE

LAF – Lively After Fifty lunch at noon Santorini Grill, 288 John St., Thornhill, Ceramic Works, 385 John St., 1:30. RSVP to **Lucy Alt** 667-8474 or JWI 630-9313.

JEWISH HISTORY CLUB

Rabbi Akiva and Bar Kochba: The Messiah, presentation by **Andrew Saunders,** 8 p.m., Kehillat Shaarei Torah. 2640 Bayview Ave.

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Baycrest Chanukah Sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., plants, handcrafts, pottery, ceramics, stained glass.

Thursday, Nov. 25

DOCUMENTARY: *TEKUMAH*

New Generations of New Israel Fund presents *Tekumah: The Ingathering of the Exiles,* documentary (Hebrew with English subtitles), 7:30 p.m, Nat Taylor Cinema, North 108 Ross Building, York University. **Michelle** 781-4322.

JEWISH MOVIE EVENING

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Chai Shalom guest speaker **Schlomo Schwartzberg** , executive director, Jewish Film Board, 7:30 p.m. **Marlene White** 905-731-2515 evenings, or **Molly Dykopf** 633-1560.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Mekorot Institute of Torah Study for Women Lunch and Learn program, Morality and Leadership: Chanukah Themes, 12:30 p.m. at home of **Aleeta Shiff,** 461 Lytton Ave. Speaker **Rebbitzen Holly Pavlov** of Jerusalem. 398-1510.

And What Else Is New

CHANUKAH DINNER

At Beth Tzedec, Monday, Nov. 29, 6 p.m. **Prof. Rachel Aber Schlesinger** speaks on Don't Let the Lights Go Out! Miracles, Traditions and Stories of Chanukah. RSVP 781-3511 by Nov. 24.

HUMANISTIC JUDAISM

Weekend symposium on Humanistic Judaism with the founder of the Humanistic Jewish Movement **Rabbi Sherwin Wine,** Friday, Nov. 26, Saturday, Nov. 27, Workmen's Circle Building, 471 Lawrence Ave. W., and Sunday, Nov. 28, Oraynu Children's School, 131 Fern Ave. **Jai Cole** 386-3910.

SINGLES CHANUKAH

Beth Tikvah Synagogue and UJA Federation dinner and program of Shabbat Chanukah for Jews in their 20s and early 30s, Friday, Dec. 3, 7 p.m. with services at 6 p.m. Guest speaker, former Mossad operative **Eli Offir.** RSVP by Nov. 26 to UJA 635-2883, ext.107.

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Shabbat Study Luncheon Nov. 27. Topic: From Barcelona to Gibraltar: A Jewish Spiritual Journey Through Spain , **Rabbi Stephen Berk.** Reserve (paid) by Nov. 23. **Florence** 781-3511.

SINGLES CELEBRATION

Singles Millennium Celebration (35-55), Sunday, Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m. at Spacco's Billiards, Bar & Eatery, 2416 Yonge St. Billiard tournament, music, dancing. Portion of proceeds donated to Zareinu. **Patsi** 905-886-3301 or **Fern** 493-8338.

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SINGLES SCENE

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For 35-55 group, 10-pin bowling Saturday, Nov. 27, 8 p.m. Bowlerama, 2788 Bathurst St. RSVP **Rhonda** 905-731-9441.

Chanukah events – dance for 35-55 group Saturday, Dec 4; brunch for 25-35 group, Sunday, Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m. Reserve by Nov. 30. 633-3838.

FOR SENIORS

Association of Jewish Seniors Chanukah and Millennium luncheon, Tuesday, Nov. 25, 11 a.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Entertainer, **Paul Mathew.** Reserve. **Goldie Leibman** 635-2860.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club musical Chanukah program, choir, exhibit of art by members Monday, Nov. 29, 1 p.m. Israel trip rescheduled to spring. **Lena** 785-5773. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Nov. 18, Chinese restaurant; Nov. 25, lecture by **Rabbi Joseph Landau;** Chanukah dance Saturday, Dec. 4, with Teddy Band. call **Malka Colla** 630-5771 for tickets. **Jerry Bengall** president, 905-707-7334.

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Osteoporosis Support Group, **Iris Weverman,** Laughter is the Best Medicine, Monday, Nov. 22, 1:15-2:30 p.m. **Joan** ext. 126.

Overview of Fibromyalgia (Arthritis Series continues), **Kathy Ferren,** leader of North York Fibromyalgia Support Group, Thursday, Nov. 25, 1:15-2:15 p.m.

Israeli Club Etrog meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. for movies, lectures, dances, sing-alongs, bingo. Nov. 23, free evening with **Joseph Peink.** Ext. 110. **Anna.**

Sunday movie Nov. 21, *Forest Gump* 2:30 p.m.

BLOOR JCC

Bloor Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 924-6211.

Books & Bagel – author **Cary Fagan** reads from his novel, *Felix Roth,* Sunday, Nov. 21, 11 a.m.

Wednesday Wellness Night Series reflexology talk and demonstration, **Nella Stara** Nov. 24, 7 p.m. **Nella** 539-9755 or **Alison Lee** at Bloor JCC.

Downtown Jewish Learning Council and Bloor JCC Michael Bernstein Chapel Lunch & Learn, **Rabbi Shmuel Spero** discusses Scientific Explanations in the Torah, Thursday, Nov. 25, noon to 1 p.m.

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Seniors Club: Monday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m., visit to Titanic: The Exhibition at Better Living Centre, Exhibition Place; Thursday, Nov. 25, 2 p.m., movie, *The Frisco Kid.* **Judy.**

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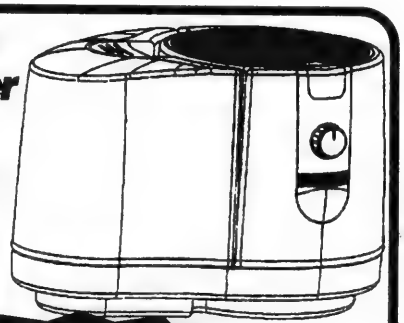

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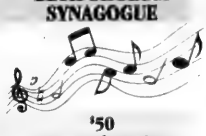
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Newfoundland winery produces kosher line

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The only certified kosher wines produced at any Canadian winery come from Rodrigues Winery in Newfoundland.

Certified by the Kashruth Council of Toronto (COR), Rodrigues wines are all pareve.

Working out of an old cottage that once served as a local hospital, in 1993, the company produced its first shipment of 300 cases for the Newfoundland Liquor Commission.

The production capacity is now more than 28,000 cases annually, and the wine is available throughout Canada and the United States, and in international markets.

The winery at Markland, Nfld., a 45-minute drive from St. John's, was founded by Marie-France and Dr. Hilary Rodrigues. Vinted from hand-picked freshly harvested fruit, the Rodrigueses note that the fruit is grown in "a true pollution free environment of clean soil, clean air and clean water."

Trained in London, England, as a dentist, Rodrigues was first introduced to blueberry wine at a party nine years ago. His interest in wine led to the creation of Markland Cottage Winery, later renamed Rodrigues Winery. Rodrigues had been making wine since his university days.

Currently, Rodrigues Winery makes eight all-natural wildberry and fruit wines: Exotique Wild Blueberry, Wild Dry Blueberry, Wild Partridgeberry (Lingonberry), Wild Barrens Blend, Wild Bakesapple (Cloudberry), Strawberry, Raspberry, and Plum. Their Exotique Wild Bakeapple (Cloudberry) wine was a Silver Medal Award winner at Toronto's Kosherfest '98.

Because Rodrigues makes the wine with frozen berries, the company can be in production 12 months of the year. The berries are free of pesticides and the wines are made without sulphites.

Rodrigues Winery has winery tours, wine tasting and a wine shop open to the public.

Marketing director Larry Stephan says diversification plans are now being implemented as a result of the company's having established a nutraceutical division and its acquisition of a distillery, which is now on site. The nutraceutical division will produce natural preventive health care supplements, he says.

"These developments will allow the company to expand its product lines into natural juices, nutraceuticals, bottled water and specialty liquors/liqueurs."

He adds that along with increasing the export sales, "the company will focus on diversifying its product lines to appeal to a variety of export markets."

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Hezbollah suffers losses in recent clashes

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — IDF Chief of Staff Shaul Mofaz said Sunday that Hezbollah has recently suffered "a series of failures" in its battles against the Israel Defence Forces and the South Lebanon Army.

About 10 guerrillas were killed in Lebanon in the past week, according to IDF estimations. Hezbollah and Islamic Jihad meanwhile reported five dead in recent clashes.

Early last week, two Islamic Jihad members were killed in a clash with IDF troops operating in co-operation with the air force in the Sujud-Reihan area in the eastern sector of the security zone.

Last Friday, three Hezbollah members were killed in an abortive attempt to take over the Sujud outpost of the SLA.

Shaul Mofaz

According the IDF's Northern Command, no Israeli soldiers were injured in the clashes, while three SLA troops were lightly hurt.

Last Friday, Hezbollah "made a significant effort to take over Sujud, and suffered a stinging defeat" Mofaz told reporters during a visit to an IDF training conference in Ramat Gan yesterday.

He said the events indicated a positive trend in the Northern Command's exertion of power, which reflected "an aim to harm the Hezbollah while diminishing the number of casualties among our forces."

Mofaz estimated that Hezbollah would step up its activities in the near future. He added that the IDF and SLA successes did not mean "that the other side cannot also be successful. We have to maintain a high state of alert."

He reiterated that in the opinion of the IDF, a unilateral withdrawal from South Lebanon holds many risks.

"We are currently preparing for withdrawal by agreement by July 2000," he said. "If an agreement is not reached by then, the situation will be reassessed. The IDF has never stood in the way of any government in Israel [or stopped it] from making a decision. If a decision is made to withdraw unilaterally, we will do our best to provide security."

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המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים

Israel helps earthquake victims in Turkey

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Israel has joined the international rescue effort in battling the cold to reach survivors of the second devastating earthquake to strike Turkey in three months.

Last weekend, Israel dispatched a 300-member rescue team to search for survivors. It also sent a medical team to set up a field hospital.

At least 374 died as a result of last Friday's earthquake. Thousands are still missing.

Israel's Foreign Ministry said there were no reports of any missing Israelis.

An Israel Defence Force official, Col. Shalom Ben Aryeh, told Israel Radio over the weekend that Israeli crews working in the city of Duzce had made contact with at least one survivor trapped in the rubble.

"There are dozens of collapsed buildings," Ben Aryeh said.

He said that unlike the Aug. 17 earthquake, when Turkish authorities were criticized for responding slowly, the "Turkish army is helping us immensely."

Despite the earthquake, Prime Minister Ehud Barak planned to take part in a security conference later this week in Istanbul that will bring together members of NATO and the former Warsaw Pact.

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GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER: Michal Barak, daughter of Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, escorted Chelsea Clinton last week to a youth centre in Kfar Saba. The centre treats children from distressed backgrounds. The two young women appear to have developed a friendship. Chelsea had accompanied her mother, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton on her visit to Israel.

[Israel Sun photo]

The Week in Israel

Nov. 8

• Disabled Israelis ended a 37-day sit-down strike at the Finance Ministry in Jerusalem after the prime minister and the finance minister agreed to increase their disability allowances over the next two years.

• The Israeli army plans to call up women for reserve duty. Israel Radio reported that the new policy would initially apply to women serving in the air force, intelligence and home front command. Women usually do not serve as reservists, with the exception of soldiers in anti-aircraft units.

Nov. 9

• Israeli and Palestinian security forces thwarted a "chemical terror attack" by Hamas militants that was planned to coincide with the elections last May, according to news reports on Israel Channel 2 television.

• During a news conference in Paris, Prime Minister Ehud Barak said that "there will be no new settlements."

Nov. 10

• Fewer Israelis are getting married and those who do, are waiting longer to tie the knot, according to the latest survey published by the Central Bureau of Statistics. The bureau reported 38,000 couples wed last year; the average age of the grooms was 26 and the brides, 23.

Nov. 11

• The Israeli cabinet approved a withdrawal from another five percent of the West Bank according to the terms of the agreement signed in September in Egypt.

• Turkey, Israel and the United States are planning to hold joint naval exercises before the end of the year. Similar exercises held last year stirred the anger of Arab countries.

Nov. 12

• With U.S. First Lady Hillary Clinton at her side, Suha Arafat, wife of Yasser Arafat, accused Israel of contaminating the air and water supply of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

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Israel & the Jewish World

Croatia's Jews rebuild their community

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to 1945, victimizing Jews as well as Serbs.

Only 5,000 Jews survived the calamity, riding out the Ustashe reign of terror in either the Italian-occupied zone or as soldiers in partisan formations.

After the war, several thousand survivors immigrated to Palestine /Israel, though of late, aliyah has been insignificant. When Croatia seceded from the Yugoslavian federation in 1991 and declared independence for the second time, the country, with a population of 4.8 million, was home to 2,500 Jews, a figure which has not since changed and has remained constant since the end of World War II.

So unobtrusive is the Jewish presence that literature published by the Croatian National Tourist Office leaves out Jews in its cursory roundup of national minorities.

From Zagreb, the stolid capital, to Split, the magnificent port on the scenic Dalmatian coast, Jews here are struggling to preserve their identity in the face of seemingly disastrous demographics.

Throughout Croatia – which has yet to fully recover from the post-secessionist war with Serbs and Muslims which claimed the lives of an estimated 20,000 Croatians and caused about $37 billion worth of property damage – the mixed marriage rate has reached a stunning 90 percent.

"This was not a big deal in the former Yugoslavia," said Igor Francetic, a 52-year-old physician and vice-president of Zagreb's Jewish community, the largest in Croatia. Francetic's wife is a Catholic, as are the wives of his associates, Ognjen Kraus, the president, and Dean Friedrich, the secretary-general.

In some places, such as Dubrovnik, all 44 Jews have married out of the faith. And in Zagreb, less than 50 percent of the 40 students at the community's kindergarten are of Jewish origin.

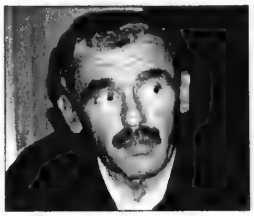
If these statistics are telling, consider this fact. More than half of Croatia's Jews are over the age of 65. Their ancestors arrived here with Roman legions, and when Croatia fell under the sway of the Habsburg Empire, Jews were expelled and then readmitted, in a cycle repeated elsewhere in Europe.

"In cold-blooded terms, this is a shrinking community," conceded Francetic, who considers himself thoroughly secular. But, he hastened to add, "This is not a community that will die."

Putting the situation into perspective, Friedrich, 35, observed, "We survived the Shoah, so nothing worse can happen. There is no reason why we can't survive."

Rabbi Kotel Dadon, Croatia's first permanent spiritual leader since the murder of Rabbi Shalom Freiberger in Auschwitz in 1943, agreed to work in Croatia on this assumption.

Hired a year ago in September,



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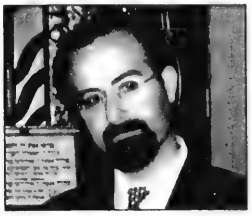

Rabbi Kotel Dadon

the personable rabbi, a Sephardi from Jerusalem, has been assigned the daunting task of revitalizing a community that was left in tatters, initially by the violence of the Ustashe and subsequently by the atheism and benign neglect of the Communists.

As Croatia's chief rabbi, Dadon, 32, is in charge of ministering to the needs of congregants in 10 separate communities: Zagreb, Rijeka, Split, Dubrovnik, Cakovec, Slavonski Brod, Osijek, Koprivnica, Daruvar and Virovitica.

Rabbi Dadon, whose salary and budget are partially funded by the American Joint Distribution Committee, is unequivocally committed to furthering Judaism and Jewish culture in Croatia.

"I don't know how long I'll be here," said Rabbi Dadon, the father of two children who speaks fluent English. "It could be two, three years. It depends on the community's reaction. I want to feel I'm needed. I don't want to be paid for sitting in an office. I'm happy being here with them."

Since his arrival, he has compiled a prayer book in Croatian, set up a kosher kitchen and expanded the kindergarten, which is partly subsidized by the municipality.

He also leads services at the city's sole synagogue, located in a crowded room on the ground floor of the community centre on Palmoticeva ulica.(Zagreb's main shul, on Praska ulica, was demolished by the Ustashe, and is now a parking lot.)

In addition, Rabbi Dadon runs Shabbat programs and Hebrew classes, and takes an active interest in the youth music ensemble, the folk dancing troupe, the youth movements and the library (whose collection of 21,000 books is in a variety of languages).

To combat mixed marriages, he has organized forums for Jewish youths from Croatia and neighbouring nations. But their effectiveness is debatable.

Rabbi Dadon, whose family was originally Moroccan, realizes that he is something of an anomaly. "I'm an Orthodox rabbi in a very secular community. I can only succeed by being liberal. I'm not a Chabad guy."

Guided by common sense and flexibility, Rabbi Dadon excludes no one from his roster of programs, even if they are not halachically Jewish.

"I will not poke into people's ethnic origin. I will try to bring opportunities to people to be Jewish. I did not come here to change the world. I just want to educate the Jews."

At present, the calibre of Jewish knowledge in Croatia leaves much to be desired. "We have to explain what kosher is, and what is a mezuzah." Rabbi Dadon is only too happy to fill in the blank spaces.

As he readily acknowledged, the American Joint Distribution Committee plays an integral role here.

Apart from providing a steady supply of kosher food and religious articles, usually dispatched from Israel, the Joint helps keep afloat the Svarc Home for the Aged in Zagreb. The only one of its kind in Croatia, it is also funded by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. The Croatian government provided a one-time grant of $70,000 several years ago.

Of 80 residents, whose average age is 83, 32 are refugees from the civil war in Bosnia, said the director, Paula Novak, a sociologist by training.

In the early 1990s, with battles raging in the former Yugoslavia, hundreds of Bosnian Jews found refuge in Zagreb. A handful settled in Israel, Canada and the United States. Last spring, when NATO aircraft bombed Serbia, Serbian Jews streamed into Zagreb.

Although Croatia and Serbia have frosty relations, the border remains open, and, as in the past, Croatian Jews can fraternize with fellow Jews from the rest of what was once Yugoslavia.

Sheldon Kirshner visited Croatia last month courtesy of the Croatian National Tourist Office in New York and Lufthansa Airlines.

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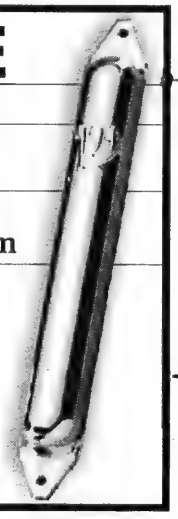

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Magen David Adom may get Red Cross membership

By FREDY ROM
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

GENEVA — The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is considering granting membership to Israel's Magen David Adom.

American Red Cross officials urged the inclusion of the Israeli humanitarian organization during an international assembly held in Geneva two weeks ago.

At the meeting, the president of the American Red Cross, Dr. Bernadette Healy, said the Star of David emblem should be recognized by the International Red Cross.

The exclusion of Israel is "a betrayal of the sacred principles of this movement" and "cannot be tolerated any longer," she said.

But swift action does not appear likely. The assembly agreed to establish a working group to deal with the issue and report back to the next assembly in four years.

While Israeli diplomats welcomed the new U.S. initiative, they said they would have preferred a more discreet approach.

This serious problem cannot be changed by a "beat of the drum," one Israeli official said.

Meanwhile, the International Red Cross continues to be plagued by allegations that some of its officials helped high-level Nazis obtain travel documents at the end of World War II. The documents, according to the allegations, enabled such top Nazi figures as Adolf Eichmann and Josef Mengele to evade capture at the war's end.

The Swiss-run ICRC called on researchers at the University of Geneva last week to launch an investigation of the allegations, ICRC spokesperson Urs Boegli told JTA.

He also stated that Israel's continued exclusion from the International Red Cross is "not acceptable to us."

If Israel is included, the red Star of David would join the red cross and red crescent as emblems to protect aid workers in wartime.

Emblems used by Red Cross agencies were established in the 1949 Geneva Conventions on the conduct of war.

The Star of David was excluded by a 22-21 vote at that time.

Since then, Israel's Magen David Adom has worked closely with the Red Cross, but it has only observer status at the meetings of international body.

The Red Cross symbol was originally adopted by Swiss humanitarian leaders in 1863.

The emblem reverses the colors of the Swiss flag, which has a white cross on a red field. Arab groups belonging to the humanitarian movement were later allowed to use a crescent.

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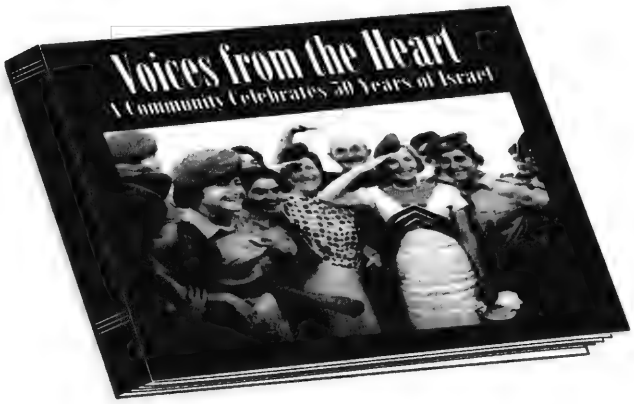

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Vilnius String Quartet delivers stunning performance

By A.S. WEINSTANGEL
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The Vilnius String Quartet's recent performance at the Leah Posluns Theatre was one of the highlights of this year's concert season.

Jewish Music Toronto presented the quartet from Lithuania and pianist Golda Wainberg–Tatz in a repeat of their highly acclaimed performance given at the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., a program dedicated entirely to the music of Jewish composers from the Baltic region.

The very first few bars of music quickly reveal why these five musicians are held in such high regard in international artistic circles.

They project a boundless warmth and beauty of sound, unanimity of emotional and stylistic expression, and an uncanny technical mastery of their individual instruments. They have an ease in the handling of even the most treacherous obstacles composers place in their path.

Ervin Schulhoff's *Five Pieces for String Quartet*, written in 1923, turned out to be the strongest work of the evening. A crafty and inspired work in the best tradition of the turbulent and ground-breaking 1920s, it was an ideal vehicle to showcase the quartet's qualities.

From the leader Audrone Vainiunaite's Spanish-flavored segments in the *Alla Tango* milonga, and the second violinist Arturas Silale's solos in *Alla Serenata*, to the true chamber-music-like give and take throughout the work by the violist Girdutis Jakaitis and the violoncellist Augustinas Vasiliauskas, this was a performance of the highest calibre.

The devilishly hard *Alla Czeca* and *Alla Tarantella*, played at neck breaking speed, left the audience breathless and on their feet at the end of the work.

Jan Radzynski's *Three Hebrew Melodies*, written in 1984, is a work hampered by the dichotomy of original Jewish melodies forced into an avant-garde musical environment.

The result is a piece in search of a suitable language, which seems to finally find itself in the Bartokian last movement with very effective Yemenite-like drumming segments.

The second half of the program was dedicated to the sprawling *Piano Quintet, Opus 18*, by Moise Vainberg, written in 1944. Composed in the style of Dmitri Shostakovitch, this work reaches its heights in the circus-like irreverence of the scherzo movement, and is at its worst when the composer takes himself too seriously in the pompous unisons of the last movement.

While the Radzynski work gave us only an occasional chance to enjoy the artistry and musicianship of pianist Wainberg-Tatz, the Vainberg piece gave her plenty of opportunity to shine.

The Vilnius String Quartet.

Wainberg-Tatz has proven to be an experienced and highly sensitive partner in music making, capable of instantaneous shifts between the most lyrical and brutally powerful, as this uneven work requires.

Hopefully these great artists will appear in Toronto again, and soon.

Jewish Music Toronto's season continues with a special performance by the Toronto Children's Chorus and the Syracuse Children's Choir on Nov. 14 at the Beth Tikvah Synagogue. The program will include the world premiere of a new work by Srul Irving Glick.

Another anticipated event will be the Jeanette Goldhar Memorial Concert, featuring the Canadian Chamber Academy Orchestra, on May 23, 2000, at the Leah Posluns Theatre. For information and tickets call Jerry M. Nesker at 416-221-5521.

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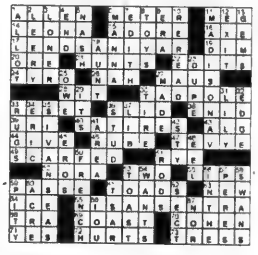

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

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The Toronto Jewish Film Festival is screening a new U.S.-made documentary about Jewish baseball legend **Hank Greenberg**, best known in Jewish circles for choosing to be in the synagogue instead of the stadium on Yom Kippur during a World Series. (That was in 1934, three decades before **Sandy Koufax** faced a similar choice.)

The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg, by director **Aviva Kempner**, features more than 70 interviews with family members, teammates, contemporary sports-writers and fans. Interspersed with these memories and anecdotes is a wealth of material from newsreels, archives and clips from Hollywood movies.

A great slugger who played for the Detroit Tigers, Greenberg came within three homers of breaking **Babe Ruth's** then-record of 60 home runs. During the era that saw the rise of Adolf Hitler in Germany and much anti-Semitic commotion domestically, Greenberg was often the target of racist catcalls, even of porkchops thrown onto the playing-field. Sometimes the crude remarks came from the dugout of the opposing team.

Such jibes were "a spur to make me do better," he said. "You know, as soon as you struck out, you were not only a bum, but you were a Jewish bum." Greenberg retaliated by hitting balls out of the stadium. The film's Toronto premiere is Nov. 21, 4 p.m. at the Bloor Cinema, 506 Bloor St. W. 416-324-8600.

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• The Downtown Jewish Learning Council at the Bloor JCC presents Music and Jewish Meditation. The course combines the teachings of **Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan** and **Mindy Ribner** (a student of **Shlomo Carlebach**) with knowledge of the Hebrew calendar and liturgical music. Instructor **Ken Rabow**. Nov. 17 and 25 and Dec. 1 and 8. Bloor JCC. 416-924-6211.

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Filmmakers Up Close

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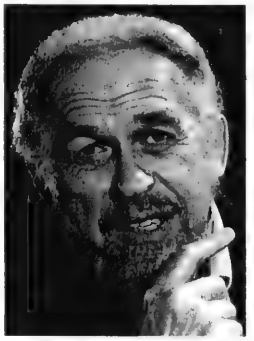
• **Simcha Jacobovici**, director, producer, writer and filmmaker, discusses the B'nai Menashe, a community of Jews near the India-Burma border who are suffering persecution at the hands of their neighbours. Followed by a screening of some clips from his documentary-in-progress, *Quest for the Lost Tribes*. Nov. 20, 8 p.m. Admission $5. Temple Kol Ami, Leo Baeck Day School, 36 Atkinson Ave. Proceeds to benefit the B'nai Menashe.



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Award-winning sculptor goes solo

By ADAM BELLO
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Award-winning sculptor George Almassy, known for his devotion to furthering artistic expression among Toronto's Jewish seniors, is about to release his latest series of works.

Although Almassy, 83, has created hundreds of sculptures in his career, the current pieces have the distinction of being his first solo presentation to the public.

"Exhibiting in a group is not for me anymore. I've done that," says the Willowdale artist. "I wanted to bring forward something to the public purely on my own. This gave me the opportunity to create sculptures that capture the moments of Jewish life, both big and small, that speak about our legacy [as a people]."

His first sculptures in three years, the limited edition works feature a range of Jewish imagery. Most notable is his Holocaust tribute, *In The Beginning*, a Shabbat candleholder that he produced in an edition of 12. Almassy says the silver candleholder symbolizes the triumph of the Jewish will over the destructive acts faced by the nation.

The base of the candelabrum depicts several figurines representing Jewish survivors surrounded by broken fragments of a Star of David but looking in hope towards a new Magen David forming at the top of the holder. The inscription "Remember the Holocaust" runs along the base.

"I think it is important to express more than just how much we endured, but also how much we have persevered to begin again, renew ourselves and create," he says.

Almassy has found inspiration from the period surrounding the birth of Israel. His six-edition porcelain portrait, *A Soldier Named Hannah*, was based on a picture of a female soldier he saw in an ad for the United Jewish Appeal's 1998 campaign.

He contacted the Canadian Jewish Congress to find out more about the Israeli soldier in the picture and to ask for other photographs that would better capture her likeness.

And looking to figures of the past, he is now completing a tribute piece to commemorate the life of Hannah Senesh, the poet-turned-paratrooper who was captured and executed in Nazi-occupied Hungary.

Jewish history and lore have provided a source of creativity throughout Almassy's career. Working under the professional name E. B. Alexander – a combination of his Jewish name (Eliyahu Ben) and his father's given name, a gesture of tribute to him as an artist at heart, he says – Almassy's sculptures include a portrait of an Ethiopian Jew, as well as *If I Were a Rich Man*, a figure of Tevya from *Fiddler on the Roof*.

One of his best-known sculptures is *Golda*, a portrait woodcarving of Golda Meir. The sculpture was a prize-winner, including being chosen third out of 40 entrants in a 1987 Canadian-American competition.

Almassy's talents and reputation have led to his having patrons across North America. In 1994, a bust of Bill Clinton was commissioned by a Tampa Bay-area chapter of the Young Democrats, and won best of show at the Florida state fair.

Born in Hungary, Almassy learned woodcarving and other crafts when he was young. But when the German occupation began in 1941, he became a forced laborer and was separated from his family, including his new wife Ethel.

Almassy escaped the Nazi concentration camps and spent the war in the guise of a gentile farmer in Austria.

Reunited with his wife after the war, he left Hungary to avoid the Soviet regime. He was sponsored for entry to Canada as a farmhand, by a family he had met in an Austrian detention camp. He later became a pastry chef, drawing on training he had had as a youth, and then went on to own the café and bakery, Gourmet Patisserie, in Toronto for many years, a move that enabled him to explore his artistic passions.

Almassy has shared his creative energies with others. For the last 18 years, he has served as a volunteer instructor at the Baycrest and Wagman centres, teaching woodcarving at least once a week.

Almassy says artistic pursuits have healing properties and provide an excellent source of therapy. He currently has six senior citizens as students. One is recovering from a hand injury and using the program for rehabilitation.

"Art can be an aid to your health and extend your life," he says. "I was under pressure my whole life, but I always made time to carve wood or mold clay. If you have an artistic hobby, you have a release and give yourself a new direction."

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India's Jewish community in decline, documentary shows

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

The Jews in India are a drop in a sea of Hindus and Muslims. At last count, India, with a population of one billion, was home to merely 5,000 Jews.

A minuscule minority in an incredibly diverse country, Jews have led a charmed existence in India, as a forthcoming Vision TV documentary amply illustrates.

Salaam Shalom: The Jews of India, written, directed and produced by Vanessa Laufer, will be broadcast on Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 9 p.m.

Filmed on location in India, Israel, Canada and the United States, this informative and colorful film asks, and answers, a number of relevant questions.

Who are the Jews of India? Where did they originally come from? Are they flourishing?

Like India itself, the Jewish community consists of distinct groups – the Bene Israel, the Cochini, the Baghdadi and the B'nai Menashe.

The first two groups migrated to India via ancient Israel. The Baghdadis are from Iraq, Syria, Yemen and Afghanistan. The B'nai Menashe hail from India's eastern borderlands.

Decades ago, as we learn, the groups had little to do with each other and lived what amounted to segregated lives. But their respective relationships have improved in recent years, as the number of Indian Jews has dwindled.

To a remarkable degree, Jews have blended exceedingly well into Indian society. Many wear Indian clothes, speak the local language, practise similar customs, eat virtually the same food and physically resemble their Hindu, Muslim and Christian neighbours.

The last point is particularly intriguing. Is the physical resemblance the result of intermarriage? Laufer, unfortunately, does not deal with this conundrum.

What comes out clearly, though, is that Indian Jews have never suffered the slings and arrows of persecution. "We've never had a complex about being Jews," says a sari-clad Jewish woman.

From Cochin to Calcutta, Jews have never had to deal with the spectre of anti-Semitism.

"We were treated with respect," says a Baghdadi woman.

"Some of my best friends are Hindus and Muslims," observes another lady.

Even Jews who emigrated have fond memories of India.

Jews left in droves under the impact of Indian independence in 1947 and the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. For the most part, they settled in Israel, Canada, Australia and the United States.

The Indian community in Israel is larger than that in India itself. One moshav, Nevatim, is practically all-Indian. In Toronto, we're told, there is also a significant Indian community.

Sad to say, India's Jewish community is in a parlous state of decline. "It's a dying community" is the mantra most often heard from Jews who still live in India.

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Moscow singers to re-unite in Toronto

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It's a far cry from the Moscow Yiddish Theatre in the early 1980s, but two Toronto artists who performed with the Moscow troupe will soon be re-united for the first time.

Miriam Eskin and Uri Tsevi, both originally from Russia, will perform together, along with pianist Nina Shapilsky, at the 22nd Yiddishland Cafe, Sunday, Nov. 21, at the Workmen's Circle hall, 471 Lawrence Ave. W.

The two Russians will sing a collection of Jewish folk songs, under the umbrella title of Let's Do It Together.

"We'll try to recreate the very best of the music we did in Moscow," Eskin said.

The Yiddishland Cafe is run by a group determined to keep the treasures of Yiddish literature and song alive.

Although they received a grant from UJA Federation of Greater Toronto in 1996 for 10 evenings, they have carried on since then, encouraged by a turn-out of enthusiastic audiences of all ages.

The cafe has devoted evenings to Canadian Yiddish poets, the poets of Yung-Vilne, New York Yiddish poets, the poetry and songs of Mordecai Gebirtig and Itsik Manger, songs of resistance and struggle, and Yiddish humour.

"We feel it's important to continue this work," said Yiddishland Cafe co-ordinator Henia Reinhartz.

Eskin, who lived in Israel for eight years before coming to Canada in 1997, is now a vocal music teacher in Vaughan. Both she and Tsevi have performed at concerts sponsored by Canadian Yiddish groups, but this is the first time they will be together on the same stage here.

Tsevi was in a group of singers from the Moscow Yiddish Theatre that travelled to Italy, Australia and North America, and appeared at the Leah Posluns Theatre in Toronto in 1985.

For more information, call Reinhartz at 416-787-4634.

CAN'T STOP NOW: Is a dancer's career over when he or she reaches 40? Not necessarily. Eileen Thalenberg's *Can't Stop Now* documents the Nederlands Dans Theatre, a company of dancers over the age of 40 that includes National Ballet of Canada star Karen Kain (pictured). The show is one of a series of *Something Special* arts programs created by Adrienne Clarkson. CBC Thursday, Nov. 18 at 9p.m.

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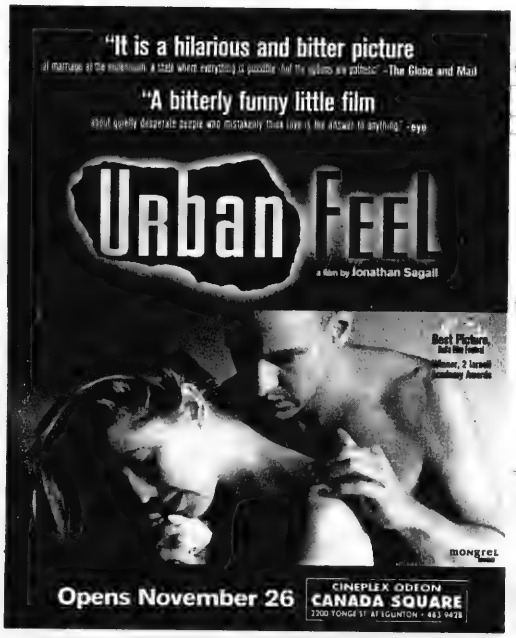

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Baycrest research could help stroke patients in wheelchairs

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — People confined to wheelchairs following a stroke may face a brighter future as a result of research at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, said Dr. David Streiner.

One of their projects involves teaching these patients how to transfer from the wheelchair to a bed, a chair, or the toilet, said Streiner, director of the Kunin Lunenfeld Applied Research Unit (KLARU) at Baycrest.

The effort has been so successful that many of the patients are transferring out of the rehab unit more quickly than they did in the past, Streiner said at a recent Ada Starkman lecture series talk.

The success is based on research showing that following a stroke, patients have tremendous difficulty in unlearning their mistakes, he said. In this project, the stroke patients were taught by Dr. Norm Park in a new way that minimized their mistakes, and thus they learn faster, Streiner said.

Improvement in the stroke patients is a good example of the cooperation that takes place between the centre's Rotman Research Unit, KLARU and the hospital's clinical services, he said.

Listing other advances in KLARU research, Streiner said a link between late onset depression and dementia has been established by Dr. Rob van Reekum.

And the role of the brain's right hemisphere in language processing has been investigated by Dr. Carol Leonard. For example, "some people don't get the punch line in jokes and they can't follow complicated stories," Streiner said, and Leonard is looking at how we can "help in this imbalance."

He also said Dr. Paula Rochon has found that some older women are getting too much cardiac medicine, or not enough, because up to now the only studies available have been done on middle-aged men.

Another project by researcher Barbara Liu has revealed "the sobering news" that new anti-depressants have not reduced the difficulties in elderly patients. "Doctors are changing their medical practices as a result," Streiner said.

In nutrition, Carol Greenwood is investigating the effect of diabetes on brain functioning, and the role of diet in memory.

Program helps deal with cancer

TORONTO — A new program called CancerConnection, provided by the Canadian Cancer Society of Ontario, now offers support for people living with cancer.

"As soon as I heard that the person on the other end of the phone had survived the same cancer, it gave me hope," said a man who had recently been diagnosed with cancer.

"It gave me some control back that I'd lost. It also helped that I was able to talk to him in my own language."

This Ontario-wide peer support program is delivered by telephone. It matches people who have been diagnosed with cancer – and their caregivers – with volunteers who have had a similar cancer experience.

CancerConnection was formed in 1995 as a pilot program to provide emotional peer support to people in Northern Ontario, who did not have access to other programs because they were in isolated areas.

In 1996 the program was expanded to provide support to people with cancer throughout Ontario. It now has access to more than 200 trained volunteers.

CancerConnection is free, as long-distance expenses are covered by the Canadian Cancer Society; it is accessible and confidential, which may be important to someone who is newly diagnosed or lives in a small community.

The information provided by the caller is used only to ensure that the best match is made. Information is recorded in a confidential database that can be accessed only by the CancerConnection co-ordinator.

Since 1995, CancerConnection has helped more than 2,300 people cope with the disease.

Those being served and their volunteers can maintain their support relationship for as long as they agree it is needed – durations have ranged from two or three calls to more than six months.

For some callers, CancerConnection is a first step before venturing to other programs. For others, it is a way to access help they do not have in their own community, or talk to someone who has had the same cancer or treatment. The program has proven highly successful and is growing.

CancerConnection is available to anyone who has cancer, as well as to those who care for cancer patients.

Calls will be returned within 48 hours after the society receives a request to participate in the program.

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By LISA WEINBERG

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A. Yes. Milk can be constipating, and babies of this age tend to drink large amounts. Try limiting his milk to one or two bottles or cups per day, and instead encourage other calcium-rich foods like cheese and yogurt.

Q. I have a six-year-old who takes the same two sandwiches to school every day. She only wants either a cheese sandwich or a turkey sandwich. What should I do?

A. Absolutely nothing. First, if she's not bored, there is no reason for you to be. Be thankful that she has chosen two very nutritious choices. You have nothing to worry about.

Q. I have noticed that there are orange juices now on the market that contain calcium. How do they compare to the calcium found in milk?

A. Most of the calcium enriched orange juices emerging in the marketplace are almost identical in calcium content, ounce for ounce, to milk. They are a great non-dairy source of calcium.

Lisa Weinberg is a registered dietitian/nutritionist, specializing in pediatric and adult nutrition in Toronto. If you have any nutrition questions, send them to The CJN.

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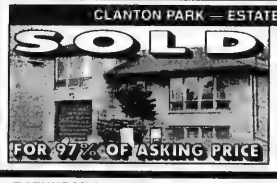

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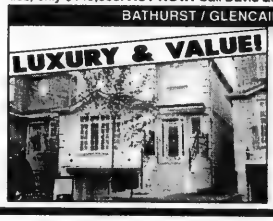

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A natural wonder of shimmering salt flats

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

DEATH VALLEY — To some, Death Valley is a hideous, sun-baked cauldron best avoided, particularly in summer.

But to others, like myself, it is a fantastic natural wonder of shimmering salt flats, rugged mountain ranges and jagged volcanic rock formations of incredible beauty.

Fond of desert vistas, I had always thought of visiting Death Valley. The opportunity presented itself recently, when the weather there is balmy.

Rather than drive there myself, I opted for a van tour from Las Vegas. We set off at 7:30 a.m., taking route 160 toward Red Rock canyon, where the reclusive entrepreneur, Howard Hughes, built a palatial home in one of its crannies. It was pleasantly cool and dry.

One hour on, we reached the Pahrump Valley, with its scattered homesteads, roadside restaurants and gasoline stations. A two-lane road led us to Death Valley National Park, the largest of its kind in the continental United States. With 3.3 million acres, it was formally established in 1994, incorporating the former Death Valley National Monument, dedicated in 1933.

One hundred and forty miles long and 30 to 60 miles wide, Death Valley National Park is one of the most arid areas of the United States, as I learned at the Visitor Centre in Furnace Creek. On average, 1.6 inches of rain falls here annually, sometimes causing dangerous flash floods.

Death Valley is the lowest point in the Americas, the elevation being 282 feet below sea level. By comparison, the Dead Sea in Israel is 1,292 feet below sea level.

During much of the year, the weather is blazingly hot, well over 100 degrees fahrenheit. In July 1934, the thermometer hit 134 degrees, the highest temperature ever recorded in the U.S. But for several blessed months, from about December to March, daytime highs do not exceed the 60s or 70s.

The topography of Death Valley, which is quite Middle Eastern in appearance, is nothing if not foreboding. Once covered by seas, its geology was formed by upheavals and erosion over millions of decades.

Despite its desolation, Death Valley is alive with hardy vegetation from prickly saltgrass and pickleweed to gnarled mesquite and tamarisk trees. And the wildlife – from ravens to mice – is variegated.

Death Valley is the lowest point in the Americas.
[Sheldon Kirshner photo]

The original inhabitants were Indians, but in the mid-19th century the California goldrush lured European settlers, some of whom died on the trek to the Pacific coast. Subsequently, borax mining, then tourism, attracted visitors.

At the Borax Museum in Furnace Creek Ranch – a resort with restaurants, a general store, tennis courts and a huge palm date plantation – you learn that borax was useful in the manufacture of laundry detergent, hand soap, ceramics and preservatives.

Amid the faded photographs of pioneers and exhibits of mining equipment and minerals, you catch a glimpse of a smiling, dimpled borax pitchman named Ronald Reagan. Long after his acting career had fizzled, and long before he plunged into politics, Reagan was a shill for Borateen, a household product advertised on a since forgotten television series, *Death Valley Days*.

From Furnace Creek, you should head for Dante's View, which, at 5,475 feet, offers an unrivalled panoramic view of the valley floor. In a word, the view is startling. Hemmed in by the brooding Black Mountains and the implacable Panamint Mountains, the salt plain edges away into the hazy distance. The light of the sun magnifies the pearly whiteness, juxtaposed against the grimy black of the mud flats. Ravens soar over the stillness, silently and majestically.

Highway 190 west leads to another scenic locale, Zabriskie Point, with its kneaded and wrinkled tan/cinnamon hills. Zabriskie Point, named after a mining executive, inspired an Italian movie director, Michelangelo Antonioni. In 1969, his film, *Zabriskie Point*, was released to a chorus of criticism.

Fortunately, Zabriskie Point is bigger and better than Antonioni's ill-starred movie could ever be. The furrowed hills are breathtakingly beautiful, resembling Israel's Arava or Egypt's Sinai Peninsula.

We move on toward the Furnace Creek Inn, a Spanish hacienda hotel complex whose dreamy exterior is set off by palms, bushes and flowerbeds. Constructed in the 1920s, it overlooks Death Valley's famous salt flats. Once a haunt of Hollywood stars, the hotel attracts well-heeled tourists today.

From there, we proceed to Artist's Drive, a conglomeration of low hills clad in shades of white, yellow, green, tan, brown and black. Then, following a stop at a rock formation shaped like a giant mushroom, we make for the Devil's Golf Course, a vast salt-and-gravel pan which can be seen from Dante's View.

At Badwater, the lowest point of Death Valley, a sign informs us of the chemical composition of the salt flats. Beyond the sign is a tiny pool of water which is bitter to the taste. No wonder this spot is dubbed "bad water."

There is still much more to see – the fabled sand dunes, the ruins of the Harmony Borax Works and Scotty's Castle, but time, unfortunately, has run out.

As the van heads back to the noise and glitter of Las Vegas, I resolve to return to Death Valley, not only to savor the sights I have missed, but to revel in its stark splendor once again.

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Divorced Jewish female, late 40's, classy attractive, intelligent, humorous, energetic, fun, loving, non smoker, no dependents, enjoy life. Seeking a Jewish male, 48-53, intelligent, honest, caring, humorous, financially secure, professional, non smoker, for a special relationship. AD#1487

LET'S SHARE LIFE
Divorced Jewish mom, 46, 5'4", attractive, blue eyes, warm smile, good sense of humour, very family oriented, love life. Seeking a mensch to share life's pleasures. AD#1462

MILLENNIUM MATE
Single Jewish female, early 50's, attractive, down to earth, good sense of humour, casual life style, financially independent, enjoy romantic evenings, dining and dancing, sports, long walks, movies. Seeking a male, down to earth, with similar qualities and interests. AD#1427

NEW COMER
Single female, from California, new to Toronto, seeking a single male, who has a healthy lifestyle and loves to travel. AD#1658

SPECIAL SOMEONE
Single Jewish mom, have a daughter 7 yrs old, medical profession, enjoy romantic dining, gourmet cooking, antique hunting, 60's music, theater, reading. Seeking a male, must like children, emotionally and financially secure, widower or divorced with children, not sarcastic or tempered, humorous, to share family. AD#1546

EUROPEAN BORN
Single Jewish female, widow, late 40's, blond, blue eyes, attractive, active, educated, enjoy music, dancing, travelling, hiking, movies, theater. Seeking a single, established male with similar interests. AD#1733

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Single Jewish female, 40, divorced, attractive, 5'4", brunette, hazel eyes, non smoker, enjoy dancing, movies, walks, working out. Seeking a male, caring, for a relationship. AD#1719

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LET'S TALK
Single male, 5'8", 165lbs, dark hair, greenish-blue eyes, athletic build, look a bit like Paul Newman, Al Pachino and Dustin Hoffman, writer, currently working on a novel, real estate broker. Seeking a female for serious relationship. AD#1235

FRIENDS FIRST
Single Jewish male, 29, 5'8", black hair, blue eyes, medium build, attractive, affectionate, loving, good communicator, self secure, enjoy fine dining, dancing, friends, life in general. Seeking a female with similar qualities, good family values, for an amazing friendship, possibly more. AD#1383

ATTENTION LADIES
Single Jewish male, 39, honest, humorous, have a great deal of integrity. Seeking a Jewish female, 30ish, to share the pleasures in life. AD#1423

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
Single male, 69, cheerful, romantic, rich in friendship and humour, semi-retired. Seeking a lady to share life's pleasures. AD#1217

START AS FRIENDS
Single male, easy to talk to, interested in a romantic, attractive, quality, compassionate female, a friend to share love, understanding and caring. AD#1251

LET'S BE FRIENDS
Single Jewish male, 22, blond hair, blue eyes, slim, 6'4", employed as a Chef, work long, hard hours, raised in Cleveland, enjoy Sunday outings, good conversation, tennis, swimming, movies. Seeking a Jewish female, for possible relationship. AD#1371

AUTUMN ROMANCE
Divorced male, 50, 5'11", slim, professional, good sense of humour. Seeking a female, attractive, brunette, non smoker, who enjoys classical music, movies, long walks, romantic evenings. AD#1701

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Single male, 5'10", green eyes, not balding, non smoker, rarely drink, down to earth, enjoy sports, movies, theater, long walks, nice dinners. Seeking a Jewish female, nice, caring, giving, smokers OK, for fun & good times together. AD#1716

ROMANTIC AT HEART
Divorced male, 5'11", slim, professional, good sense of humour, enjoy classical music, romantic evenings, long walks, dining, dancing. Seeking an attractive female, non smoker, brunette. AD#1228

WANT TO SETTLE DOWN
Single male, 40, 5'10", 165lbs, fit, attractive, athletic, health professional, established practice, mentally/financially secure, well travelled, caring, honest, non materialistic, not religious, enjoy cottage life. Seeking a female, 25-35, fit, attractive, similar interests. AD#1472

THOUGHTFUL
Single Jewish male, sincere, fit, slender, established, professional, mid 40's, honest, intelligent, down to earth, with a variety of interests and traditional values, devoted, part time dad, enjoy life. Seeking a Jewish female, fit, professional, mom, 40's. AD#1712

MOST LATIN
Single male, Latin, professional, 45, kind, considerate, warm, caring. Seeking a female, 36-45, enjoys movies, dining, dancing, outdoor activities. AD#1709

EUROPEAN BORN
Single male, late 50's, 5'9", 76kg, financially established, good health, non smoker, handsome, active, romantic, passionate, strong Jewish values, enjoy dancing, travelling, cooking. Seeking a female, in her 40's, non smoker, not overweight, with Jewish values. AD#1541

STARTING OVER
Single male, Real Estate Broker and a writer, divorced, no children, good natured, volunteer once a week, jog regularly, adventurous. Seeking a female, preferably Jewish, who wants to start a family, if not, that is fine as well. AD#1519

FRIENDS FIRST
Single Jewish male, 22, 6'4", blond hair, blue eyes, slim, work long hours. Seeking a single Jewish female, 20-25, for Sunday outings, conversations, walks, movies, tennis, swimming, willing to learn to dance or join a co-ed club for possible relationship. AD#1081

WANT COMMITMENT
Single male, 45, school teacher, well travelled, well read, non smoker, drink very little, love cycling, swimming, down hill skiing. Seeking a female, nice, down to earth, intelligent, honest, genuine, good hearted, who is looking to settle down. AD#1521

LET'S HAVE COFFEE
Single male, 46, conservative looking, Day Trader buy and sell stocks, enjoy travelling, country antiques and art auctions, dining and dancing. Seeking a female, no need to be slim, single moms OK, smokers OK, any status, compassionate. AD#1206

THE PHOENIX RISES
Divorced male, 50's, 5'8", lawyer, dark, slim, world explorer, talmid chachim, violinist, poet, thaumaturgical healer, martial arts master, love nature, children, animals, seek to return to Orthodox roots. Seeking a female, attractive, slender, intelligent, adventurous, 30-50, for marriage. AD#1046

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Young British fan creates Jewish sports Web site

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Gareth Anker is intent on shrinking the world of Jewish sports.

The 18-year-old from North London, England, has combined his interest in sports and Judaism, and along with some of his friends, has set up a Web site, www.Jewish sport.com, dedicated to the topic.

Anker, who recently graduated from Jewish Free School, a London Jewish high school, said in a recent telephone interview from his home, that it is common for graduates to work for a year before going on to university.

"I wanted to work at something that interests me, and when my friend thought of this idea, I jumped at the chance to work with him."

The Web site contains pertinent sports information about every country with a substantial Jewish community, such as the United States, Canada, Israel, Ukraine and Russia. "The Ukraine is huge in terms of Jewish soccer players and track and field athletes," said Anker.

He is using the Internet, he said, to bring Jewish people together and to help them become aware of each other. "Many Jews in England don't know that Jews live in Canada. This Web site is going to make the world smaller," he said.

Anker said that he has contacted Eyal Berkovitch and Ronny Rosenthal – Israeli soccer players who played in Scotland – to try and set up a chat.

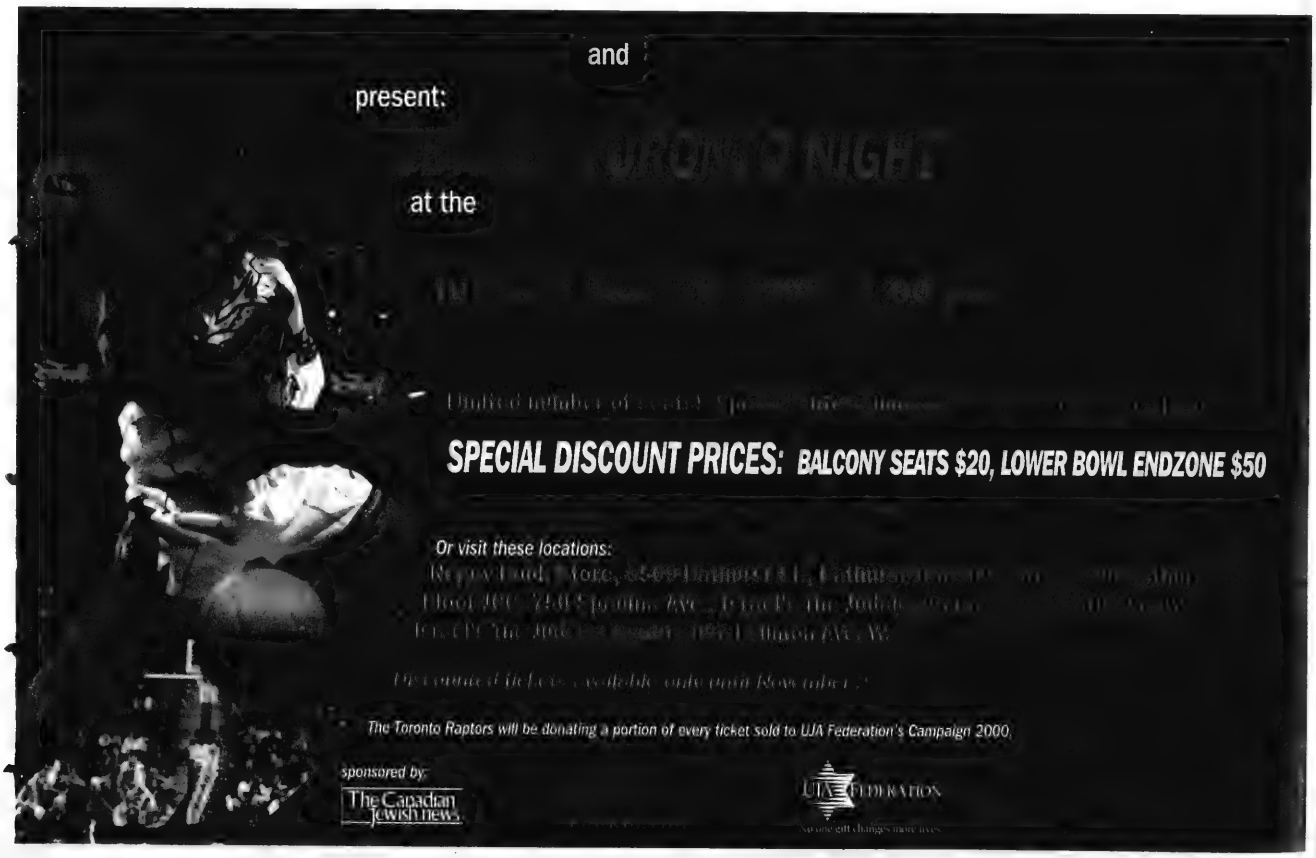
He plans on polling Web site visitors to determine favorite sports people, teams or sporting events. "There will be no politics on this site; it is strictly sports. I think we're onto something, because since the site opened on Oct. 22, we've had 236 hits."

Three people run the site, and most visitors hear about it through word of mouth, he said. "We've registered with search engines and we've contacted other Web sites to try and establish links," said Anker.

For now, he said, the Web masters are investing their own money into the site, and hope eventually to secure enough advertising to bring in an income. "For now, we hope to break even," said Anker.

HOME RUN: 60 years ago as Hitler invaded Europe, a young Jewish baseball player challenged Babe Ruth's home run record. Hank Greenberg's story is the subject of The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg, a humorous and nostalgic documentary about an extraordinary baseball player who transcended religious prejudice to become an American icon. His accomplishments with the Detroit Tigers rival those of Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig.

This documentary by Aviva Kempner is being presented by the Toronto Jewish Film Festival on Nov. 21, 4 p.m. at the Bloor Cinema, 506 Bloor St. W. 416-324-8600. See Eye on Arts page 37 for more details.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מאת: יעל זליגר

חדור השני בצל השואה; אהרון האס (בתרגום עברי), הד ארצי, 1999

אהרון האס, פרופסור לפסיכולוגיה באוניברסיטה של קליפורניה כותב במבוא לספר הזן בילדי ניצולי שואה שאכן הוא פרופסור באוניברסיטה מכובדת, נשוי ואב אך "יותר מכל הריני צאצאה של תקופה קודמת... סיפורי חתקופה ההיא (השואה)... גידלו אותי ועיצבו אותי." האס מספר שמאז ילדותו הוא מתעניין בשואה, אך בשנים האחרונות החל לנסות ולחבין את השפעתה העמוקה של השואה על דור ילדי הניצולים. אין זה הספר הראשון שקראתי בנושא ורוב המסקנות שאליהן הגיע האס בעקבות מחקרו המקיף אינן מהפכניות, אך הספר מעובש וכתוב היטב, יסודי וכן במקרים מסויימים חושף מידע מיוחד במינו. האס אינו נרתע אף מלהיכנס לדיון בשאלות פילוסופיות-תיאולוגיות.

על-אף השוני בעברם של ניצולי השואה, ידעי שרוב הניצולים, כאשר הם נשאלים, "איך הצלחתם לשרוד?" עונים: "מזל." מסתבר שייחוס ההשרדות לגורל גורר השלכות רציניות באשר לדור הצאצאים. מרבית ילדי הניצולים רואים את החיים כמסוכנים ובלתי-צפויים. כאן מעניין לציין שניצולים שהתיישבו בישראל הורישו לילדיהם פחות תסמינים פתולוגיים מאשר ניצולים שהיגרו לצפון אמריקה. האס סבור שהמעורבות בתחיית המולדת וצמיחתה הציעה לניצולים הזדמנות לשיקום הערך העצמי שכה נפגם בשואה.

רבים מילדי הניצולים התלוננו שלהוריהם היו ציפיות שהם יגיעו להישגים מופלגים ובכך כביכול יצדיקו את הישרדות ההורים. לא אחת, כך מסכם החוקר, להיות ילד של ניצול משמע לגדול באווירה של חשדנות, פחד וציניות; אחרי הכל, העולם הוא מקום מאוד מפחיד.

לא קשה להבין מדוע אחת התכונות חמאפיינת את רבים מילדי הניצולים היא הרחמים. בדרך כלל ליבם עם המיעוט הפוליטי הסובל. יתר, האס מדווח שבצפון אמריקה, ילדי ניצולים חשים קירבה רבה יותר ליהודים מחגרים מאשר ליהודים אמריקאים בני דור שני או שלישי. לילדי ניצולים יש מוסר עבודה גבוה וכן דחף רציני לאגור רכוש וכסף.

רבים מילדי הניצולים נדלו לא רק בצל השואה אלא בנוכחות הורים לא-תואמים ולא מאושרים בנישואיהם. מתוך בהילות להתחיל בחיים חדשים, בן-הזוג נבחר בחיפזון. מתוך הורי האנשים שנחקרו, אחוז הגירושים הגבוה ביותר (בערך אחד מכל שלושה) היה בנישואים בין ניצול/ה ולא ניצול/ה. זיווג בין שני ניצולים, גם אם היה לא-תואם, בדרך כלל לא הסתיים בגירושים.

סוגיית האמונה הדתית שהועברה מהניצולים לילדיהם מורכבת ביותר, אך בכל האמור למורשה היהודית, מעטים הניצולים שהעבירו לילדיהם את המסר של התכחשות לזהות היהודית. על-כן, כללית אחוז נישואי התערובת בקרב ילדי ניצולים בצפון אמריקה נמוך יחסית לשאר היהודים הצפון אמריקאים. (סיבה אחת היא רצון לחסוך כאב מההורים.) רוב ילדי ניצולי השואה חיים בפחד היותם חיים כיהודים; "נמאס לי להשתייך למיעוט כל-כך שנוא" אמרה מרואיינת אחת. אך, גם מרואיינים שחיים בהרגשה שיהדותם מהווה נטל שלילי, בוחרים להישאר יהודים. מדהים לגלות ששלושת רבעי המרואיינים (שני דורות מן השואה) מאמינים שתתכן שואה יהודית נוספת. ולבסוף, ילדי ניצולי השואה, החיים בצפון אמריקה, הם מתומכיה הנלהבים והנדיבים ביותר של מדינת ישראל; "קיומה של ישראל מהווה הצהרה על-קיומם הם."

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2 lbs. zucchini	1 tblsp. lemon juice
1 medium potato	1 cup flour
1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese	1 Tblsp. sugar
1 cup chopped green onions	1/2 tsp. salt
2 cloves garlic, minced	1/2 tsp. pepper
1 egg, slightly beaten	oil

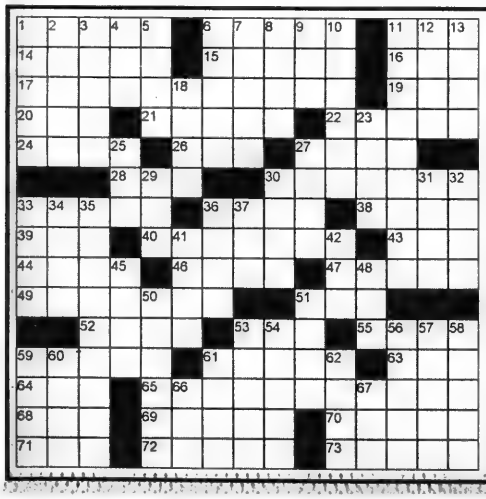
Grate zucchini and potato; ***DRAIN WELL***. Mix in remaining ingredients. Form into patties and fry in oil. Serve with sour cream or yogurt blended with chives. Can be prepared 2 hours ahead and reheated in oven. Yield: 14 to 16 latkes

About Food

Here are some tips to turn you into a baking maven:

• There are 3 teaspoons in 1 tablespoon (15 ml).
• There are 8 ounces or 16 tablespoons in a 1-cup measuring cup (250 ml).
• Measure liquids in glass measuring cups and dry ingredients in nested measuring cups.
• Flour should be stirred, then levelled off with the straight edge of a knife. Never "knuck" the cup, or the flour will be compacted, producing dry baked goods!
• For 1 cup of buttermilk, substitute 1 tablespoon vinegar or lemon juice plus milk to equal 1 cup. (Dairy-free substitute: 1 tablespoon vinegar plus soy or rice milk to equal 1 cup.)
• Another substitute for 1 cup of buttermilk or sour milk is ½ cup yogurt blended with ½ cup milk (preferably skim or 1 percent).
• Dairy-free substitutes for milk: orange juice, apple juice, water, coffee, soy or rice milk.
• To replace 1 egg, substitute 2 egg whites (¼ cup whites). For 2 eggs, use 1 egg plus 2 whites. If you substitute whites for all the eggs, results may be rubbery.
• Other egg alternatives: ¼ cup (60 ml) of either mashed banana, tofu, yogurt or low-fat sour cream. (Baked goods may be more dense than those made with eggs.)
• To reduce fat, substitute unsweetened applesauce for up to half (but not all) of the fat.
• Because light margarine contains about 50 percent water, it won't work properly in most baking recipes.
• Substitute ¼ cup melted chocolate chips for each square (1 ounce or 28 grams) semi-sweet/bitter-sweet chocolate.
• Instead of chocolate chips, substitute dried cranberries, cherries, raisins, cut-up dates, prunes or apricots. Adds fibre and flavour without fat!
• Baking powder keeps about a year. To test if it's active, add a half-teaspoon to a half-cup of hot water. If it fizzes, it's fine. If not, it's finished!
• If you keep baking soda in the refrigerator to absorb odors, don't use it for baking!
• Reduce oven temperature by 25 degrees F when using glass or dark baking pans.
• Use an oven thermometer to check the accuracy of the oven's thermostat.
• Place an extra cookie sheet under baking pans to prevent bottoms of baked goods from burning.

Norene Gilletz, a Canadian author of kosher cookbooks, gives lectures and cooking demonstrations throughout North America. Submit cooking questions to The CJN. *Contact Norene at gourmana@total.net*



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A Month of Pundays

By Matt Gaffney and David Bianco (QSyndicate@aol.com)

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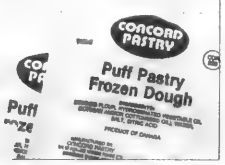

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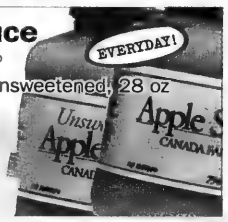

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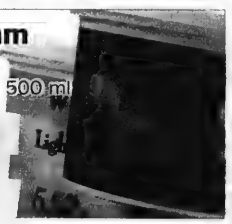

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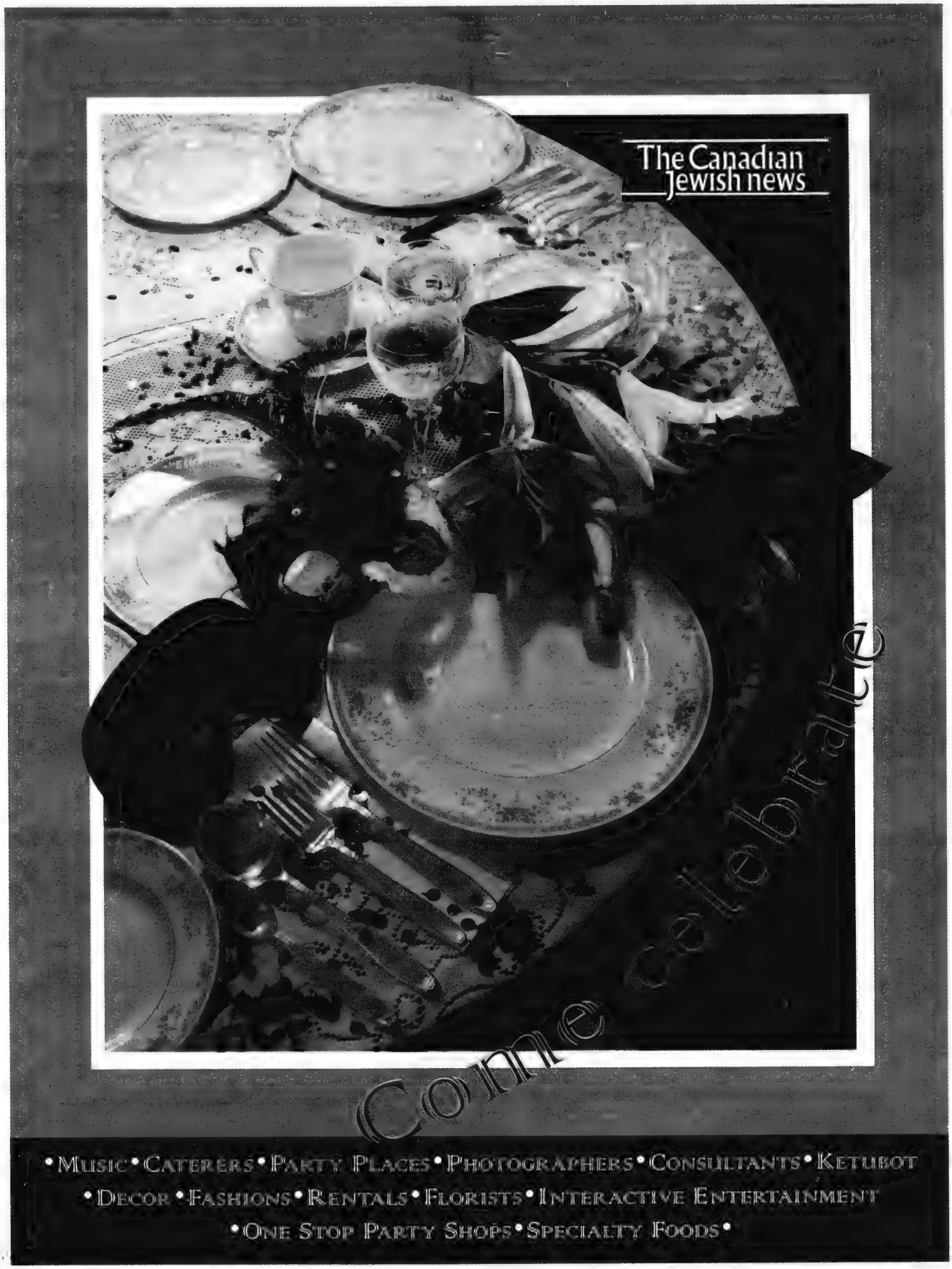
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By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

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Lindsay Freedman (left) and Jody Pettle.

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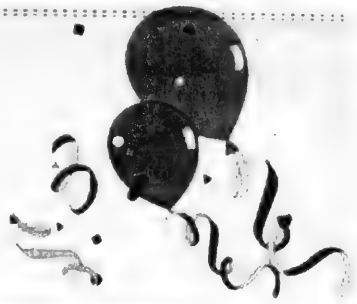

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By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

A good decorator combines professional integrity and competence with an artist's creativity. Becky Radzinsky and Mira Shimcovitz of Perlit (416-665-4838) and Caroline Keane of Party Props (905-726-8878) offer a wealth of suggestions on working with your decorator to bring out your own artistic side.

Today, a plethora of decorating props and materials can be found. Almost anything you want, in any colour, texture or design, is available or can be imported. And new things, such as decorations and props with the year 2000 theme, are coming out all the time.

Nor are you limited to what's currently on the market, the experts say. A good decorator does research, although if you have time for this yourself, it can be fun. It can lead anywhere, from old library books with copper plate etchings to Web sites for cartoon characters.

There are no mandatory trends or fashions, Radzinsky and Shimcovitz say. Everything goes, from lavish to austere, elaborate to simple. What does still hold true is the desire for something unique, not exactly like the party of a friend, relative or neighbour.

Look for a reliable decorator with a good word-of-mouth reputation. If you've seen someone's work yourself, so much the better.

A table decoration featuring a yarmulke, tallit and stone tablets, designed by Perlit.

And it's a good idea to hire one who knows about other fields, such as interior design.

A good decorator will advise you on things she doesn't do herself. One who doesn't carry tablecloths or dishes but designs centrepieces can suggest linen and tableware to harmonize with her creations. And because she works with everyone, from the MC to the caterer, she can recommend other party professionals.

Book at least three months ahead; six is better, and a year is best. Go to your decorator right after you book the hall, the caterer and the orchestra.

It takes time to research all the possibilities.

As for coming up with the clever idea that's just right for you, that's harder to call. It can take anything from a few inspired minutes to a few days, if someone needs to let the brain percolate.

Don't hesitate to offer your own ideas. Though people are often shy about doing this, your decorator should welcome your input or your kids' inspirations, say for a bar or bat mitzvah.

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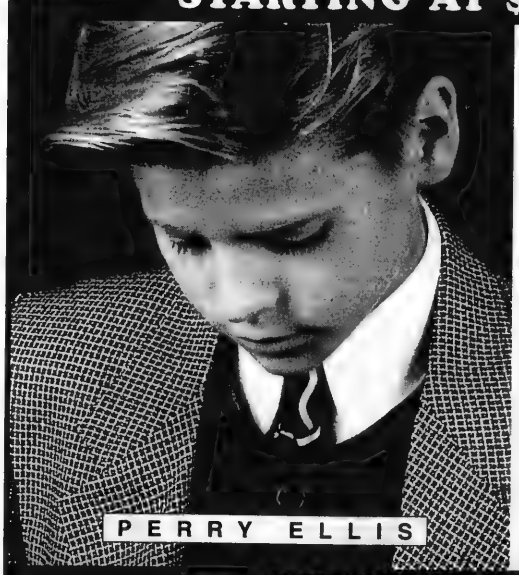
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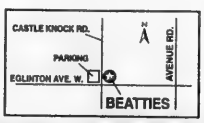

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Expressing your own ideas will help you feel good about your artistic side and relieve the stress of event planning. Keane says you can even imagine yourself as a budding artist, mentored by the decorator.

A decorator doesn't just choose designs and colours. She's resourceful, and can make things almost from scratch. And each has a unique style. Ask to see samples; look at her portfolio. Find a decorator who does what you like and need, who will develop your ideas, but come up with new ones too.

One current possibility to look at is the ingenious use of balloons. A Perlit specialty, they can be used to sculpt any object: a rose, for example, where each petal is one balloon. A baby bottle can be sculpted from a balloon. So can a graduate with diploma and mortarboard.

They can be made into even larger shapes, like an arch or tunnel. How about a balloon chupah? And they combine well with other ideas. For a movie fan, movie posters and pictures could line the entrance, with a balloon arch overhead.

Centrepieces use a wealth of materials in many combinations, and Jewish themes are common. For a bar mitzvah boy named Noah, Perlit made Ark centrepieces for the kids' tables, with rainbows over the dance floor and behind the head table.

Among the materials Party Props works with is styrofoam, carved with a hot-wire cutter for a clean cut. For smaller pieces, such as a person's silhouette, the carver uses a cooler wire and works more slowly. Bigger pieces, like letters for a large sign, need a hotter wire and faster work.

Finally, remember that it always feels good to be recognized for your work. If you like what your decorator does, let her know. Decorator and client often become friends.

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Thread throught the designer clothing maze

By ERIC LAYMAN
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Way back when, the phrase "kids' fashions" would have evoked a quizzical lift of the eyebrows.

Boys got their clothes grubby or torn; on formal occasions, they were press-ganged into suits. Girls were dressier, emulating mother, longing for the day they'd be grown-up enough for lipstick and high heels.

Sure, kids have always had fads. Back then, though, while the look counted, the label was non-essential.

Today, fads change faster; kids are brand-conscious; and designer proliferation breeds parental confusion.

Lewis Jordan of Jordan's Apparel (416-667-1175), and Susan Young of Amore Children's Boutique (416-654-8117), have watched kids' fashions for years; they now have adult customers who were originally brought in by their parents. Let them help you thread your way through the maze of labels.

Jordan, who specializes in boys' and young men's wear, finds it harder to order nowadays, but welcomes the challenge. Designer labels bring people in, he says, though most of his stock bears the store's label. While he appeals to all budgets, he's noticed high-end articles doing better.

He recalls when parents brought a boy in, and the boy wanted to "get it over with" in a hurry. Usually, a parent first scouts the store, then brings their son in later; but now, boys look over what's available, and ask for things.

Like boys, fewer men now treat dressing up as a painful duty. They're more fashion-aware, under pressure to dress up from peers and wives, and discovering that fashion is fun.

Kids identify with peers

Nor, Jordan adds, is there one single trend anymore. Through labels, kids identify with their peers.

Some like pants that hang over the shoe; others don't. The tendency to school uniforms, besides counteracting deliberate sloppiness or ugliness, bucks designer mania, making it easier for parents to buy.

Amore tries to carry children's wear that moves an adult to say: "I'd wear that if it were my size."

Men and boys decide faster, Young says; most women and girls look at many more items before buying. Dads are coming in more with moms, she adds.

Moms, observes Young, contribute to designer mania when they demand designer baby clothes. On the other hand, there's a trend to combine variety with economy, by buying mix-and-match outfits.

Jordan sees parties, back-to-school time and graduation as fashion focal points.

Young is ordering spring goods now: they're delivered in February. People shop early, before spring break and the season of Pesach, weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs and bridal showers.

Boys' single-breasted three-piece high-vest suits in darker colors are "in", observes Jordan, with black for formal wear. Popular formal labels are Perry Ellis, Jordan, Cooper, and Christian Dior for shirts. For casuals, Hilfiger is losing ground to Nautica and Polo.

For men, Jordan sees a resurgence in single-breasted suits (double-breasted for die-hards), in greys and blue stripes. Tuxedos are doing well.

In outerwear, sport jackets and blazers in microsuede, a fabric with texture like peach skin, are popular. Trench coats and bomber jackets are going strong.

Boys' spring suits, says Young, will be in black, grey and cream-based colours.

Spring is Amore's season for boys' suits, sportswear, dress pants and blazers, with Perry Ellis and Christian Dior shirts ranking high.

Shirts, ties showing more colour

In contrast with suits, both clothiers agree, shirts and ties are showing more colour. Young specifies shirt colours like taupe, mustard, French blue and steel-grey, and says boys will be going for vibrant silk ties.

Girls this spring, Young says, will be into coloured linen skirts, dresses and jackets; the Mimi line from Italy is very popular.

For girls' dresses and suits in innovative designs, Young extols Elvira Valley; for snowsuits and other Canadian outerwear, the Deux Par Deux line.

Young says kids like high-end European designer wear: Jean Bourget and Marèse for girls; Miniman for baby clothes that imitate little boys' clothes; Catamini for detail in weaving, stitching and quilting. These lines have co-ordinating hats, jackets and socks for boys, tights and berets for girls.

Winter outerwear, thinks Young, is mainly for comfort, warmth and staying dry. For infants, though, the fashion element is stronger: there are plenty of good-looking snowsuits, leggings, velour or fleece tops, warm hats, scarves and mitts.

For evening wear, winter cannot usurp the sovereignty of fashion.

The mix of elegant and casual which girls will be wearing much of the time, Young believes, will include double jersey pants, cotton velour tops, dresses with co-ordinating tights, and three-piece outfits with pants, top and vest or sweater.

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With every tick of the clock, we are inching closer to the stroke of midnight, Dec. 31.

We cheerfully got swept up in the media frenzy of millennium mishigas and asked our current crop of stars to share their Y2K party fantasies, while predicting how they will most likely ring in the New Year.

Daniel Richler

Linda Frum

• Songbird **Amy Sky** chuckles: "My fantasy party would be somewhere warm, with my husband, our parents, my brothers and sisters, and all the children, taking over an entire hotel on some friendly tropical island, with plenty of babysitters in tow. And of course, there'd be lots of good, kosher, vegetarian food!"

The odds of this are "absolutely zero," Sky says, as she will be performing a double bill with Burton Cummings in a concert in Winnipeg. (Not exactly a tropical isle at the best of times!).

"I'll get off the stage about 10, and I'll be with my husband and children as the clock strikes 12 on New Year's Eve."

• Actor **Maury Chakin**, (A&E's Nero Wolfe) cracks: "I see myself on a private jet to Karachi, Pakistan. I think it would be wild – particularly if the military government was still in power.

"The reality thing…well, I'll probably wind up in Toronto, desperate to find a babysitter on New Year's Eve and questioning whether it would be fun to go to a party. We usually wind up going and it's kind of depressing.

"With the millennium, it's a very special year, but the fact is, it's probably going to be much like any other year…"

• Author and columnist **Linda Frum** of the *National Post* says, "My brother has been invited to a party in the Polish countryside, which we are discussing attending. I asked him why we would do this. He said, 'Our forbears were desperate to get out of Poland, and here we are desperate to find a flight in.' And that has a certain symmetry to it.

"But the reality is that we'll probably just have a family dinner here in Toronto. I have always hated New Year's, and this one extra-much! What exactly are we so happy about? The passage of time in and of itself… is a bittersweet fact."

When told that's a melancholy thought, Linda laughed, "Well, I'm Jewish, I've earned my credentials here."

Maury Chakin

• Author and broadcast journalist **Daniel Richler** teases: "I've got my Y2K citizen's handbook, and I've been hoarding everything from kosher matzah to champagne, anticipating the worst!

"In reality, my wife Jill wants to wake up our little one-year-old girl at midnight, and bring her down to whatever party we're having, just so that later we can tell her the story of whatever she did on the dawn of this new millennium. But she won't remember a thing, so I don't really see the point."

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Party Planner

Put plenty of thought into booking a hall

By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

Planning a big party? One of the first things you'll do is hire a hall. Here, Mordohay Altcheh of Pinnacle (416-650-0566) and Susan Zikman Wise of The Luxor (416-635-8967) offer some tips on choosing your hall, and making the best use of its facilities.

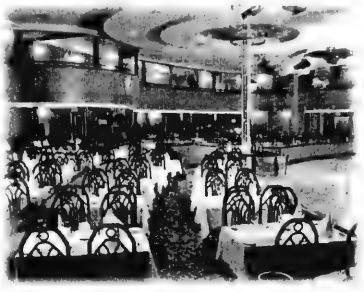
As part of being well organized, book as far ahead as possible: six months, even a year. Since the best locales are in demand, it's the way to be sure you get the one you want.

One of the first things to find out is whether there is a liquor licence. If not, you'll need a Special Occasions Permit.

Decor and ambience count too. Basic considerations of space and cleanliness aside, this isn't totally a matter of taste. How well, for example, will the venue adapt to innovative decoration ideas you might introduce?

Another important factor is acoustics. Sound and light systems are a bonus. Entertainers appreciate a good stage and acoustics, and find it easier to give you their best. Those with speeches to make appreciate good acoustics, too.

Older halls, built before loudspeakers and sound systems were common, often have the best acoustics. On the other hand, many contemporary buildings have good acoustics, too; and for lighting and layout, many newer halls are better.



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Ask whether there's an in-house caterer. If you like that caterer, you benefit from not having to bring one in; and the larger the event, the more you'll want to minimize your worries about logistics.

A hall with no in-house caterer should be able to recommend someone. On the other hand, you may prefer your own choice of outside caterer, whom you've worked with before. In that case, you accept extra logistic concerns as part of the bargain.

In any case, you'll want a hall that works well with other professionals, like rental companies and light technicians – though they should let you bring in your own people if you prefer, and work with your event co-ordinators.

Indeed, the hall manager's job is not unlike the co-ordinator's.

If the hall does cater, there are other questions to ask. Along with kashruth, you may want to ask about special menus for guests with allergies, or on a meat or dairy-free diet.

Find a venue with different kinds and sizes of room – not necessarily just the right size and ambience for the affair you're planning now. If they give good service for this event, they'll probably do so for another occasion, down the road.

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In this connection, too, look for a hall with experience in different types and styles of event. Not every venue is equally adaptable.

With new anti-smoking laws coming in, you may want a locale with a cigar lounge or smoking room. Otherwise, accept the fact that periodically, some of your guests will be stepping out for a puff.

Make sure your hall doesn't scrimp on details: they influence how an event flows, and how happy the guests are at the end of the evening.

Check out services like valet parking and hat checking. And do you need a venue with wheelchair access or other disability facilities?

Look for a place that hosts fewer events, but puts more effort into each.

This is better from the hall staff's viewpoint too: if the staff is more attentive to the client, the client is more willing to listen to the staff.

Location is important; for example, closeness to hotels for out-of-town guests. Weigh the advantages of downtown versus suburbia. Suburban locales are usually newer buildings, with ample parking. Downtown parking costs can be heavy, especially if you have to take a taxi from your parking spot.

The other side of the coin is that a downtown venue will be close to other places – say, the Hockey Hall of Fame, if your bar mitzvah boy wants that to be part of his simchah.

Make sure the hall manager gives you plenty of say in your event; but let the hall manager have input too. You, the client, are king; but a good king listens to his advisors.

The hall should delegate a responsible person to be on hand throughout your event. A touchstone for whether you want to work with them might be: do you like the hall person enough to have them at your party?

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Perk up your perfect party with a portable bar

By ERIC LAYMAN
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Party industry ideas show no signs of running dry. Among the latest is the portable bar. Leslie Ng of Elixir (416-283-3567) and Marc Newman of Decadent Martini (416-993-1072) have each taken this idea in different, interesting directions.

The portable bar is designed to be more fun, more innovative than a traditional bar, and more sophisticated than a table and coolers full of bottles. Each bar, besides offering the services of professional bartenders, is a visual conversation piece.

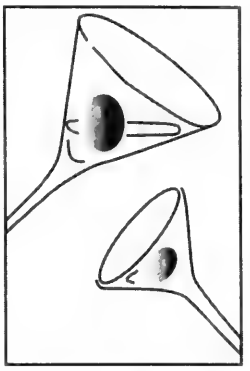
In 1993, soon after earning a nutritional science degree, Ng founded Panic Entertainment for nightclub events. He made Panic a success, and has since opened the Kubo Restaurant. He also started a new business, Elixir, with the idea of offering a portable bar for private events.

Agnes is a double-decker champagne bar mounted on two four-foot acrylic champagne glasses. In the most dimly lit locale, it stands out. Ice stored in the glasses creates a glowing effect when the lights in the bottoms of the glasses are turned on.

Agnes is named for champagne; and there are two other specialty bars, Tina for Martinis, and Rita for Margaritas. Elixir also serves wine, beer, scotch or any other drink clients want, including specialty coffees and juice bars. Elixir will even invent new drinks.

Much of Elixir's work is in venues other than nightclubs. The company does parties, product launches, fundraisers, store openings, corporate events, family celebrations and other gatherings, for 20 guests or 1,200, Ng says.

Ng counts among his clients CIBC, Gap, Holt Renfrew and the Toronto International Film Festival.



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He says he takes great pride in turning any corporate function into a full-scale party.

This often means creating special drink menus for the occasion, named for employees or work-related themes, he says, noting that on one menu, some drinks were named Heather Wallbanger, Rob's Semi-Virgin Sangria and Ferguson's Frothy Friend.

Up to 10 freelance bartenders can join Ng at his events. Elixir looks after everything from stemware rental to Special Occasion Permits. He says he works closely with caterers. In fact, he calls his service "full catering, minus the food."

Elixir aims to make your event more special, in a way that doesn't cost much more, Ng says. "All you have to do is have a good time."

Marc Newman came to his portable bar business through the restaurant business. He knows every side of this business, having worked for 12 years in jobs ranging from busboy to bartender.

He says a good bartender, besides mixing drinks properly, has certain personal qualities – he's gracious, patient, and a good listener; he has a sense of humour; and he knows when to be gentle, firm or both. This is a vital part of what Newman offers you through Decadent Martini.

If Ng is a Renaissance man of mixed drinks, Newman is a specialist. While he does full bars too, Newman's specialty is Martinis. He has created 150 original recipes.

Newman's Decadent Martini bar is made of gleaming stainless steel, with interesting latticework patterns on the outside. All the shelves are on the inside. The bar has three three-foot sections which can be used to form a unit nine feet straight across, or three sides of an octagon.

Decadent Martini takes care of glassware, ice, garnishes, juices and soft drinks. The service does not include the cost of the alcohol itself, but the company will buy it for clients. Newman always over-purchases, just to be on the safe side, he says. The customer either keeps whatever is left over, or Decadent Martini will return it, he adds.

Decadent Martini will do whatever kind of event clients want, be it a corporate theme party or a family reunion. For up to 40 or 50 guests, he hires one bartender, for anything beyond that, he sends at least two people. Newman says he has had up to seven stations and 10 staff at an event, but with no more than two people at one station.

Book two or three weeks ahead, Newman advises. This gives him time, he says, to consult with you, scout out your venue, and work out the logistics.

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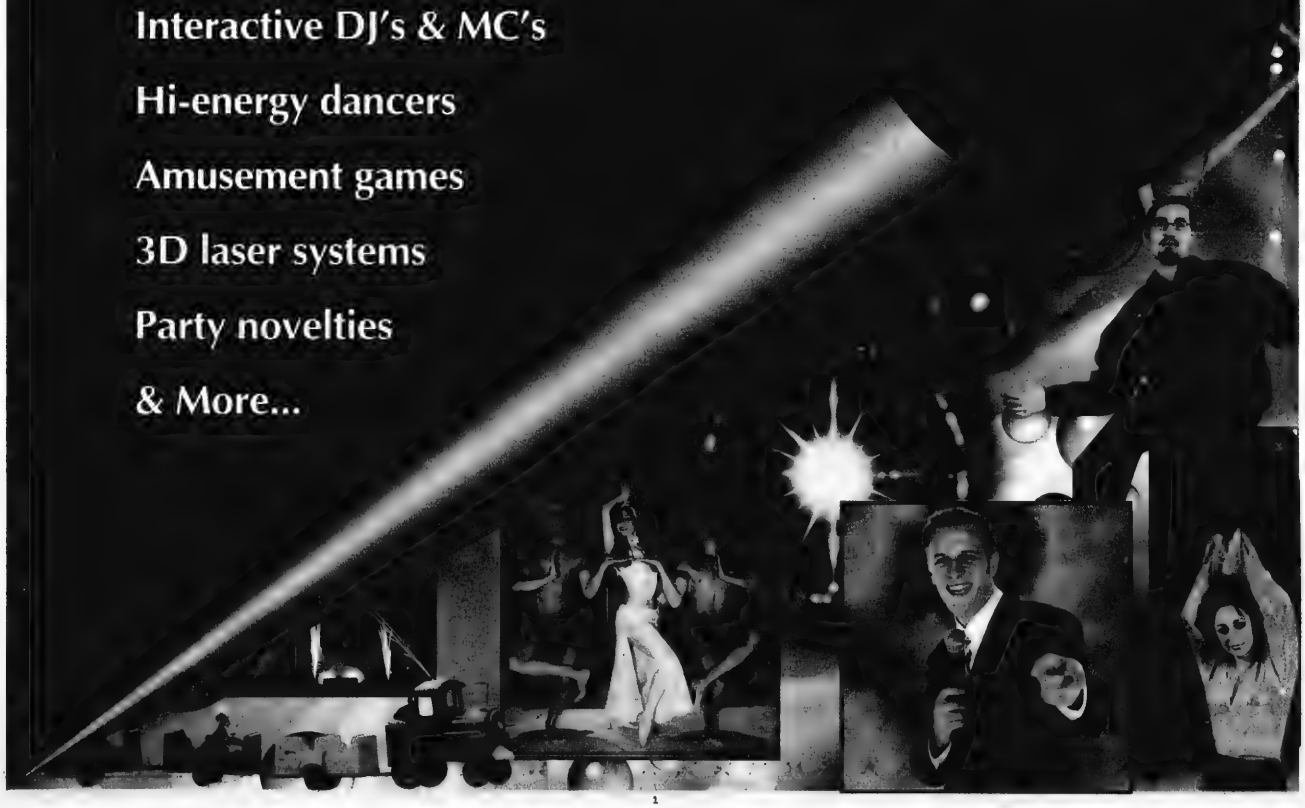

Party Planner

A musician or band can make or break a good party

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

The difference between hiring a full-time, professional band, and a band made up of part-timers, is like the difference between driving a Rolls Royce and a Volkswagen, says Harvey Seigel, of the Fabulous Harvey Seigel Band and Speak-Easy Jazz Band (782-9202).

"Musicians who play together full time are attuned to each other. Everything moves in a fluid motion just as if it has been choreographed. People who come together just for the evening, cannot achieve the flowing motion," says Seigel, a band leader for 40 years.

Isaac Oziel, leader of Nu-Rhythm Band (905-882-5044) says that the advantage of hiring a band, is that musicians can "change things around on the spot. If you get a request from a Scottish relative, for example, the band can put something together. A disc jockey cannot just pull something out of his case.

"Guests also like to watch a live performance. Even those who may not be dancing, like to stand around and watch the band perform. They are watching an act, rather than just listening to music," says Oziel.

Seigel, whose band plays music that spans from the '20s to contemporary tunes says there is nothing like live music. "Guests can feel a band's excitement."

He says he can build his band depending on the client's needs. "Too much sound is as bad as not having enough sound. We make sure we know how many guests will be at the party, the size of the room, the height of the ceilings, and whether the walls are mirrored. All these things affect the sound.

"The sound also has to vary throughout the evening. During dinner, the band needs to play at dinner level so guests can talk normally," says Seigel.

Oziel says that he relies on input from his client when planning the music for the party, but he is always prepared to change direction. "It is my job to call which tune to play, and when. I watch the crowd and judge its reaction."

Seigel tries to find out as much as he can about the guests before the event "so we can plan the music. We ask questions about people who are giving speeches, so we can play appropriate music while they are speaking. For a Blue Jays fan, for instance, we'll play baseball music. We want guests to feel at home, like we are part of their family.

"We've had brides who have asked us to play only contemporary music, but I tell them they need music for their grandmothers, for their aunts...everyone has to have music."

Book the band as soon as you've booked the hall, says Seigel. "The band is the most important part of the party. Give the guests hamburgers and water, and give them an incredible band, and they'll remember the band.

"A band is in complete control of whether or not your evening is a success. People always remember if they danced and had fun."

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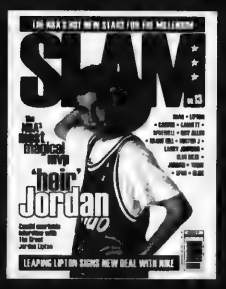

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Registries: a win-win situation

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Registries take the guesswork out of giving gifts.

"The bride and groom make the selection and let the guests know what they want," says Suzanne Savage, national co-ordinator for gift registries at the Bay (416-861-6080).

It is a win-win situation, says Savage. "The newlyweds get what they need, and the guests save the time and aggravation of finding the perfect gift."

When making their choices, customers are taken through a process, says Savage. "We find out how many guests there will be, how much they might spend on a gift, and how many showers or engagement parties there will be.

"We begin our choice from there, and make sure there is enough selection, so every guest can find something to give."

Barbara Ackerman, owner of The Cook's Place (416-461-5211), a kitchen store located at 488 Danforth Ave., says that when a couple comes to the store – more and more grooms are getting involved in the selection process, she says – staff can help them "start from scratch.

"We ask questions about their lifestyle, such as if they eat a lot of pasta, how important low fat is to them. Or will they do a lot of entertaining? We start from there."

Knowing the size of the kitchen is also important, she says. "We have a set of stainless steel, stackable pots and pans from Italy. They'd be great for a small area."

Knowing the size of the kitchen is also important

It is important for registry consultants to develop a rapport with their clients, says Savage. "We need to ask questions. Will they do business entertaining? Do they have a large extended family? Answers to these questions affect what the couple will choose."

The trend today seems to be more casual, in the kitchen and the rest of the house, says Savage. "Couples are looking for less fine china and more casual dinnerware. Even in bedroom linens, they are choosing jacquard rather than flowery patterns," says Savage.

People who don't need the basics, she says, may choose luggage, vacuum cleaners, radios and televisions – anything at all for the home.

When a couple chooses the gifts, the list is stored on the computer, and things can be added or deleted as needed, says Ackerman. She donates 10 percent of the purchases to the customer's favourite registered charity.

"We are very flexible. We keep the couple updated, and if there happens to be duplications, there is no problem returning gifts."

Savage, who suggests coming in to register about three or four months before the wedding, says that 75 to 80 percent of all brides are now registering for gifts.

"Six years ago, only 39 percent were registering. I think that is because people seem to be busier now. There is not as much time to shop for gifts.

"Registering makes a big different to everyone's lives. Guests can phone, or shop on the Internet, and they know they're giving a gift that is needed and wanted.

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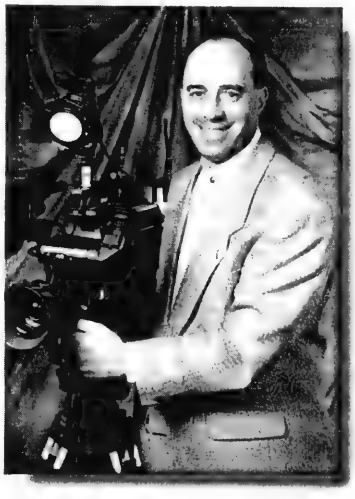

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Lasting beauty expresses a lasting commitment

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Everyone knows how highly gifts of jewelry are valued. Because we give jewelry to special people on special occasions, buying it is emotionally charged. Someone purchasing a graduation watch or engagement ring may find it hard to be objective about the economics involved.

With a few guidelines, however, it's easier to make a well-considered purchase. George Klein of George Klein Creations (416-730-1755), and Michel Korman of Laurentian Jewellers (416-782-3588), offer some tips to bear in mind.

In choosing a jeweller, urges Korman, go by reputation: choose someone who's been in business for years. And make sure you get genuine crafted work, custom made on the jeweller's bench, Klein advises. Not every jewel merchant is a jeweller.

Fine jewelry lasts almost forever. This durability, plus beauty and rarity, give precious metals and stones intrinsic value: we cherish them, not for use, but esthetic worth. This is the ultimate source of their monetary value, and their worth as status symbols.

Korman points out that with any other item, say a new coat, its monetary value begins to decline the moment you purchase it: it becomes second-hand. Precious metals and stones, in contrast, maintain or increase monetary value in the long run, despite short-term price fluctuations.

Klein believes that the symbol of a lasting commitment should itself be both beautiful and durable. As a craftsman, he finds great pleasure in the creative challenge of custom work. And in the design phase, you the customer have your own role to play in guiding this creativity.

A piece of jewelry, Korman emphasizes, is a blind item: one whose worth you cannot tell just by looking. And Klein, besides warning against machine-stamped, mass-assembled goods, cites hollow goods as an instance of how the untrained eye can be fooled.

Hollow goods are paper-thin, not solid through and through. Though they look fine, they wear out fast, and are so costly to repair that buying them is a false economy (aside from which, they contain less precious metal than genuine goods of similar size).

There is one test the layman can apply: a hollow piece feels light as a feather when you pick it up. This, however, is no substitute for appraisal.

As with real estate, so with jewelry, Korman advises: whether buying or selling, don't go to a jeweller for appraisal. A prospective buyer tends to undervalue a piece, so as to pay less, whereas a seller tends to overvalue it.

For an objective estimate, see a professional appraiser. (If you're having a prospective purchase appraised, of course, the jeweller will want collateral while it's outside his store.)

A jeweller, Klein says, buys precious metal by weight in grams. In his selling price, while weight is one factor, workmanship is equally essential. And as fine custom work takes time, he advises ordering at least two or three weeks ahead.

Custom work begins with design, then continues with the time-consuming stage of a precise wax carving. The wax is then used to make a mold. Then comes an ancient technique, the lost wax process: molten metal poured into the mold melts the wax, pushes it out and replaces it.

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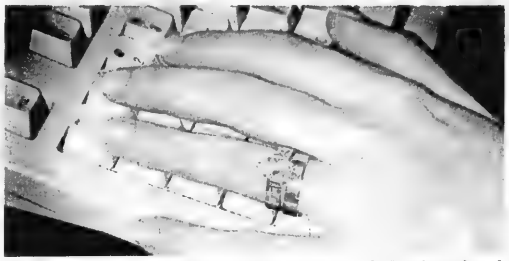

The symbol of commitment should be beautiful. [E. Dunbar photo]

A jeweller, says Klein, has to know precious stones as well as precious metals. The metals are mainly gold and its alloys: white gold (gold and nickel), red or pink gold (gold and copper), and green gold (gold and silver). Some work is also done in platinum and silver.

Oh, and don't confuse "carat" with "karat." A carat is a measure of weight in diamonds, equal to .200 metric grams. A karat is a measure of the purity of gold: 24-karat gold is 100 percent pure, 18-karat 75 percent, etc.

According to Klein, bracelets, necklaces, rings, earrings and pendants are perennially popular gifts. As to stones, he includes tanzanite and emeralds along with diamonds.

For men, and women too now, Korman observes, watches are favourite graduation, Father's Day and Mother's Day gifts. For anniversaries, diamond tennis bracelets are favored, as is the eternity band, a ring with diamonds all around.

For bar and bat mitzvahs, says Korman, watches, rings and silver ID bracelets are still popular. So is the add-a-cube, a bracelet of 14-karat gold letters to spell out initials. Each letter is a cube, and slides onto a chain.

Other jewellers advertising in this supplement are: The Earring Gallery, 905-763-2210; Heart to Find Designs, 905-731-1092; Karats Fine Jewellery, 416-494-6655; Lawrence Toolan Fine Jewellery, 905-771-6803.

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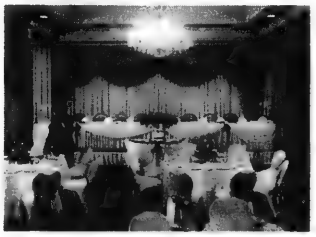

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All your shopping in one party shop

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

Where can you find row upon row of balloons, napkins, plates and table covers?

At one-stop party shops.

One such store, Party City, carries two types of merchandise: goods for personal events like birthdays or anniversaries, and goods for seasonal events like Halloween or Chanukah.

Often, people planning a party forget the "seemingly insignificant items," like frilled toothpicks to put on fruit platters, said Michael Shneer, president of the Canadian company of Party City (905-771-9438).

To help shoppers, Party City offers free party planning check lists.

Shneer advises that before they head out to a party shop, consumers should know approximately how many guests will be attending their party and what will be served. This information can make a huge difference in a shopper's choice of purchases, he says.

For example, if hot foods will be served, plastic, not paper, plates should be bought.

Shneer also recommends purchasing more items than you need.

"The last thing you want is to run out," he said. "We'll take back anything you don't use."

The advantage of shopping at one-stop party shops is that you can purchase items in large quantities, he said.

Steven Dennis, owner of Dominion Smallwares Inc. (416-665-9526), specializes in party giveaways – items traditionally given out by DJs on the dance floor at bar and bat mitzvahs – such as maracas, costume jewelry, noise makers, sunglasses and inflatable guitars.

On average, parents should expect to spend between $300 and $500 on bar mitzvah giveaways, he said but added that there are variables which must be considered in calculating costs, such as how many children will be attending and the parents' budget.

Glow products, such as glow necklaces, earrings and sticks are probably the number 1 selling item right now, he said

"They've been all the rage at raves for a number of years and now the popularity has spread to the bar mitzvah circuit," he said.

Other one-stop party shops advertising in this supplement are: Balloon Bash, 905-707-8177/78; Dominion Smallwares, 416-665-9526; Kosher and Natural Foods, 416-789-7173; Party Supply Depot, 905-764-5457; Tyme to Party, 905-737-2789; Venture Warehouse Sales Inc., 905-709-4370.

One-stop party shops are a convenient way to shop for party favours. [Both pictures suppled by Party City.]

Party consultants are quiet insurance policy

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

Ensuring that matches are on the table for the candle-lighting ceremony.

Finding zayde in the washroom two minutes before he is due to speak.

Making sure the camera is rolling when the speeches begin.

These may seem like simple tasks, but when they are overlooked, they can spoil a party.

Enter the party consultants or event co-ordinators.

These co-ordinators are "a quiet insurance policy that everything flows the way you want it to happen. They provide support and calm reassurance," says Shaindy Cohen Goldstein, who has been an event co-ordinator for six years (416-781-1064).

The co-ordinator is the front-line soldier when emergency strikes, she says.

"You come prepared with your many potions, list of supplies you have, your sewing kit, list of what chemicals remove what stains from what fabrics, your nail polishes and powders. It's a big emergency kit you carry with you," she says.

Because we've all heard the horror stories: The wrong table cloths are delivered; important people don't show up; fuses in the sound system blow; or a bridesmaid appears in a torn or stained dress.

But co-ordinators don't just fix emergencies – they prevent them.

"It's somebody [to be there] so that if there's an emergency, you won't even know it happened," she says.

Even before the big event, the consultant performs a variety of tasks, from helping select musicians, photographers, florists and caterers to finding ways of cutting financial corners.

This is one reason why Karen Garscadden, co-owner of Up & Coming Events (905-886-8148), advises against hiring a consultant just for the night of the party.

If the planner just shows up the night of the party, she probably hasn't taken care of pre-party details, such as confirming that musicians and caterers will show up.

She probably hasn't had time to find out what the family wants for the party, and as a result, she may end up running to the host every time she has a question, in which case, "what's the point in having a party planner?" Garscadden says.

On the positive side, when choosing a venue, there are many sites co-ordinators can suggest that the average individual may not have considered, she says.

Ontario Place, the Docks, the CN Tower, the Ontario Science Centre or different restaurants are a change from the banquet halls or restaurants most people think of when they're considering a venue.

So how do you choose the right party co-ordinator?

Look for a party planner whose personality matches your own, Garscadden recommends.

The planner should not be someone who tries to take over the party, but rather someone "who tries to create a party that's reflective of you, the client," she says.

The co-ordinator also often has to be able to cater to a mixed guest list.

Garscadden approaches this challenge by offering activities throughout the night to appeal to everyone.

For kids, she plans games in the foyer, like Black Jack or Wheel of Fortune.

Or she will have the technology available for kids to make their own rock videos or talk in a speakers' corner. Sometimes, she also plans for walk-around performers like balloon artists.

She also plans parts of the evening geared to adults.

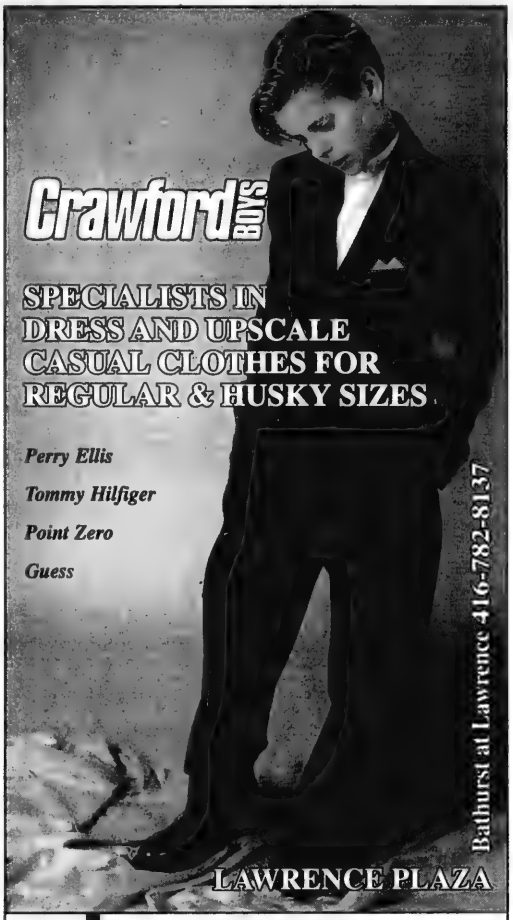
As for how far in advance a person should book a consultant, Garscadden says some people book three weeks in advance, some book three months in advance.

She could not give an exact time, but warned that it is often a bad idea to book a themed party too far in advance because trends change and what's hot today may be passé tomorrow.

While fees vary, Garscadden says consultants generally work for a flat rate.

For people working on a tight budget, a good consultant can help find ways to cut costs without spoiling the look of the party, she says.

Other consultants advertising in this supplement are: Florence Wilder, 416-222-2977; Heidi Gruenspan, 905-738-5030; Judy Stein Bridal Consultant, 905-764-2728; Marla Kay, 905-882-2042; Raquel Sananes-Grad, 416-398-0217; Risa Gold, 905-882-5044; Sarah Cherry, 905-764-7121; Elana Winkler, 905-731-7635.



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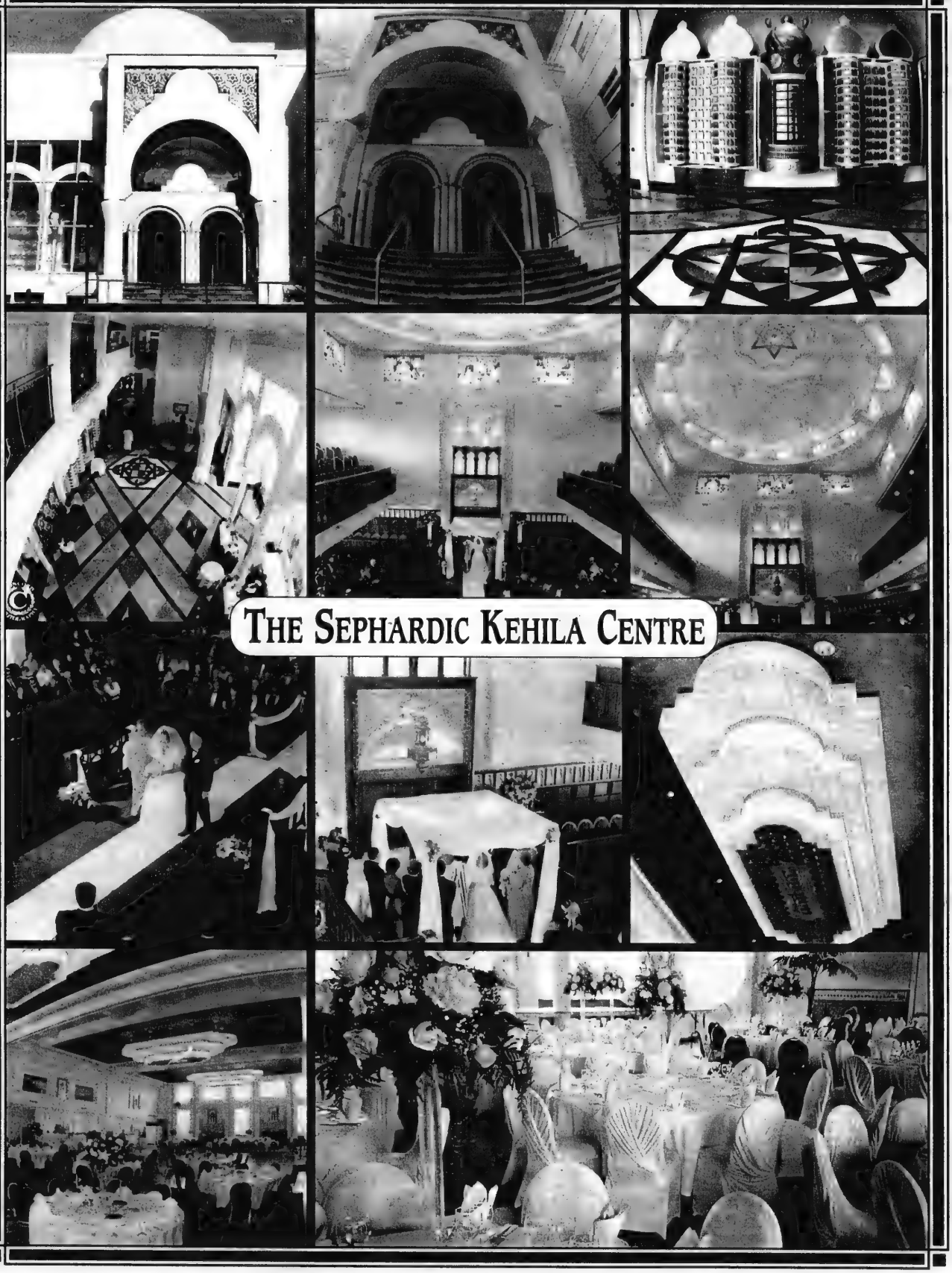
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Capturing your party on film ensures your event's longevity

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Only a video can capture your party in its real form says videographer Richard Saunders, owner of Redstone Pictures (416-256-4666).

"A video catches such things as the important parts of a speech and the crowd's reaction. There is no interpretation – this is what happened.

"A photograph, on the other hand, shows you who spoke. It can also be made into a portrait. Videos and photographs serve two different functions," he says.

Abe Salzman

According to Abe Salzman of Video Affairs Corporation (905-889-0909), videos are important because "you have your entire event to view at any time, show it to people that could not attend, and pass it down to future generations.

"I wish that I had a video of my bar mitzvah to show my children. I no longer have grandparents; it would be wonderful to see them dancing and having a good time," Salzman says.

Saunders advises people against using an amateur videographer at their function. "Hosts need someone dedicated to getting the party on tape. A guest is involved in the party, and not focussed on capturing it on tape."

Professionals, he says, come with expertise and state-of-the-art equipment. "The speeches will not have room noises, pictures will be sharp, and the videographer will not run out of batteries, so full coverage is guaranteed."

A tripod, he says, ensures that the picture is steady and solid.

The latest technology, says Salzman, includes digital cameras and digital, non-linear editing.

"With this equipment, there is virtually no loss in quality from the master digital camera footage to your master digital edited tape. You will see a more detailed, clearer picture and hear improved audio quality even on your VHS copy. The digital quality will be unbelievable when you watch it in the future on a digital television."

Saunders, who just put in his third non-linear editing suite, says that videographers used to put a tape into a machine and edit from one tape onto another. "The parallel to this is the typewriter. If there was a mistake, you had to start over.

"Non-linear editing is like the word processor. You can take any picture or sound and alter it in any way. A perfect video can be made while it is still on the hard drive. You can replace one shot of a bride with another, or fix a speech – the sky is the limit."

Another advantage of the non-linear system, he says, is that there are no copies. "Everyone gets a first-generation master. Every video is of the same quality."

At the party, a videographer with the latest equipment is much less obtrusive, says Saunders. "A digital camera is very sensitive, and so requires less light than older models. As well, the camera is lighter and more power efficient. There is no need for big lights, wires on the floor or large tripods. The videographer does not get in the guests' way."

Salzman says that a videographer should be able to work within most budgets. "A basic videotape is a fully edited version of exactly what happened that day. Higher packages could include growing up pictures, titles, special effects such as slow motion and page turns, and music or animation. The ending could include a several minute recap of the video."

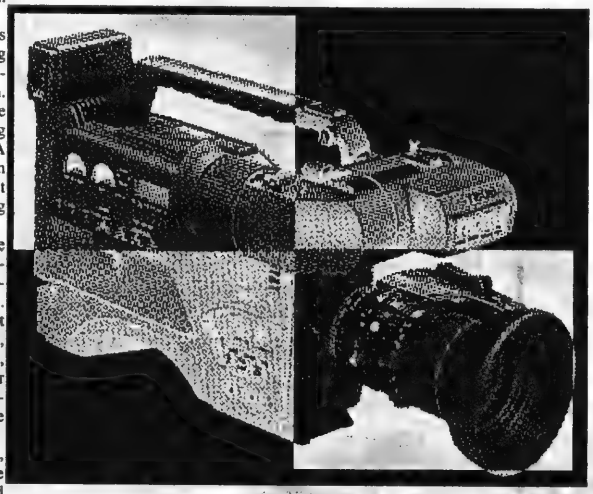
Hosts should ensure that they meet the videographer before making a choice, says Saunders. "The videographer and the client must get along. We are filming things that are very dear to people, and hosts need someone who understands what they want.

"A professional videographer will ask about the size of the party, whether there are grandparents, and if there are any divorces in the family. Professionals will also know the layout of most party rooms, so there will be no surprises when he gets there.

"He should know where the entrances and exits are, where the head table will be situated in relation to the band, and the height of the centrepieces. Knowing all this, makes a huge difference in the quality of the tape," says Saunders.

Before choosing a videographer, says Salzman, insist on seeing a copy of the complete event, not a demo. "People will not see the mistakes in a demo because only the best parts were chosen.

"You must also feel comfortable that the videographer enjoys his work enough that he will go out of his way to capture everything creatively and tastefully," he says.



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A caterer does more than serve food

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Providing food and serving staff is only one part of a caterer's function says Miriam Myerowitz, owner of Miriam's Table (416-633-6554).

Myerowitz, the exclusive caterer at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, who also does private parties, says that her company offers a complete catering needs program. "If clients desire, they can leave everything in our hands, such as hiring the florist, videographer, disc jockey and decorations person. We can even keep track of the reply cards."

Myerowitz says she started her full-affair service about 25 years ago in Calgary when an out-of-country client wanted everything done for her. "She gave me her colour scheme, and we took it from there."

Craig Gruzd, catering manager at the Sephardic Kehila Centre (905-669-7654), says he has an in-house decorator who can theme the event "from the parking lot to the cocktail lounge to the banquet hall."

He has done a tennis themed party, in which the dance floor was taped to look like a tennis court. "There was a 15-foot-high tennis court with large racquets on either side, and the head table had spectators behind it. The dessert was shaped like a racquet with mango ice cream as the tennis ball."

When clients come to see her at Beth David's newly renovated banquet facilities, Myerowitz shows them a 12-minute video outlining her services. "They view the table settings, linens and china, and even see the chef working in the kitchen. It really shows them what we're all about."

Budget is a large concern when planning a function, says Myerowitz, and she makes sure that there are "no surprises. We keep track of exactly what everything costs, right down to the tablecloths, and we can easily make a beautiful party on a higher or lower end budget."

Miriam's Table is the exclusive caterer at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue.

Clients choose whether they want a buffet or sit-down affair, depending how elegant or casual they want the party to be.

"They can have French service with two serving staff working together at the tables, or family service where every table has a mini-buffet. This is a happy medium between the formality of French service and the more informal buffet.

"As well, clients can choose plate service, in which the plate is made up in the kitchen and served to the guests. Again, this is less than French service."

Menus are much lighter than five years ago, says Myerowitz. "Forget those heavy meals. I've had clients serving sea bass teriyaki, Oriental salmon and chicken verte – a French recipe done in green salsa – or herbed, grilled chicken breast done in mango chutney.

"We can also serve vegan, macrobiotic, vegetarian – whatever the client desires. We always make more than the client requests, because other guests see the dish and want to try it.

"A lot of guests have special health needs, and in order to accommodate them, the head of the serving staff spends time with the cook during the week so she knows exactly what is in the food. She can answer any food-related question."

Gruzd, who works with banquet manager Joe Boussidan, says that at the Kehila Centre, there is a chef from Sweden, a South African chef, and a Moroccan chef who caters to Moroccan tastes.

"We serve a variety of food, from the basic to the more exciting, such as Mongolian fire chicken done in Cajun spices. The main course at a vegetarian meal could be chick-pea ragout.

"We do nut-free, wheat-free or egg-free dishes. Customized catering is a large part of our business," says Gruzd

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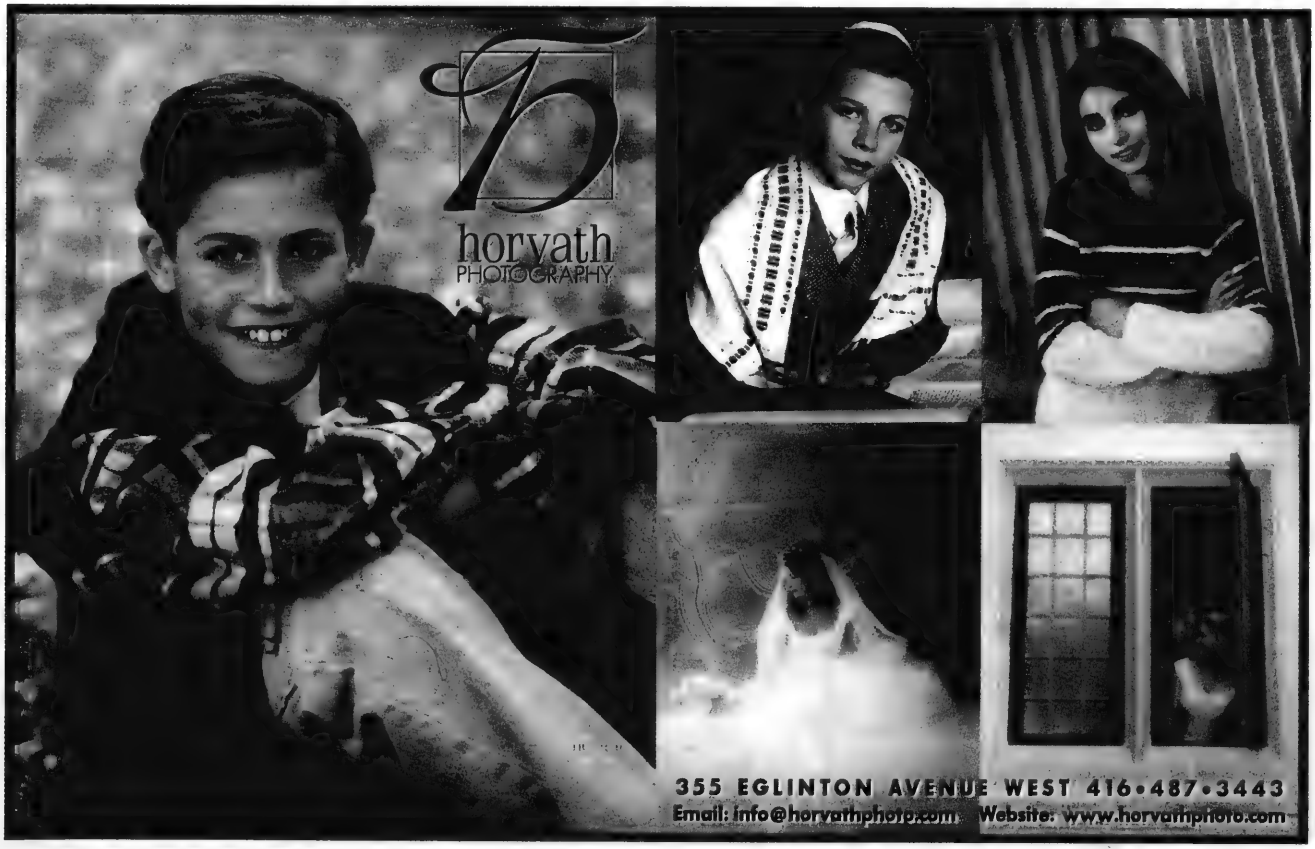

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Choosing photographer not a snap!

By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

The photos taken at your special occasion should be of the finest quality.

When the music is faded memory and the menu long forgotten, you'll still have those snapshots and portraits to remind you why this day was different from every other.

Accordingly, you'll be choosing your photographer with care.

Experienced professionals Sam Sciarrino of Horvath Photography (416-487-3443), and Paul Laszlo of Twins Photography (905-660-7385), offer some pointers on making this choice.

Some of the qualities you want, such as integrity, expertise and experience, you seek in any specialist. Likewise love of one's work: the best professional is one who makes their work a vocation, not just a job.

They don't let personality clashes impede their work. They know how to bridge generation gaps. They have good rapport with their own staff, as well as the other professionals working at a party. And an experienced professional who has worked with many others, can refer you to the best ones.

Respect recommendations from friends and relatives: both Sciarrino and Laszlo ascribe most of their business to referrals. Laszlo has photographed as many as three or four members of the same family on different occasions.

Sciarrino places great importance on the first thing you'll notice about a photographer's work: its style. Everyone's approach and technique is individual; and ultimately, finding the style that speaks to you is a matter of the heart.

On the other hand, Sciarrino points out, a paid professional works primarily for you, the client. Only secondarily are their photos a testimony to their own talent.

As to what's "in" now, Sciarrino observes that black and white is still popular, though not for everything. Casual photographs, posed but not prim, are more popular than candid shots — though these too have their place, for their humour and revealing quality.

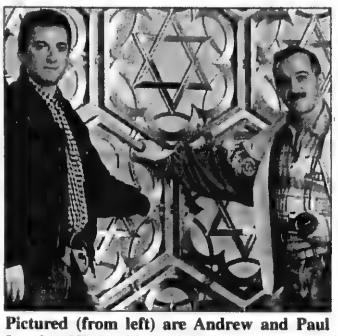
Come to the studio and see the albums and folios, insists Laszlo, who won't book anyone or quote prices on the phone where you can't see what you're buying. The albums and folios are there to show you the work the photographer is proudest of.

To be thorough, look at a complete set of proofs for one occasion, even though this can mean up to 300: your photographer is important enough to spend a few hours on. Check out his equipment, too. Laszlo considers equipment important enough to get expert advice on.

If Laszlo were choosing a photographer, he'd book six to 12 months ahead.

Sciarrino would go as far as two years if your event is at a peak time.

After that first meeting, Sciarrino advises, plan a later meeting to discuss the preliminary schedule; meet again once the schedule is confirmed; then confer a few days before the event, to attend to details. Meanwhile, the photographer will stay in touch with the other professionals at your party.



Pictured (from left) are Andrew and Paul Laszlo of Twins Photo & Video.

A small studio may give you more personal attention, suggests Sciarrino.

Your celebration is unique; nothing about it should be mass-produced.

Someone who limits engagements to one or two a day can give you more time and energy than someone who tries to squeeze in as many clients as they can.

Both Laszlo and Sciarrino see working with a party professional as a two-way street. To give you their best, keep them informed of anything that affects their work, such as a change of venue, which would entail changes in lighting and layout. (If they don't know your venue, they'll scout it out in advance.)

Both photographers also stress the importance of reliability in logistics, and providing for the unexpected. Backup film and batteries, for example, can spell the difference between the success and failure of an occasion.

A good party photographer, besides taking good pictures, relates well to your guests, and usually stays for the whole event. They won't push people to be photographed, says Laszlo, though they can gently encourage them. This can be important if, say, the bar or bat mitzvah kid is shy.

A good photographer can do fine work on a modest budget. Pay close attention to exactly what you get in packages; and remember that you get what you pay for.

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The digital event system includes a high- end Kodak digital camera and a specialized Kodak printer running with a laptop computer that uses a customized Kodak PC Event software package. One of these systems alone can easily produce over two hundred 5" x 7" photographs in the course of a normal evening affair lasting four to five hours. Some of the other products they produce include trading cards, backstage passes, ID tags and 8" x 10" posters, all presented in a variety of attractive stand-up acrylic frames or folders. They are even capable of producing CD covers, photo mugs, T-shirts and mousepads! With seven of these systems available and an equal number of specially trained event crews, they are often performing their magic at six or seven parties every Saturday and Sunday night throughout the year. During the week it's golf tournaments, trade shows, award dinners, fund raisers, graduations, proms, camps and sporting events. At a typical evening affair the system is set up in the ballroom or in the cocktail reception area. As the guests arrive, they are politely requested to pose for the camera, either alone, as couples, or in groups. Once your picture has been taken, the image is transferred from the camera to the computer, where the operator approves it and immediately begins to process the pictures. Quite often, up to a hundred guests can be photographed before the dinner begins. The shooting and processing goes on throughout the party and by the time the main course is over, the completed pictures are arranged on a display table for the guests to pick up as they leave. At the 1999 Thornlea Secondary School Prom, 450 students and teachers were amazed to go home with their special photos the same evening and every year at the annual Mel Lastman Charity Golf Tournament, over 600 golfers receive a personalized photo bag tag which is waiting for them on their dinner tables before the round of golf is over. The Oakdale Golf & Country Club recently held a 70's Swing Dance Night for their members. The gift that night was a complimentary CD compilation of 70's hits that featured each guest's picture on the inside cover of the CD.

After doing this for ten years, Irv still hears the same gratifying comments at every event, what a great idea and isn't it amazing what computers can do today? Not only do the guests go home with a very special souvenir, but they are treated to an entertainment spectacle, as many guests will stand around the computer to be dazzled by the speed of the imaging process and to marvel at the outstanding quality of the digital photography. **M&A Photovideo Inc.** often gets two or three calls on the Monday following an event from guests inquiring about their own upcoming party, Nadel says, and this is how the business has grown, mostly by word of mouth from satisfied customers! They also receive many referrals from a number of event planners and co-ordinators in the Toronto area. Their corporate client list has become so extensive that they now have trained operators with their own systems in Montreal, Calgary, Ottawa, Edmonton and Vancouver and several in the United States, as well. They recently co-ordinated an event in Las Vegas on behalf of the American Ski Company, owners of several high profile resorts throughout the U.S.

At weddings, M&A offers personalized instant digital thank-you cards, group photos and Wedding Bell magazine covers featuring the bride and groom as well as the guests. They also can provide a digital/audio CD visual presentation of the day's events and/or a life-story of the bride and groom including historical family photos. M&A also has a number of professional portrait photographers on staff to help you with your most special day.

The newest innovation being offered this year by **M&A Photovideo** is their exclusive Blue Screen "Chroma-merge" Technology. This system has the subject being photographed in front of a solid coloured screen. The image is then lifted out of the screen and superimposed into any other scene. Imagine being photographed at the Beth Emeth Synagogue and then seeing yourself in front of the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem or standing in the ring with a WWF Superstar. There is no limit to where you can go with your imagination using this technology. One of their recent Bar Mitzvah boys had himself pictured with Pamela Anderson on the cover of TV Guide and another future NHL'er was featured facing off at centre ice in Maple Leaf Gardens. M&A is starting to get calls about this year's New Year's Eve Millennium parties, so call soon to make a reservation.

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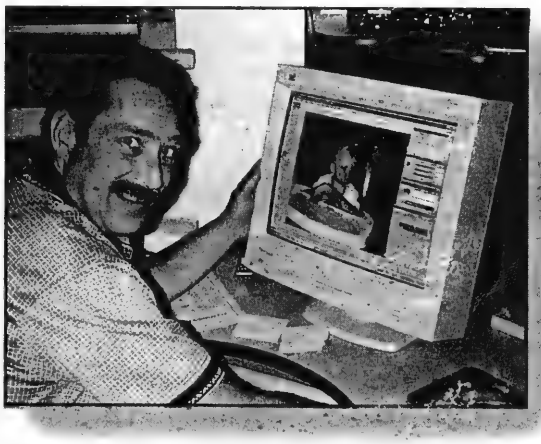

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Read this before tying the knot

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Beatty Cohan

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Contemplating marriage? A new book by a Canadian-born psychotherapist and her husband can serve as a practical reality check.

For Better, For Worse, Forever: 10 Steps for Building a Lasting Relationship with the Man You Love (Chandler House Press) is an easy read, with relatively large print and 10 clearly defined chapters, each ending with a brief summary and list of questions for the reader.

The book walks you through 10 "key ingredients" to consider before you make a long-term commitment.

"Certainly love is not enough," said author Beatty Cohan, 50, in a telephone interview from her office in Providence, R.I., where she has a psychotherapy and sex therapy practice. She has also counselled callers on radio and television programs.

Her husband Elliot, 64, a counsellor and actor, has a master's degree in psychology.

An alumna of McGill University, Beatty is a native of Winnipeg and a former Manitoba tennis champion. Her mother, Edith Sair, taught at Winnipeg's Talmud Torah, and her late uncle, Maurice Lucow, was editor of *The Canadian Jewish News* through the 1980s.

The Cohans, now married for 13 years, met in an elevator while attending a UJA conference. Elliot was then executive director of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. Beatty, a social worker with post-graduate training in family therapy and sexual dysfunction, was executive director of Jewish Family Service in Calgary. Both were divorced.

Did they follow their own advice? For the most part, yes, although Beatty thinks they didn't pay sufficient attention to second-marriage issues, which loomed larger for her than she anticipated. Good communication skills enabled them to work through the difficulties, she noted.

"If all couples had the kind of marriage we have, I'd probably be out of business."

But good marriages don't just happen, even with "the right person," she said. "The biggest mistake couples make is they tend to forget about the couple. You need to tend to the couple like you tend to a living plant."

Communication and problem solving – not sex or money – are the most important ingredients in a successful relationship, Beatty believes.

And communication is not just about talking, she explained. "It's being able to express the full gamut of emotion – anger, disappointment, frustration, fear, pain – and doing it well... When people are dating, they want to stay away from conflict. That's a real problem."

Step 1, according to the Cohans, is to look at your partner's family history. A dysfunctional background, however, doesn't necessarily doom a relationship.

"Your partner does need to take steps to address and resolve whatever is getting in the way," Beatty said. If he doesn't want to talk about it, he's a very poor bet, she added.

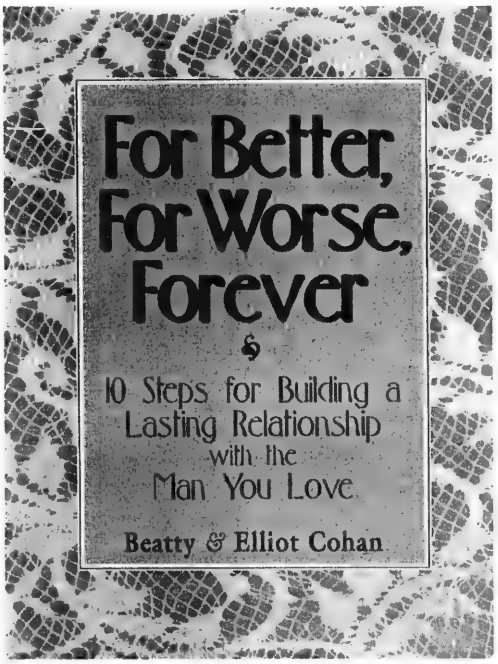
Other chapters address skeletons in the closet, sex and intimacy, and past love relationships. Included are tips on recognizing alcoholism, depression and anxiety, as well as traits that facilitate communication.

The advice in the book – its title notwithstanding – applies equally to men and women in both gay and straight relationships, Beatty said. The title was recommended because it was believed the book would appeal to women more than men.

In the authors' experience, however – having run seminars for some 400 men and women under the title Compatibility Consultants – that is not the case.

Knowledge about relationships is not necessarily related to education, income or socio-economic background either, she noted.

"It's pretty scary that in our personal relationships we're so far behind where we are technologically."



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Plenty of choice in tuxedo styles

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

A sea of black and white tuxedos. That's how we often visualize a crowd of men at a formal occasion.

But there are many alternatives to the traditional tuxedo, says Gino Cucchi, owner of Gino Men's, Boy's & Ladies' Fashion (416- 654-8710), which is located at 1294 St. Clair Ave. W.

For a change, why not wear a navy blue, or dark green suit, he says.

"Nowadays, there is lots to choose from – it's not like yesterday when there was just black, blue or brown."

Or how about a trendier look?

Three buttons on the tuxedo jacket as opposed to one makes for "a new, modern tuxedo," he says.

While loose-fitting pants used to be in vogue, the style now is to wear pants with a tighter cut that is tailored to fit your size, Cucchi says.

Jeffrey Skurka, president of Classica Imports (416-785-8146), a clothing store and importing distributor for men's casual and formal wear at 229 Bridgeland Ave. near the 401 and Dufferin, says that pants with no pleats are also in style, but he recommends buying a classic style tuxedo instead of a trendier one.

Skurka advises against renting tuxedos because the majority have been altered several times, washed over and over again and are made with an inferior mix of fabrics.

His store does not rent tuxedos, but sells them for between $650 and $850.

He suggests that men buy suits made with year-round fabrics and that they wear shoes formal enough to match the outfit.

Often, he says, "they don't wear a formal shoe, they wear their every-day shoes and it kills the outfit."

He recommends buying a tuxedo two to three months in advance of the special event.

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Mandell just keeps on growing

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
CJN Staff

The Mandell Entertainment Group has undergone a huge expansion in the last year, says company president Corey Mandell, 29.

"In a span of 365 days, we went from a floor space of 5,000 square feet to 20,000 square feet to house all of our facilities."

Mandell explained that the company he heads has grown in several new directions: it opened Mandell Entertainment Group Amusements (MEGA), significantly expanding its carnival and arcade game rental division; it introduced a new line of fun foods; it launched its own record label; next month will see the opening of a new banquet facility co-owned by Mandell Entertainment; and in January, it will begin offering break-dance classes at a dance studio located on the company's Richmond Hill premises.

Mandell Entertainment Group (905-886-4000), now in its ninth year, began with four DJs. One of them was Mandell. His interactive style was so popular at bar and bat mitzvahs that he was booked solid every weekend, and often a year or two in advance of the simchahs.

He trained other DJs and hired dancers, increasing the number of staff on the roster every year. Today there are more than 250 part-time and 12 full-time staff members, Mandell said, noting that the company offers one-stop shopping for party decor, fun foods like Hawaiian shaved ice and the rental of games and inflatable entertainment units like Bungee Run.

These days, Mandell can frequently be found in North Toronto at the Capitol Theatre on Yonge Street at Castlefield Avenue. The theatre is the site of the new event venue he co-owns with three other partners – TSN show host Michael Landsberg, builder Gary Eisen and lawyer Michael Kleinman.

There are more than 250 part-time and 12 full-time staff members.

'It's a professional stage'

"I first had the idea to develop a banquet facility eight years ago, but we didn't have the right property," Mandell said.

"It's being restored back to its 1918 original mouldings. They were covered up by a drop ceiling and movie screen. Basically, no one had seen them for 60 years. We've spent well over $1 million in renovations…We brought in top interior designers to refurbish it."

A dome, also hidden, covers almost the whole width of the ceiling, he said.

"We've restored a full Vaudeville stage. We excavated a basement and built the lounge on the balcony floor, and there's a full-service kitchen. The place can comfortably seat 400 people for dinner, 350 with a dance floor, and 850 for a stand-up cocktail party," he said.

"The theme of the building is an early Art Deco theatre with a dash of Studio 54. It's done in creams and it's extremely elegant. It's the first up-scale venue in Toronto that you rent strictly for an event.

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"The Capitol is going to be the most unique party facility in Toronto. It's a Mandell Entertainment exclusive…We're getting bookings like crazy."

The Mandell Entertainment recording studio and record company is currently managing and producing records for several local bands, he said.

"The recording studio was developed so we could produce our own original music at our events. We also wanted to produce and record local young talent."

He explained that the company's extensive contact with teens and preteens – aside from bar/bat mitzvahs, the company does camp

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Mandell Entertainment Group keeps on growing and growing

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and school concerts – made producing records a "natural fit," because he already has the right demographic audience and a natural venue for airing music on the Mandell label. "We wanted to integrate our business in as many dimensions as possible."

He recently completed a new CD for the group EQ, formally known as the Simpletones. "Right now we're shopping it with some distributors. EQ would be the same demographics as the Back Street Boys. We're going to distribution companies and trying to sign an appropriate deal."

Roots is still a "special sponsor for the company," Mandell said. "We provide Roots giveaways at all our concerts. We teamed up with Roots and CISS92 for school dances...They are hosted by Mandell and personalities from CISS92."

MEGA was inaugurated because of the huge demand for amusement and arcade games, and carnival games and inflatables, he said. "We went out and researched the product, and we currently hold a half million dollars in inventory."

The inflatables include bouncers, slides and interactive games, such as an oversized boxing ring, jousting and laser tag.

"We introduced arcade games like ring toss. We've got a full casino, and our slot machines run on fun tokens.The kids trade in the tokens for prizes."

Mandell also spoke about the company's exclusive line of fun foods – Dip and Dots Ice Cream and Hawaiian Shaved Ice (he has Canadian exclusivity for both products).

As for the dance school, Mandell said that almost all those signing up for the lessons are boys. "The kids think it's really cool.

"We've had such phenomenal results with the dance team going out to the parties, especially with our Buggy Brats break-dance crew, that we're offering lessons.

"The kids want to learn those dances. We're offering the lessons because the kids want to know how to dance at the parties."

Despite the expansion of the company, Mandell still does DJ work, and he's still booked solid every weekend, he said.

How is he able to manage the operation?

"We try to hire staff to oversee each area," he says. "I hire great people, so I can delegate responsibility."

If the Leafs ever win the cup count on Corey to host the party.

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By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
CJN Staff

Invitations set the tone of the party, says Terry Kirshenbaum of Invitation House. "People are struck when they get something very unusual."

Invitation House (416-593-0519) at 350 Adelaide St. W., in the heart of Toronto's fashion and gallery district, is an invitation company with a long history. It was started 33 years ago as an offshoot of Kern Stationers Ltd., a high-end commercial printing company.

Kern Stationers' founder Ben Kirshenbaum saw that there was an unfilled niche for customized social invitations, and he brought his wife, Lillian, into the business to run that division. When their daughter Terry finished her business degree she came to work for her parents.

It was supposed to be for a year. But two children and some two decades later, Terry's still there. "I was smitten. I loved it," she says. "They were the best people to work for."

Terry has been in the business for 15 years. She ran Invitation House for seven years; and following the death of both her parents, she's been running Kern Stationers as well for the last eight years.

She recently created a line of children's stationery and journals in their memory, called Layben.

Terry says Invitation House is known for its customized designs. "We're a full-service facility." The company offers blind embossing, a colourless, raised three-dimensional look; hot stamping, foil borders or lettering; thermography, simulated engraving with raised shiny lettering; genuine copperplate engraving and calligraphy.

Invitation House can also print artwork in several colours and reproduce photographs on paper. "We're happy to add on," Terry says. But the extras cost more, she notes.

They can work within any budget, however, by offering a less expensive alternative – invitations from the standard catalogues.

Invitation House works closely with clients, by appointment, to create something the clients feel is reflective of the type of party they are going to host, Terry says. "And we try very hard to work within their budget."

She recommends that people send out their invitations four weeks in advance to guests in town and five weeks for those out of town. But it's better to give eight weeks' notice in the summer or during holidays, she says, because people often go out of town.

Barbara Mortfield Invitations (905-738-1232) has been a fixture in the Greater Toronto Area for more than three decades. Barbara worked from her home while raising her four children. For many years, the dining room was her office.

Although her children are grown – she's now a grandmother of three – her business is still home-based. But 14 years ago, she moved to a house with a real office on the main floor.

An attractive invitation can set the tone for the party you host. [Invitations supplied by Invitation House.]

It only has to look expensive

An innovator in the invitation business, Barbara says she was the first person in Toronto to offer discount invitations – she charges 20 to 25 percent less than the catalogue prices. She carries invitations for every budget and she also does customized instant invitations by computer.

Barbara's daughter Lisa is a partner in the calligraphy division. Envelopes are addressed by computer, Barbara explains. "We offer excellent, prompt, and very beautiful computer calligraphy service to match any type, style and colour."

Barbara can save on the cost by creating custom-looking invitations from the catalogues, she says. "Everything can be customized. My motto is 'It doesn't have to be expensive. It just has to look expensive.'"

She says the cost is very important to many people, and she checks if her customers are on a budget. "For some people, it's not important to spend a lot of money. I show them something good-looking, but simpler."

American invitations are higher-priced than Canadian ones, but Barbara says many people prefer the American companies because "they are more innovative and they carry wonderful papers, fabrics and trims."

She says she's been working closely with Canadian companies to help them redesign their catalogues, and some are achieving the innovative look of American invitations.

That look is epitomized by elongated oversized cards. "I believe that the oversized cards look better," she says. "But they cost more to mail."

They can also get crushed in the mail, she says. To combat this problem, she invented ExBendables, acrylic inserts that prevent cards from being bent by the mailperson. She also supplies them to other invitation companies and printers.

Barbara says she's been in the business so long that the people whose wedding invitations she did 15 and 20 years ago are coming back for bar and bat mitzvah invitations for their children.

Other invitation places advertising in this supplement are: Heather Hennick Invitations Plus, 905-881-5736; Muroff Impressions Lt.: 416-633-4491; The Printed Word, 416-484-4600; Stationery Plus/Gilda Lefton, 905-881-5588; Please Reply, 905-508-5669.

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Crafts make great gifts

By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

While everyone values well-made brand name presents, a one-of-a-kind crafted gift means something extra special. In a crafted gift, three people's unique personalities and feelings come together – yours, the recipient's and the artist's.

Love for a dear friend or relative may be too unique to express in standardized form. Then, even the finest manufactured article may fall short of what you want to express.

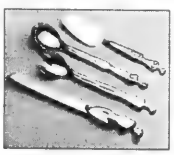
If you have an artistic streak and time to make something special, there are places where you can craft your gift. If you don't want to try this, there are places where you can purchase distinctive, hand-crafted gifts, especially chosen to convey your message.

One place where you can create your own gift is Ricki Horowitz and Wynter Rosen's ceramic studio, Marvellous Mess (416-481-2328).

Marvellous Mess paints ceramicware for its retail business, and wholesale export. They also have a paint-your-own facility – which is where you come in.

You can visit the store whenever it's open. From among Marvellous Mess' own work and some from other companies, you choose your shape and size of bisque – a piece that has been fired once in the kiln but is still unfinished.

Your personal instructor gives a lesson with a written guide on ceramic painting, including various types of underglaze. (An underglaze is a pigment which does not seal a pot, whereas a glaze seals it, making it non-porous.) There are 20 to 25 different colors.



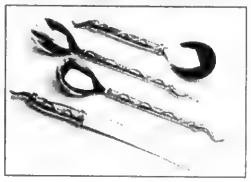
First, you wipe the pot to make it dust-free and then you pencil on the design. Then come the colours, in a sequence guided by the instructor. You are encouraged to develop your own ideas; the instructor doesn't do the work for you.

Most people who come as individuals paint for 1½ to two hours. Starting with simple designs and smaller pieces, they advance to larger pieces and more complex designs.

The are group sessions too. For a bridal shower, for example, a group of friends bring the bride, who picks the pieces and colours she wants; then they sit and paint gifts together. There are also birthday parties for kids age eight and over, for groups of 12 or more. One instructor is devoted to your group only.

Adult parties last for 2½ hours, kids' parties 1½. Bring your own food or have it catered. And book two to three weeks ahead.

For a wide choice of unique pieces crafted for you in different mediums, visit Sara Levine Petroff's A Show of Hands (416-782-1696). Part of the current Upper Village revival, A Show of Hands is located in a former



Crafts by A Show of Hands.

bank with 20-foot ceilings and marbie inlay floors and walls, ideal for showing art in the best light.

A Show of Hands promotes over 300 artists, 85 percent of them Canadian. Every province is represented, with emphasis on British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec.

Worth seeing for its own sake, this gallery is for novice and seasoned collectors alike. To learn about an artist's exhibits and main influences, you can read a c.v. on site. You can commission work here as well.

You'll see hand-blown glass, ceramics, jewelry, metalwork, and wooden bowls. Textile and fibre art includes quilts, scarves, two-dimensional felt, sculpted basketry, and one-of-a-kind dolls. Also, you'll see Canada's largest display of contemporary one of-a-kind kaleidoscopes.

Alongside ornamental work, there are functional display pieces. Much of the art shows Oriental or Judaic influences, and there's a Judaica collection.

There's also a bridal registry, and a gift wrapping room in the former bank vault!

Of the ceramics, raku, a firing technique from 16th-century Japan, merits special mention. The bisque is fired to remove all the moisture. The piece is then glazed, and returned to the kiln at 2,000 to 2,400 degrees celsius. This turns the clay to stone.

Once the piece reaches the high temperature, the glaze starts to run. The piece is then taken from the kiln and set in a fireproof container with a flammable material, such as newspaper or pine needles, which catches fire from the vessel's heat.

The glaze, meanwhile, is bubbling; and the burning material interacts with the glaze on some parts of the vessel, creating different effects, depending on what is burnt. The areas where the glaze runs turn black, and contrast in color and texture with the areas where the glaze interacts with the flammable material.

Whether you paint the gift yourself at Marvellous Mess, or find it waiting for you at A Show of Hands, the possibilities are endless.

Other gift stores advertising in this supplement are: Il'Arganto Giftware, 905-889-5175; Tri-Versa-Global, 905-771-6494.

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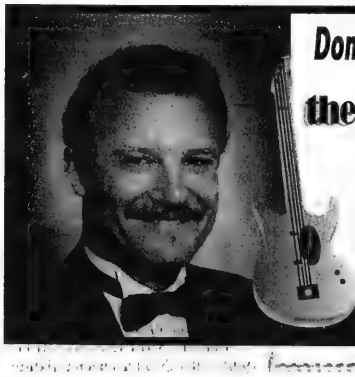

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Many new gowns show accents of colour, says Kim Ironmonger.

Be a beautiful bride

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

When calculating the cost of a bridal gown, keep in mind alteration and upgrade charges, such as adding crinoline, says Kim Ironmonger, owner of Valencienne Bridal Design (416-781-6885), a bridal boutique located at 1104 Eglinton Ave. W, just west of Bathurst Street.

"Usually people give the price of the dress and by the time they factor in all the extra charges, it's not the price that was originally given," Ironmonger said.

If you are looking to save money, she suggests buying a ready-made dress rather than a custom-made one. Or, another cost-cutting technique is buying your gown from a manufacturer or factory, she said.

Ironmonger warns shoppers to watch out for salespeople whose main interest is making a quick sell.

"They're just into selling a dress and getting the bride out the door, which isn't a very nice environment or a friendly experience," she said.

So look for salespeople who give substantial information about the dresses, she advised.

As for the latest styles, many new gowns have accents of color, Ironmonger noted.

"We're showing a lot of colour on gowns. Bustiers are in. We're doing a lot of *Shakespeare In Love*, Victorian kind of look," she said.

Soft ice blue, champagne or blush pink are popular accent colours for dresses.

Ironmonger recommends choosing a dress six to eight months in advance of the wedding.

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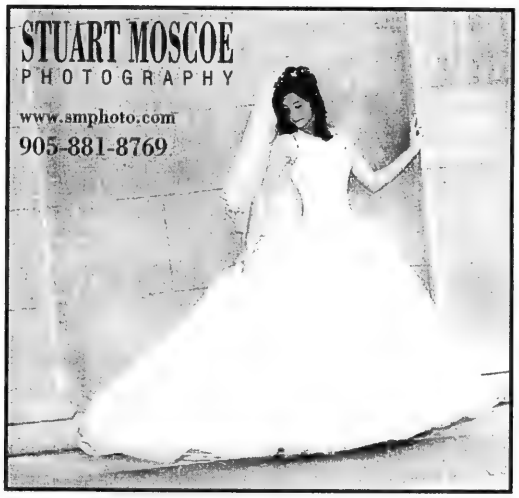

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Vintner stakes reputation on Israeli wines

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
CJN Staff

With the new millennium just weeks away, many people are beginning to stock up on champagne. Carol Slatt of Lorac Wine (416-783-2516) recommends toasting the new year with Israeli champagne. "Carmel makes a great champagne."

Slatt, who has been in the wine and spirits business for 17 years, says she stakes her reputation on Israeli wines and spirits. Representing fine non-kosher wines from Italy, Spain, and Portugal, she insists she can match the quality of these wines with kosher wines from Israel.

The agent for Carmel, a co-operative of 800 growers, and Israel's largest producer of wines and spirits, Slatt says she promotes kosher wines and tries to enhance the selection available in the market place. "My mandate is to encourage the government monopoly to continue to broaden their already excellent collection of wines that are of good quality and that happen to be kosher."

Slatt is adamant about supporting the wine and spirits industry in Israel. "One of the things that the general population does not recognize is that the production of wine and spirits is a major industry in Israel. It's an enormous industry that supports the Israeli economy."

She stresses that when people buy Israeli wine they are supporting the economy of Israel. "Given that we support Israel in so many ways this is a simple way. The community should very proud to support the Israeli economy in this manner."

She says Israeli wines offer good quality at a good price. "The product is equally good and price point equally good [as the wine from other countries]... A lot of non-Jewish people buy wines from Israel."

Slatt notes that in the past, Israeli wine was sweet and traditional, and that the community "was forced to buy kosher wine from Israel because they were the only ones that were kosher," but the quality has improved considerably over the years.

"Generally speaking, the quality of today's wines and spirits [from Israel] can compete with wines and spirits from every part of the world in term of quality, packaging, presentation and certainty in terms of price."

A grandmother of two and the mother of two grown children, Slatt

Carol Slatt

got involved in the wines and spirits business because of her love of fine wines and food, having travelled extensively with her husband, Dr. Bernard Slatt, she says.

She started by representing a producer of fine French cognac and progressed to Italian wines; she says, "Bit by bit I learned about the business... The kosher aspect came several years after." Today she has a staff of 10.

As for the name Lorac, it's her name – Carol spelled backwards, she explains. "I needed a name for the company, Lorac sounds French."

As her business grew she realized there was a niche in kosher wine that she could fill, she says. "There was a whole underground. At the airport I used to watch people bring wine from New York in their luggage... I went around the world looking for kosher wine."

She was eventually approached by Claude Abrams of Galilee Wine to do marketing and sales for Carmel. "Ultimately I became a partner in Galilee, the official authorized Canadian agent on record for Carmel. I own half of Galilee. I'm the whole owner of Lorac which does all the marketing."

At Lorac offices at 160 Tycos Dr. there are tasting rooms so that people can come to see what's available, she says. "For people calling on the phone asking for information we're happy to meet with them to discuss the needs for their functions...

"We do tons of functions for as many as 2,000 people attending an evening affair to a private dinner for 10. One of the strong points is that we take the time. [Once] we matched a cocktail to the tablecloth. We created a blue drink. That was one of the funniest thing we've ever done."

Her advice to customers is "to enjoy the very best you can afford."

Some of the kosher white available through Carmel's Private Collection series include a Chardonnay, a fine dry white wine, Emerald Riesling, and Muscat, a dessert wine.

From the Vineyards Series, which is less expensive than the Private Collection, one can choose an Emerald Reisling, Sauvignon Blanc, (white) or Cabernet Souvignon, a dry red wine, she says.

Slatt suggests making a kosher Martini for the millennium with Carmel's vermouth and Stopka vodka and topping the evening off with 12-year old Brandy XO. "Everything is available through the LCBO."

Wines from France may be cachet, but, she says. "I've decided I want to support Carmel in Israel in a most important way. I'm very committed to Israel. This is my contribution to the economy of Israel."

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Memorable moments from Mister Disc Jockey

By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

We remember longest the moments we live for their own sake, like the happiest times of childhood. And when Mister Disc Jockey (905-473-3800) entertains you, you live every moment for its own sake. Mister Disc Jockey's Ed McMurtry sees his company's mission as giving you back your childhood.

Mister Disc Jockey's specialty is entertainment packages. Corporate clients include CIBC, whose executives they once persuaded to go onstage dressed as the Beatles, the Village People and the Stones, while their staff sang, danced and whooped along with them. Ed also has many testimonials from private clients.

Mister Disc Jockey is interactive across the board. They script every moment of a party, from when the first guest arrives until the last one leaves, and involve every guest from the youngest to the eldest.

Ed knows how to make every moment fun. "You have 30 seconds to get an audience's attention, and another minute to hold it," he says; "so you get good at engaging people's interest in one-and-a-half minutes."

Sometimes these days, Ed is dragged offstage to produce and direct events; but he and his staff have kept their passion for hands-on entertainment. At least once a week, Ed likes to get onstage himself.

Ed has no inhibitions about the medium he works in: he'll do whatever fits the event. That includes everything from designing fantastic stage sets to hiring celebrities like André-Philippe Gagnon. And if your celebration is in Hawaii, he'll fly there.

Mister DJ sells a party tailored to the client.

But Ed isn't selling Ed McMurtry. He's selling a party tailored to the client. If he took sick, the show would go on. It's not he who's the celebrity, but the show; and it's his events he's recognized for, not his personality.

The client is king; and it isn't enough for Ed to know that Mister Disc Jockey will give every show their best. The client has to know this too.

At the same time, Ed likes to have a lot of creative input. He identifies three elements of a party:
1) what the client wants;
2) what the guests want;
3) the reason the client calls – namely, Mister Disc Jockey's creativity.

Ed sees his work as making element three impact on one and two, and that the client wants him to make every event unique by giving it his best.

> *Both kids and adults have lots more fun*

Ed knows from experience, for example, that kids devour their food in 20 seconds flat. Accordingly, he asks a client if it's all right to do what the kids want during the main course, keeping them occupied so the adults can enjoy dinner. That way, both kids and adults have more fun.

On such questions, he works with whatever answer the client gives. He's successful enough in pleasing kids that bar mitzvah clients ask him: "You're good with kids; can you work with adults?" Corporate types, on the other hand, often ask: "The office party was great; what about my kid's birthday?"

Mister Disc Jockey's 10-acre estate has studios, workshops, and guest activities. Ed can do tours, client appreciation and family fun days here, and he's thinking about a day camp. Park activities include bouncy houses, a dinosaur you can go inside, and an inflatable driving range where he once held a golf tournament.

Among Mister Disc Jockey's memorable occasions was one with a sports theme, where a goalie mingled and interacted with the guests.

At another event, character actors playing fake paparazzi asked guests for autographs.

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Move over Eric Clapton: Girls and women of all ages take the stage with their inflatable guitars.

Mr DJ provides great memories

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At a dinner with 5,000 guests, there was a band onstage playing classical music; then a rock band came out and mixed with them. At dessert, the waiters started heckling the band, who challenged them to come onstage and do better. So the waiters doffed their waiter jackets, and transformed themselves into a group of singers, Polly and the Good Fellows.

Mister Disc Jockey works closely with other party professionals. Ed will recommend local videographers, for example, to do tribute videos; or if you prefer, Mister Disc Jockey will make the video, then give it to the client's choice of videographer to script and produce.

Mister Disc Jockey's ambition is to do all the best parties; so book as much as one-and-a-half, even two years ahead, to avoid date conflicts. A company which has featured celebrities like André-Philippe Gagnon, and done shows as far away as Hawaii, is very much in demand.

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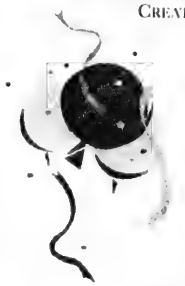

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A rose is a rose is a great wedding flower

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
CJN Staff

This year, everything's coming up roses, says Sandra Raffa of the Toronto Florist Shop in Thornhill (905-764-6332).

Roses seem to be more popular than ever, she says noting that for weddings, in particular, roses in pastel hues are very much in vogue.

She says flowers mark so many occasions – birthdays, anniversaries, births, and holidays – and the Toronto Flower Shop (75 Glen Cameron Rd., Unit 4), located just north of Yonge and Steeles offers daily delivery service throughout the GTA.

The shop, which has been around for 10 years, specializes in weddings, providing bouquets for the bride and attendants, ceremonies, corsages for mothers, grandmothers, and other female family members, boutonnieres for the men, ceremonial flowers to decorate the sanctuary and of course centrepieces for the banquet.

Roses are still the most popular flower for weddings, Raffa says. For boutonnieres — they start at $5 — roses are extremely common. The groom usually sports a white rose, and she likes to match the ushers' boutonnieres to the colours in the bridesmaids' bouquets, she adds.

Roses in pastel hues are very much in vogue, says Sandra Raffa of Toronto Florist Shop.

Corsages, which start at $6, are often made up of roses and orchids; the flowers are chosen to co-ordinate with the colour of the dress being worn, she says.

The bridal bouquet (they start at $90), which is usually comprised of white and cream roses, may also contain freesia, a very small white flower with a nice scent and/or stephanotis, another small, white star-shaped flower with a beautiful fragrance, Raffa notes.

Everyone usually has their eye on the bouquet after the ceremony when it's tossed to the unmarried female guests. As the legend goes, the girl who catches the bouquet is supposed to be the next to marry.

However, anyone who pays close attention may notice that the bouquet thrown these days is often not the one used by the bride during the ceremony. Indeed, many brides want to keep their bouquets, and so Raffa says she makes up a complimentary bouquet for the traditional bouquet throwaway.

As for the attendants' bouquets, which start at $40, Raffa says she tries to choose flowers that can be co-ordinated with the colour scheme of the wedding.

One popular trend this summer was hand-tied bouquets of roses in soft pastels — peaches, pinks and creams, Raffa says. "It depends on what they're wearing... You don't want to use a lot of the same colour as the dress because you need contrast. Otherwise people won't see the flowers and they won't show up in the pictures."

While traditionally flower girls carry baskets with a few flowers or petals, the latest style is flower-ball;

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Try out new hairdo in advance of party

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

Curling, braiding and crimping hair was out of style for a long time.

But these hair-dos are back in vogue, says Cathy Rodrigues, owner of Enricos Hair Salon (416-482-8055).

Women can expect a reasonably-priced updo to cost between $35 to $50.

For brides wanting an updo, Rodrigues advises she try out the hairstyle in advance and bring in her veil and a picture of the dress for the hairdresser.

"The hair reflects the gown, the gown reflects the hair. The two should go together," she says.

Rodrigues does not recommend trying anything drastic like cutting or highlighting hair right before a wedding.

If a bride is highlighting her hair, she should have it done at least two weeks before the wedding, she says.

That way, she can assess whether her hair is too blond or too dark and whether she wants more or less hair highlighted.

Rodrigues advises brides to avoid hairdressers that are "scissor-happy" and ensure you get a hair-do that's you.

It is all right to be daring but make sure your hair is not so outrageous that it makes you feel insecure or uncomfortable, she says.

"Make sure you feel like yourself," she said.

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Roses are still most popular flowers for weddings

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flowers are stuck into a little round ball attached with ribbons. She says the flower balls start at $50 because they're very labour-intensive to make.

The flowers for the ceremony dress up the room especially if it is very plain, according to Raffa. The flowers make it special. They add the ceremonial touch to the room.

Ceremony flowers tend to be standard large arrangements that go near the chupah, she explains, and the colour of the flowers are co-ordinated to the colours of the wedding. Gladioli are very common for these kinds of arrangements as are snapdragons, lilies, roses and gerbera daisies, she says. The large arrangements which start at $75 can also be used for the banquet.

Aisle and chupah decorating, usually with greens and tulle or satin and/ or co-ordinating flowers is also a popular trend, she says. "It's whatever fits the budget. I've decorated the chupah polls with flowers. The most popular is tulling with greens."

She suggests decorating the aisles with ribbon and tulling across the chairs and with greens every second row, and perhaps some little flower clusters. She also rents out aisle carpets.

Centrepieces can vary considerably from a simple rose in a bud vase to an elaborate arrangement on a stand with a cascade of roses and orchids, she says. "Some people like low, round arrangements on the table so that people can see the other people at the table.

"We can use the votive candles which are placed around the flowers or taper candles in the arrangement, or even floating candles. A large bowl is filled with water and we float roses and candles. Roses arranged in a vase has also become very popular."

She says people on a budget can forgo the aisle decor, and have a smaller arrangement at the ceremony, but the bouquets and centre pieces are still critical. "I try to work within their budgets. We can go for less expensive flowers, but keep the same colour scheme."

She noted that for luncheon bar or bat mitzvahs people tend to use more balloons. "For the evening, formal dinners often include floral centrepieces. For a Thanksgiving bar mitzvah I did flowers, fruit, and vegetables. It was a harvest theme, which is very seasonal."

Centrepieces can vary from one rose to an elaborate arrangement.

She offers free consultations by appointment, she says. "We've got industry catalogues and we keep photographs of all my work. Every thing is customized. It's very rare that someone would want exactly the same as someone else."

As for her line of work, Raffa says, "It's a lot of hard work. But it's lots of fun. You're working with beautiful flowers... There are so many possibilities.

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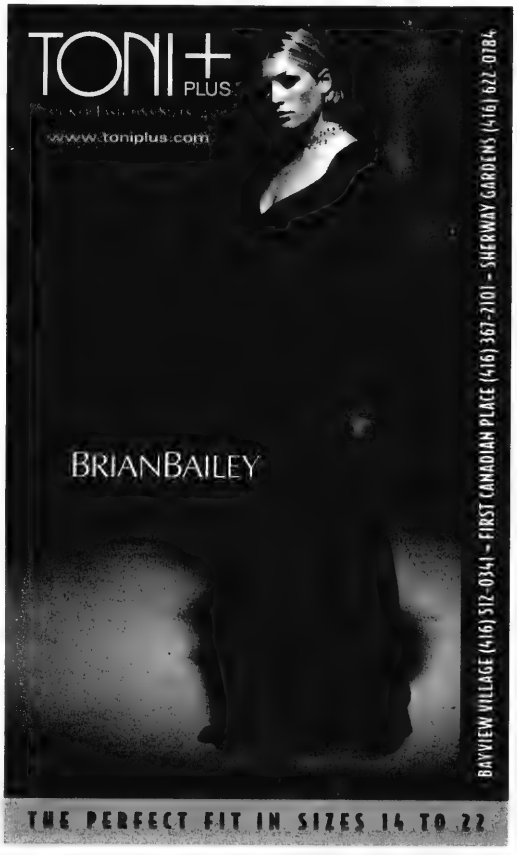
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Interactive company provides a breath of new, fresh ideas

By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

Entertainment Xtreme (416-488-8411) creates interactive entertainment – and don't yawn at that overworked word "interactive." This company *is* different.

It offers you a welcome breath of fresh ideas, blended with good old-fashioned belief in the personal touch.

Entertainment Xtreme's Jared Florence has enjoyed nine years in the industry, starting as assistant to a top DJ.

Even then, he interacted with party guests, dancing and mingling with them to make sure everyone had as much fun as he did.

He's done about 500 events since then, mostly bar or bat mitzvahs, with some weddings, corporate events and fund-raisers. "I have a childlike side," he says, "so I like working with kids."

He makes his living making people happy, and has fun while he's at it.

The party is for the client and guests, but the entertainers should enjoy themselves too, he says. The mood's contagious; if guests see the entertainers having fun, they join in.

Childlike though he is, Florence is a mature, responsible adult when doing business. His clients can reach him any time they need him; and they know this.

He's there for you from your initial phone call, and at your side throughout your event, to the final song.

Information can be faxed or e-mailed, but to establish trust and rapport, it's best to meet face to face, he says. And book early. Entertainment Xtreme has engagements as far ahead as January 2002.

Besides guests and staff, Florence has good rapport with other professionals, such as caterers. As he wants every event to be an all-around success, he enjoys this side of his work too.

What makes Entertainment Xtreme unique?

Dress is crucial. It's usually the first thing you notice about someone; and for an entertainer, it indicates his role. Will he play the event straight, like a classical musician in a tux? Will he clown a little? Or something of both?

Entertainment Xtreme's costumes run the gamut from Hawaiian shirts to tuxedos. They have a full range of props, novelties, prizes and other party supplies, state-of-the-art digital sound systems, dance platforms, indoor fireworks and special effects.

But whatever high-tech devices add to an event, the personal touch matters most. Florence wears a cordless headset mike, not because it's high-tech, but to let him move easily through the crowd.

His team consists of at least two people: himself as MC or "animator" (the term he prefers, since he's there to animate the party); and a DJ as partner. Often, two female dancers mingle with the guests, getting them to dance and sing along.

To envision what Entertainment Xtreme brings to a bar or bat mitzvah, imagine an animator in a tux, Mylar wig, sunglasses and neon necklace!

Or what about a flaming machete juggler on a giant unicycle? Sound ridiculous? "Trust me," Florence says. "It is."

At a bar or bat mitzvah, Florence spends lots of time offstage hanging out with the kids, finding out what they like. He learns their dance steps and moves, and teaches them what he knows; and he invents or improvises steps too.

"It's a great workout," he smiles, "dancing all night long."

Kids are still listening to the Backstreet Boys, Spice Girls and Will Smith, and songs like *Car Wash*, *Jump*, *Jive and Wail*, *Grease*, and *Mambo #5*. They also like the '50s, '60s and '70s, though; and the swing revival is still going strong.

While an event should be lively, it can't be continuously fast-paced. Scattered among up-tempo songs are slower ones, so that guests can catch their breath, and the adults can enjoy a quieter moment. And there's no "dead air" – there's always music, except when it's out of place (say, during speeches).

Florence likes to see kids dancing to the old standards, and adults of all ages moving to the new music. He enjoys seeing guests not only dress up, but step up to the mike and let their friends hear them.

Of the parties he's animated, Florence highlights a bat mitzvah in 1995 at the Atlantis nightclub, with a revolving dance floor. The 350 guests danced all night long.

But every good party is unique. You'll remember yours for its own sake, not by comparison with other events. Florence wants each party to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Jared Florence of Entertainment Xtreme.

Other entertainment companies advertising in this supplement are: Hart Entertainment, 416-762-2200; Mandell Entertainment Group, 905-886-4000; Brian Montenegro, 416-703-3591; Hart Entertainment, 416-762-2200.

Party Planner

Simchah baskets a good alternative

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
CJN Staff

If you're planning a simchah and need centrepieces, consider an arrangement with canned tuna, sardines, peanut butter and perhaps some packages of kosher crackers or cookies.

Sounds unusual for a centrepiece? The food centrepiece is called a simchah basket and with the right packaging and decorations the foodstuffs can be attractively presented. Once the the simchah is over, the food can be donated to one of five local kosher food banks. Donors can even get a tax receipt for the cost of the food.

The simchah basket program, initiated by Jewish Women's Federation (JWF), is meant to be an alternative to the more traditional centrepieces, says Rochelle Reichert, chair of the simchah basket program. Decorative baskets filled with non-perishable foods, are placed on each of the guest tables, and information cards about the program are attached to each basket for the guests to read, she explained.

"The simchah basket adds a new dimension to a celebration like a bar or bat mitzvah. It's an opportunity to teach children about tzedakah and promote awareness about poverty."

She said JWF has been targeting bar and bat mitzvah simchahs, but people have also done them for weddings and community and corporate functions.

She noted that the simchah basket programs have been running in several North American cities, among them Chicago, Vancouver and Hamilton, and in Toronto, people had been doing the baskets on their own for a number of years until the program was officially inaugurated a year ago."We've had a lot of positive response and the hosts and hostesses say they have had really positive responses from their guests."

She said JWF supports the Toronto kosher food banks already in place. "We identified five of them. Now we have a sixth. We created an association whereby we could provide them with food."

The food banks include The Pride of Israel Synagogue kosher food bank; Tomchai Shabbas in the Bathurst Glencairn area; Yad Chesed in Thornhill; Jewish Family and Child Service (JF&CS) and The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) Passover food drive.

She said an inter-synagogue kosher food bank, to be held at Beth Sholom Synagogue, will be collecting food from most of the conservative synagogues along with synagogues from other denominations.

Reichert said Jewish Women International in Vancouver makes the centrepieces. "If you call the JWF office we'll provide you with guidelines to put together your own simchah basket. We'll also provide you with the names of professionals who know how to make the baskets. You can go to a florist or decor person of your choice."

A simchah basket

JWF also provides guidelines for the food needs of the different agencies, Reichert said.

"The needs of the food banks are different than what JF&CS needs... Baskets are given intact to JF&CS. The social workers take the gift baskets to families.

"We do a geographical match. We match you with an agency as close as possible to your simchah, but we also try to balance the distribution of food."

Reichert said the committee recommends that people put at least $10 worth of kosher non-perishable food in each centrepiece. A list of food with the different kosher symbols is provided to all participants.

At Passover time, people are encouraged to buy kosher for Passover food for the NCJW Passover food drive.

"The centrepieces can be elaborate or simple. I've seen some with food put in cellophane and elaborate ones too."

She said to participate in the simchah basket program, simchah hosts need only call the JWF office. "We will actually hook you up to an agency and your name will be given to a committee member. They call you to see if you have any questions."

Arrangements for transporting the food must also be made; many agencies have volunteers who can pick up the food, she said. "We try to make it as easy as possible. If you can provide a bill for the purchase of the food, the agency will write you a receipt."

A week after the simchah the host/ hostess gets a phone call from the assigned committee member to find out about the simchah and the simchah baskets, Reichert said.

"It's a program addressing the needs of the poor...We want to raise the awareness of poverty in the [Jewish] community and this is a good way. It doesn't solve the problem, but it raises awareness."

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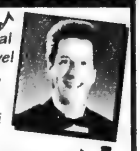

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Kosher halls great for all types of parties

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Grand Caterers is now the exclusive kosher caterer at Royalton Banquet Centre and Regency Banquet Centre (905-851-2325).

Beginning in January, says owner Robert Marra, each banquet facility will have its own kosher kitchen. "Until now, we have been bringing in kosher food. With our own meat and pareve kosher kitchen, the food will be hotter and fresher, and we will have more flexibility with regards to special orders and custom-made menus," he says.

The Royalton, in operation for four years, which holds up to 800 people, and the recently opened Regency, which holds up to 700 people, each have "huge lobbies that are great for cocktail parties and hors-d'oeuvres before dinner. A working gas fireplace at the Regency adds a cosy touch to the lobby."

The 20-foot high ceilings, cornice mouldings and huge chandeliers at the halls add "elegance to any party," says Marra.

Joe Elmaleh, owner of King Solomon's Table (416-630-0666) says that when people make a party at his restaurant, "they can leave the details to us. We'll put them in touch with a decorator who has worked with us and knows what looks best at our hall, a disc jockey, a florist – whatever the client wants. It makes arranging the party a lot easier; it becomes a worry-free simchah."

Marra says, that especially for people making their first simchah, it makes things a lot easier if "we help them out with all the details. Many people just do not know where to turn first. We're there to help them out."

King Solomon's Table is in operation six days a week, says Elmaleh, so it makes things easier if people need a special request "on the spot. If a guest comes in with a fish allergy, we can easily make up a special meal for them. The kitchen is always functioning."

The room, which seats up to 310 people without dancing and about 260 with dancing, can accommodate smaller parties of about 100 people, says Elmaleh.

"We're quite careful about sticking to a client's budget, and we make sure that we make a successful party on any budget. Whether we serve two, three or four courses, or high or lower end beef, we make it look like a lot was spent," he says.

When clients book at King Solomon's table, says Elmaleh, there are no surprises. "They can come in for a taste test before the party, so they know exactly what they are serving their guests.

"Usually, hosts are too busy to eat at their own party, but when guests talk about the meal, the hosts will have tasted it beforehand. They've had a prelude to the event."

For children's parties, he says, the kosher Chinese buffet is "a great hit. It is a great change from the usual chicken fingers and french fries."

Other kosher places advertising in this supplement are: Baycrest Hospitality Services, 416-785-2500 ext. 2477; Sheraton Centre of Toronto, 416-361-1000.

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The perfect dessert

Mmm-chocolate cake

By EILEEN GOLTZ
Special to The CJN

Chocolate cake is my idea of the perfect dessert. You can dress it up for the holidays or slap one together for the kids after school.

The following recipes have received rave reviews. You will note that there are one or two recipes that use box mixes. Don't try and substitute your favorite chocolate cake recipe. The recipes are based on using the cake mixes' stabilizers and won't come out as nicely if you don't follow the instructions.

All of these recipes freeze well and can be made a week or two ahead of time.

CHEATER'S CHOCOLATE INSIDE-OUT CAKE

1 package chocolate cake mix
4½ oz. package instant chocolate pudding
1¼ cups milk (or water or non dairy creamer)
2 eggs
12 oz. package chocolate chips

In a large bowl combine everything except the chocolate chips. Mix for 3 minutes. Fold in chocolate chips. Pour into greased or sprayed tube pan. Bake 50-60 minutes as per mix package instructions. Cool 15 minutes in the pan. Remove from pan and cool completely.

BANANA CHOCOLATE CHIP CAKE

1 cup sugar
½ cup shortening
2 eggs
3 bananas, mashed
2 cups flour
1½ tsp. baking soda
1 cup of chocolate chips

In a mixing bowl cream together the sugar and shortening. Add eggs one at a time and the bananas. Add the remaining ingredients and mix for about 2 to 3 minutes. Place the batter into a greased 9x5- inch loaf pan. Bake at 325f for approximately 1 hour.

RICH CHOCOLATE CHERRY CAKE

2 cups flour
¾ cup sugar
¾ cup oil
2 eggs
2 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. cinnamon
21 oz. can cherry pie filling
6 oz. semisweet chocolate chips
1 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350f. In large bowl combine the flour, sugar, oil, eggs, vanilla, baking soda and cinnamon and mix well. Stir in the pie filling, chocolate chips and nuts. Do not over mix. Pour the batter into a greased bundt pan. Bake for one hour. Cool for 10 to 15 minutes and then unmold cake on racks to cool.

PECAN-TOPPED CHOCOLATE POUND CAKE

1 cup of sweet butter (or margarine)
½ cup shortening
2½ cups sugar
5 eggs
3 cups all-purpose flour
½ cup cocoa
2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup milk
1 cup chopped pecans

In a bowl, combine butter and shortening, mix well. Then gradually add the sugar, beating until light and fluffy. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. In another bowl combine flour, cocoa, and baking powder then sift them together. Add the flour mixture to the creamed mixture alternately with the milk, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Mix well after each addition. Add vanilla to mixture. Pour batter into a well-greased 10-inch tube pan. Sprinkle pecans evenly over batter. Bake at 325f for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until cake tests done. Cool in pan 15 minutes; remove from pan, and let cake cool completely.

CHOCOLATE ZUCCHINI CAKE

3 cups flour
1¼ tsp. baking powder
1¼ tsp. baking soda
¼ tsp. cinnamon
4 eggs
3 cups sugar
1½ cups oil
3 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted
1½ tsp. vanilla
½ tsp. almond extract
3 cups grated zucchini
1 cup nuts
½ cup chopped dates

Sift flour, baking powder, and baking soda, salt and cinnamon together and set aside. In an electric mixing bowl beat the eggs until frothy. Add the sugar and oil to the eggs, mix well. Add in the chocolate, as well as the vanilla and almond extracts. Fold the dry ingredients into the chocolate mixture. Add the zucchini, nuts and dates. Pour the batter into a greased 10-inch bundt pan. Bake 350f for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Let stand inverted on cake pan for 20 minutes.

CHOCOLATE AMARETTO CAKE

1 lb. butter, softened
3 cups sugar
6 eggs, well beaten
2 tsp. pure almond extract
4 cups flour
¾ cup unsweetened cocoa powder, sifted and added to flour
2 tsp. baking soda sifted and added to flour
1 tsp. baking powder sifted and added to flour
1 cup milk
1 cup amaretto (almond liqueur)
2 cups toasted almonds, ground

Preheat oven to 350f. Generously butter and flour a 10-inch bundt pan and set aside. Cream together the butter and the sugar. The butter should be soft, but not melted. Add the beaten eggs and almond extract and mix well. Blend in two cups of the flour mix. Combine the milk and ¼ cup of the amaretto and stir into the batter, mixing well. Add the remaining flour mix, mixing well. Fold in the ground almonds and pour the batter into the bundt pan. Bake for one hour or until a toothpick tests clean. Cool the cake in the pan for 15 minutes and then pour the remaining ¾ cup of amaretto over the warm cake. Let the amaretto soak in and then invert the plate. Remove the pan from the cake when thoroughly cool.

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Eight ways to make Chanukah a family affair

By RABBI CHERIE KOLLER-FOX
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When our children were small, they would look forward to Chanukah each year. They loved the candles and latkes and, of course, the presents.

However, soon they were rushing through the candles to get to the presents and they had no patience to sing songs or even to play dreidel. The present orgy got quickly out of control with three children and eight days, not to mention grandparents, gift exchanges and the like.

What inevitably happened was that the evening, which started out with great excitement and anticipation, often ended badly. A toy would break or someone got something that someone else had wanted, and the tears would begin to flow.

It simply wasn't fun or in the spirit of the holiday. We decided we'd had enough!

Some years ago, we sat down with the children before the holiday and made a list with them of how we wanted to celebrate each night. We didn't completely get rid of presents, but we did feel better about what we were teaching our children.

Over the past decade we have had wonderful Chanukah celebrations and have created traditions that are now part of our family rituals – and no more tears! Here are eight of our favorite Chanukah happenings:

1. Friends and Fire Night

We build a big fire in the fireplace and invite friends over whose children are our children's friends. Then we plan a fun activity. One year, our children each got to make and eat a pie of their own design.

Another year, we covered the tables and had Art Night. The children painted murals and made figures out of clay. Now that they are teens, our kids get together and make a dinner for their friends.

2. Music Night

We invite friends over who play instruments and who like to sing. Then we spend the evening singing, playing dreidel games and eating latkes.

3. Tzedakah (Charity) Night

On this night we do something for others. When the children were small, we bought gifts to donate to a local seasonal toy campaign or sent money to the *Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund.

Now that they are older, we can serve dinner at a shelter or work at a food bank. These outings might be combined with another favorite, Movie Night, when the whole family goes to the movies together.

4. Big Present Night

We give each child one big present.

5. Book Night

When they were younger, we would buy each child a storybook and spend the evening reading the books out loud and telling Chanukah stories. Now, we buy the family a video we've all been wanting or a piece of software.

6. Tickets Night

We pick a cultural event such as a concert or a play we would like to attend as a family, and then we purchase the tickets.

7. Grandparents Night

We give the children the presents that came in the mail and get on the phone and talk to their grandparents and their cousins scattered around the country. If your family is closer, you could have a family party.

8. Homemade Presents Night

This is definitely our favorite night and has been consistently on our list from the beginning. We draw lots to decide who will make a present for which family member.

These presents are always treasured, no matter how simple or elaborate. My husband still keeps the bills in a box that our son decorated for that purpose when he was five. The year our daughter became a bat mitzvah, her older brother created a plaque with her invitation and pictures on it.

My son designed a menorah in the shape of a cat for his cousin who loves cats. My husband made comedy/tragedy masks out of papier mâché for our son, the thespian.

Lately, we have enjoyed creating elaborate Chanukah decorations for our home, both inside and out, in order to get back to a basic Chanukah mitzvah, which is to publicize the miracle.

The point is that long after store-bought presents have been broken or forgotten, our memories of family time at Chanukah remain.

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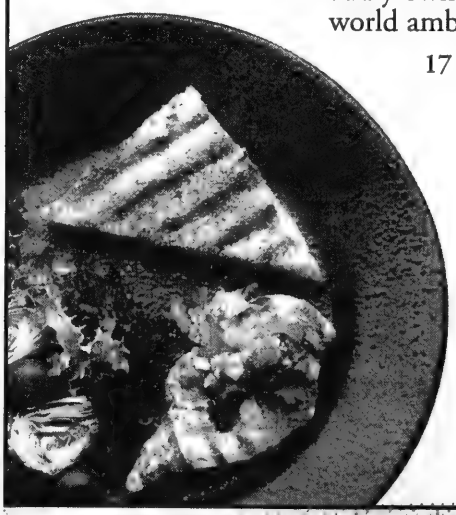

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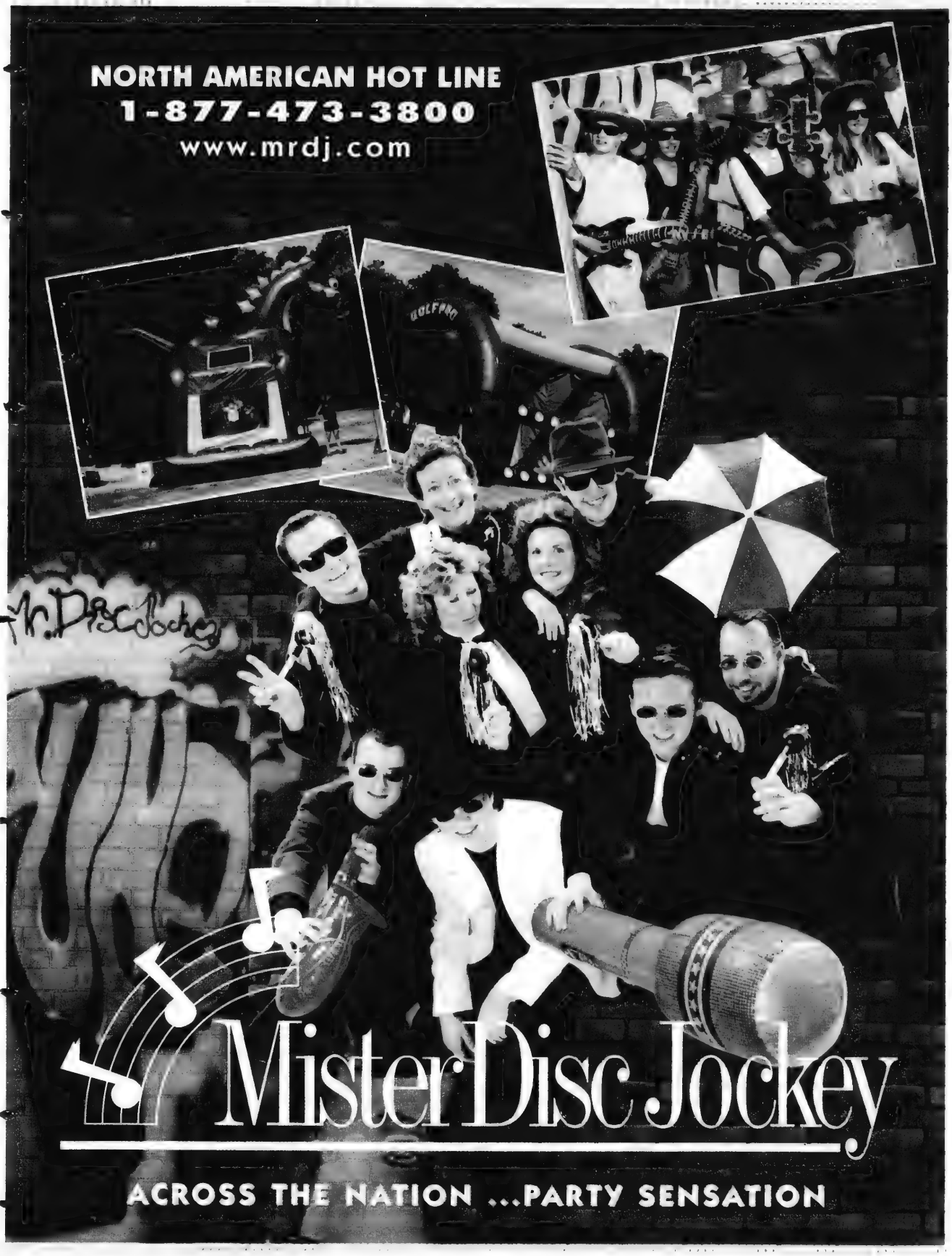
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GETTING TO KNOW YOU: Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak had their first face-to-face meeting last week in Istanbul, Turkey, where world leaders gathered for the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) conference. Canadian officials said "very good rapport" was established. The two discussed the Mideast peace process, and Barak said the Israeli trade minister would visit Canada next month. The Israeli PM also indicated that he had intervened to allow another month for discussions between El Al and Air Canada, which are in the middle of an air dispute.

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Barak addresses GA

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

ATLANTA, Ga. — Israelis live "in a tough neighbourhood where there is no mercy and no second chance for the weak. Only a strong, self-confident Israel can enter a process of negotiations and make difficult, even painful decisions," said Israel's prime minister last Friday.

Speaking to North American Jewish leaders and other delegates at the General Assembly of United Jewish Communities, Ehud Barak focused strongly on the need for a continuing partnership between North American Jewry and Israel.

He expressed his regrets for not speaking in person, but rather via satellite hook-up from Manchester, England, where his plane had been damaged on the ground by a luggage carrier. Barak himself was not hurt. The plane had stopped to refuel en route from Turkey, where Barak attended summit talks.

The prime minister emphasized the importance of a secure peace for Israel.

His audience of 4,000 at the Atlanta Civic Centre – among them some 150 Canadians – applauded Barak's sole reference to Jerusalem, as "the one indivisible, eternal capital of Israel."

Stresses need for a strong Israel to face issues ahead

Barak expressed his gratitude for U.S. President Bill Clinton's role in the Mideast peace process and noted that world Jewry also has a critical role to play, having stood by Israel in times of war. "Today, to be pro-Israel is to be pro-peace," he said.

A comprehensive peace settlement will be safer for Israel and the rest of the world, he said.

A strong Israel, not facing the threat of imminent war, will be able to pursue other issues, he noted.

Barak refrained from making "unrealistic promises" on the issue of religious expression in Israel.

"But I do make this commitment: to engage in a dialogue, to hear your ideas and to raise these discussions to the highest level of debate," he said.

"I believe with all my heart that if we work together on tolerance and understanding, we will find a solution for every Jew to feel that he or she is a full partner in our Jewish life in Israel."

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Cohen gets coveted award

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Matt Cohen, the Toronto-area writer who has steadily produced more than a dozen novels and about eight non-fiction books over the last three decades, has finally won the coveted Governor-General's award for English-language fiction for his latest novel, *Elizabeth and After* (published by Knopf Canada).

Reached in Ottawa one day after the awards ceremony at which he was handed a cheque for $10,000, Cohen said it had been "a great day and a wonderful ceremony…

Matt Cohen

"I'm very pleased to have won the award for this book. My publishers are very happy and my kids are very impressed."

Cohen had been nominated for the award twice before, most recently for his 1996 novel *Last Seen*, which Margaret Atwood called his "best novel to date."

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CANADA

CJC Welcomes Sentence

VANCOUVER — Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region, says it is "gratified" at the recent sentence handed to five white supremacists who were convicted in the murder of a 65-year-old Sikh caretaker. Judge William Stewart called the crime repugnant and clearly racially motivated, and meted out jail terms of between 12 and 15 years. Congress said it was encouraged that the judge sent a message by boosting the sentences because the crime was motivated by hatred.

Kashrut Flap Over

CALGARY — A controversy over kashrut at a local synagogue has been resolved. At a recent meeting, the board of Beth Tzedec Synagogue passed a resolution to open the shul's kitchen to the community, at the rabbi's discretion. This means the rabbi can allow the community's kashrut supervision agency, Calgary Kosher, or CK, the right to exercise its Orthodox standards in the synagogue's kitchen.

Expansion Plans I

WINNIPEG — Over 150 people gathered here to listen to plans for the expansion of Beth Israel Synagogue. The plans call for seating for 1,200, a larger social hall, a day care and a Hebrew School. The estimated cost for the project is $2 million.

Expansion Plans II

VICTORIA — Temple Emanu-El is taking the first steps in its expansion plans. The synagogue has launched a campaign dubbed *Matanah Gedolah* (big gift) to raise money for the construction of a social and educational centre, to be built on land next to the temple, where portable classrooms are now located. Plans call for new classrooms, offices and eventually, additional floors.

ISRAEL

MKs Call for Probe

JERUSALEM — Eleven members of the Knesset last week submitted a bill that would require the attorney general to open a criminal investigation into former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu. The initiative comes on the heels of the fraud investigation currently under way of Netanyahu and his wife, Sara.

Cancel Meet: China

JERUSALEM — China has asked the speaker of the Knesset to cancel his scheduled meeting later this month with the Dalai Lama, warning it could hurt Jerusalem's growing ties with Beijing. But the speaker, Avraham Burg, said there is no reason the meeting should be interpreted as conveying an anti-China message.

Goldstein's Grave

JERUSALEM — Israel's Supreme Court has upheld the army's decision to tear down a shrine at the grave of a Jewish settler who in 1994 killed 29 Muslims praying at Hebron's Tomb of the Patriarchs. The judges said keeping the shrine to Baruch Goldstein would send a message of praise for the crime.

WORLD

Israel Blamed for Crash

CAIRO — An Egyptian newspaper is blaming Israel for the recent crash of EgyptAir Flight 990. "I am certain that Israel's fingers are not far away," the editor of the opposition paper *Al Wafd* wrote in a front-page column.

UN 'Racist' on Israel

UNITED NATIONS — Israel's treatment at the United Nations amounts to "racism," says the U.S. ambassador to the UN. Richard Holbrooke made the comment last week at a dinner hosted by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. Citing Israel's exclusion from all UN regional groups and the annual anti-Israel resolutions brought forward, Holbrooke said the only explanation is "a deep, subliminal, but undeniable hostility."

Apology I

VIENNA — Austrian far-right leader Jorg Haider last week apologized for sympathetic statements he has made about Adolf Hitler and the SS. In a speech here, he said his remarks "were certainly insensitive or open to misunderstanding," and told Austrian Jews that they should not be afraid of his party, which came in second in elections last month.

Apology II

MADRID — Spanish priests, monks and nuns have apologized for the role their forebears played in the Inquisition. The move by the president of the Conference of Spanish Religious Workers came after the Roman Catholic church made similar apologies for past sins.

Warsaw Rabbi Quits

WARSAW — The rabbi serving Warsaw's Jewish community last week resigned just six months into his two-year appointment. Citing conflict with community leaders, Rabbi Baruch Rabinowicz said, "Neither side fulfilled the expectations they had." Rabbi Rabinowicz took up his post last May as the first rabbi to be hired by the community in at least four decades.

Troubling Social Statistics Released

JERUSALEM — An estimated 417,000 children in Israel live below the poverty line – a fourfold increase over 20 years – according to a government study reported last week.

The study was released one da ' after the employment bureau reported that 166,789 people were jobless October, a new record.

The figures reflect a 3.6 percent increase in unemployment since June, a month before Prime Minister Ehud Barak took office.

Barak's campaign promise to help the disadvantaged was recently called into question by a month-long strike by disabled Israelis seeking more public assistance.

The statistics were released amid the surprise resignation announcement by the governor of the Bank of Israel, Jacob Frenkel.

His resignation challenges Barak to name a successor whose policies will be in line with the prime minister's pledge to spur economic growth and employment.

"All of these years, we hear the statistics," Israel's leading child welfare advocate, Esther Luvohinsky, told Israel Radio. "But no solutions are offered for the problems."

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Community says goodbye to slain teen

Youngsters blanket grave with flowers

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Dmitri (Matti) Baranovski was buried on a blustery, bitterly cold day last week, three days after he was beaten to death in a north Toronto park. He would have been 16 in December.

His grave in Pardes Shalom Cemetery in Maple was blanketed with flowers brought by many of the hundreds of youngsters who came to say goodbye. Someone left a teddy bear.

Over 700 people attended the funeral: fellow students at Northview Heights Secondary School, three busloads full, as well as those packed into private cars; members of the Jewish Russian community; representatives of Canadian Jewish Congress and of Toronto City Council; and people from the general Jewish community, who did not necessarily know Baranovski or his family, but just felt they wanted to be there.

Rabbi Ron Weiss, director of chaplaincy for Jewish Family & Child Service, recognized that right now there can be no consolation for the family. We can only weep with them, he said.

Rabbi Yosef Zaltzman, rabbi of the Jewish Russian Community Centre, described Baranovski's kindness and compassion both to his mother and to his friends. Baranovski wanted to be a doctor, he said, because it was a way to help others. He was a mentsh, Rabbi Zaltzman said.

The issue, the rabbi said, was what will come out of our shock and sadness. He had two suggestions: that schools should start every day with a moment of silent prayer or meditation, and that people should perform "random acts of kindness and goodness" to overcome the random act of violence that cut short the youngster's life.

"We must strive to be better husbands, better wives, better children, better parents, better friends," he said.

Rabbi Zaltzman announced that the city had promised to erect a menorah in Baranovski's memory at the place where he was killed. The hope is to have it up by this year's Chanukah, he said.

The menorah is an apt memorial, since Baranovski's Hebrew name, Mattityahu, is the same as the first leader of the Maccabees.

An emotional Councillor Mike Feldman brought condolences from Toronto City Council and from Mayor Mel Lastman, who was attending a conference in Florida.

Dmitri (Matti) Baranovski

Five friends, shaking, yet showing great dignity, gave brief eulogies in English, Russian and Hebrew.

Afterwards, two of the boys hugged Baranovski's mother, who fiercely returned the embrace.

Perhaps the most poignant memories of that day will be vignettes at the cemetery: Baranovski's mother, white-faced, being supported by relatives, trying to control her tears as the plain wood coffin was lowered into the ground; men sobbing as they filled in the grave; the teenagers, crying, or hugging, or staring at the grave, and standing there, just standing, in a final tribute; the photographers from the media, who co-operated with cemetery officials and stood well back from the grave, so as not to intrude on the mourners' grief.

Matti Baranovski was born in Kharkov, in Ukraine. His mother brought him to Israel when he was six, and a little over two years ago, to Canada.

Ironically, according to reports, they came to Canada to get away from the violence in Israel.

Northview Heights, his school, kept the flag at half-staff in his honour.

While he lived with his mother and stepfather, he was close to his father, stepmother and half-brother.

He is survived by his mother, Olga, father Vitaly Baranovsky, stepfather Elliott Korczak, stepmother Lilia Baranovski and half-brother Daniel.

Rabbi Zaltzman said the family hopes to establish a scholarship in Dmitri Baranovski's name.

While there had been no arrest as of the time this article went to press, the police said they have several leads. A member of the Jewish Russian community has offered a reward of $15,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible.

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Justice at closer reach

Ever since Charles Dickens wrote that "the law is an ass," people have tended to agree with him. Primarily, they did so because he had a point.

In his descriptively aphoristic manner, Dickens succinctly encapsulated the layman's view of the legal system. He of course wrote in the mid-19th century when people could be sent to prison for failing to pay a debt. Debtors' prison has been abolished since then; but, were he alive today, he would likely record the very same observation.

Generally speaking, the man-on-the-street regards the legal system with emotions that range between fear and loathing. It is seen by most as a sort of tangled web in whose sticky filaments one must never ever become entangled.

The main reason for this view of the system is due to the method it holds out for resolving disputes, namely, the adversarial process. Each party to a dispute, civil or criminal, hires a lawyer to protect his or her rights. The parties are adversaries. They are opponents in an arena of legal battle, the waging of which is conducted by highly trained legal "warriors."

The theory underlying our dispute resolution system is that the best, most effective manner for winnowing the truth out of a hodgepodge chaff of conflicting allegations of fact is by letting the adversaries' expert warriors – the lawyers – joust it out in court.

Is it any wonder, then, that most ordinary folks fear the prospect of having to go to court? Most people try to avoid battles.

In the first place, the procedure is not pleasant. Being cross-examined is not a nice way to pass the time. The opposing lawyer has one objective regarding your testimony: to discredit it. And there are only two ways of doing that, namely, by proving that you were either dishonest and therefore a liar, or not necessarily dishonest but seriously mistaken and therefore unreliable, nevertheless. One rarely feels good at the prospect of being cross-examined.

In the second place, hiring a lawyer usually costs a great deal of money. In an era when legal aid is rarely available for parties to civil disputes, a large number of people simply prefer not to "bother" entering the arena.

Thus the notion that the legal system is indeed an "ass," finds fertile soil and takes root among "ordinary folk." The system is intimidating, expensive and confusing. Justice would be nice, litigants are told, but "justice with costs" would be nicer.

In Judaism, the resolution of disputes was always regarded as a necessary and sacrosanct part of communal life because its objective, namely, the doing of justice, was viewed as sacrosanct in and of itself. Indeed our tradition emphasizes that justice is one of God's attributes, that the sublime/pragmatic notion of justice underpins the very foundation of the world.

Abraham, our patriarch, dared to reproach God for his plan to destroy Sodom without first ascertaining if any just men would perish with the wicked. "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Shall not the judge of all the earth act justly?"

After the exodus from Egypt, Moses is enjoined by his father-in-law to establish a judicial system for the smooth, efficient resolution of disputes among the recently liberated slaves. And he does.

The dispensing of justice among quarrelling individuals was regarded from the earliest moments of our nationhood, *and has been ever since*, as a high, uncompromisable societal and personal, moral obligation.

It was therefore both refreshingly creative and palpably beneficial to members of the community that the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region last month created The Jewish Mediation Services of Ontario (JMSO).

The initiative by CJC is an attempt to bring justice within closer reach of "ordinary" people embroiled in a dispute. It is an attempt to make dispute resolution less intimidating, less expensive and less confusing.

The JMSO is an entirely voluntary process. As described in the notice that was sent to rabbis and synagogue lay leadership across Ontario, it is "a confidential, alternative dispute resolution program which seeks to facilitate dialogue and negotiated solutions to conflicts of a Jewish nature." Matrimonial disputes or disputes stemming from interpretations of Halachah do not form part of the JMSO's mandate.

The chair of the JMSO is Sharon Wolfe.

The success of the CJC initiative will depend on the willingness of quarrelling individuals to take their disputes to the JMSO. That in turn will depend on the experiences of the "litigants," on the dignity of the process, on whether the parties will be able to emerge from a JMSO mediation without feeling that they have "lost."

To try to ensure such a result, Wolfe points out that an "exceptional" roster of dispute resolution mediators has been assembled by the JMSO. The approach of the mediators will be governed by the overarching philosophy that was the lifelong, consistent teaching of our ancient sages: "All Israel is responsible for one another."

By establishing the JMSO, the CJC has, in effect, coupled the rabbinic instruction with God's imperative: "Justice, justice shall you pursue."

In doing so, they are trying to enable the better fulfillment of both instructions in the lives of "ordinary" folks. The CJC is to be commended.

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A GRAVE THAT BECAME A SHRINE

The Supreme Court of Israel last week upheld the decision by the IDF to dismantle the shrine that some Jews had created at the grave of Baruch Goldstein. Seen here are the grave, the shrine and some worshippers. **[Israel photo]**

Greater Toronto Area

Aliyah from former Soviet Union on the rise

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Continuing turmoil in the former Soviet Union (FSU), with no signs of improvement, is contributing to the highest levels of aliyah in eight years, says the head of the Jewish Agency for Israel's Russian unit.

If current trends continue, 65,000 Jews from the FSU, half from Russia alone, are expected to arrive in Israel in 1999, says Alla Levy, who was here for a series of briefings for UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

Jewish emigration from the FSU is up 42 percent over last year, and represents 20 percent more arrivals than the Jewish Agency had estimated for this year, Levy told *The CJN*.

Immigrants from Russia alone are expected to reach 33,000 this year, an increase of 130 percent over 1998, and 67 percent more than was forecast.

They're the highest aliyah levels since 1990-91.

More and more Jews are leaving because of anti-Semitism, said Levy, who is based in Moscow and heads a team of 35 Israeli shlichim (emissaries) and hundreds of local Russians who promote aliyah and teach Jewish culture and religion.

Questionnaires would-be immigrants filled out in previous years showed only negligible concern over anti-Semitism. The top reason for wanting to leave was concern for children, far ahead of political instability. Anxiety over anti-Semitism was registered by just four percent of respondents, Levy explained.

Now, worry over political instability is the number 1 reason for leaving. Fear of anti-Semitism, meanwhile, has shot up to 31 percent of respondents.

"Even Russian analysts says Russian anti-Semitism is a virus," said Levy, who left Moscow for Israel in 1970. "It's always there; it's just a question of how close it is to the surface.

"I myself am a product of anti-Semitism. My Jewish identity developed only as a result of anti-Semitism."

Levy said she can't recall anti-Semitism as open and as violent as it is now in Russia. She said the situation could worsen, depending on the outcome of parliamentary elections next month.

The country, as well as the entire FSU, is still feeling the effects of Russia's financial meltdown of August 1998. "It's absolute chaos," Levy said, adding that the unsettled

Alla Levy

conditions in Russia have triggered higher Jewish emigration from Ukraine and the Caucasus.

Proportionally, though, the highest number of Russian-Jewish emigres hail not from the large cities, but from Birobidzhan, the far-east territory once referred to as the Soviet Union's "Jewish Autonomous Region."

Jewish math

Levy said some 2,000 Jews from the region have left in the past 10 months. Two years ago, the Jewish population of the area was estimated at 8,000. In all, 3,000 have left.

Today, the Jewish Agency says there are as many as 12,000 Jews in Birobidzhan. "That's Jewish math," Levy said. "Many of them are mixed families."

Levy said the entire Jewish community in Chechnya – some 1,200 people – was rescued by Israel during the last war with Russia in 1994-96. She said the Jewish Agency has, however, tracked down a 17-year-old Jewish girl living in an orphanage in Ingushetia, a breakaway region within Chechnya. The girl, apparently, didn't know she was Jewish.

As for neighbouring Dagestan, the estimated 5,000 Jews are far from the current fighting between Russian troops and Chechen rebels, but the community "is under constant risk."

During the first half of this year, about 65 Jews left the mainly Muslim Dagestan for Israel each month, but emigration has levelled off. The Jewish Agency maintains an emissary in the capital, Makhachkala.

The Jewish Agency, with a budget of $376 million (US) for next year, oversees rescue, immigration and absorption of Jews, and promotes Jewish education overseas.

Forty-three percent of funds raised for the United Jewish Appeal here goes to the Jewish Agency.

CORRECTION

In the story "A caterer does more than serve food," on page B27 of the Party Supplement of the Nov. 18 *CJN*, we reported that Sonny Langer's Dairy Catering was kosher, when in fact it's not. *The CJN* regrets the error.

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Shalom-K Tours lawsuit called 'frivolous'

TORONTO — The president of Peerless Travel Inc., Ehud Telem, says a $50-million lawsuit brought against him and El Al is "frivolous" and without merit.

The lawsuit was launched last month by Shalom-K Tours Inc., which earlier this month was declared bankrupt by an Ontario court (*CJN*, Nov. 18).

It is now up to the court-appointed trustee to decide whether to proceed with the suit.

Shalom-K was declared bankrupt after the court found that the agency did not have sufficient funds in its trust account to cover money owed.

One affidavit said there was a $707,328 shortfall in Shalom-K's trust account.

Court documents show that the agency, which specialized in trips to Israel, owed El Al $688,000 and Air Canada more than $25,000 for tickets it had sold.

Telem said he doesn't know why he was named in the suit, launched on behalf of Shalom-K by its founder, Shalom Even. "I have no idea how he picked my name," Telem said.

The lawsuit alleges breach of contract, conspiracy and interference with economic relations.

Last week, Shalom-K creditors met for the first time. Five of them were appointed inspectors to ensure that other creditors' interests are protected.

The five inspectors are representatives of El Al; Revenue Canada; the International Air Travel Association (IATA), which pursued the bankruptcy action on behalf of the airlines; the Travel Industry Council of Ontario (TICO), which monitors the travel industry in Ontario and has compensated some of Shalom-K's clients; and a lawyer representing a former Shalom-K employee.

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Developmentally disabled have 'right' to privacy

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — To prevent sexual victimization, it is necessary to teach people with developmental disabilities that they have the right to privacy, said Dave Hingsburger at a conference celebrating Reena's 25th anniversary.

"People out there believe we own their bodies, their souls; we own them," said Hingsburger, a consultant and lecturer on sexuality and disability issues.

Disabled people often aren't taught that they have the right to say no to unwanted touching, he said.

By age 18, women with developmental disabilities have an 80 percent chance of having been raped or abused, said Hingsburger, citing statistics from the book, *Violence and Abuse in the Lives of People With Disabilities: End of Silent Acceptance*?

For men, there is a 40 to 60 percent chance, he said at the conference organized by Reena, a social service agency that integrates developmentally disabled adults into mainstream society.

"For most people with disabilities, their first experience with sexualization will be victimization," he said.

The abuse often is not reported because they do not "know the rules," he said, because people with disabilities often don't know they have been violated.

A high proportion of sexual abusers are people in caregiving roles, he said, and later pointed out that staff at group homes hold tremendous power over residents.

After Hingsburger discussed this issue of power at a conference in the United States, he said, an attendee wrote him an angry letter disagreeing that staff have extensive power over residents.

The man, who worked in a group home, later wrote Hingsburger again, saying he had conducted an experiment to test his power in the group home.

He asked a resident to touch a hot stove. The resident began to tremble but did not say no.

When the man commanded him again, more forcefully, to touch the stove, the resident's hand began moving towards it.

People with developmental disabilities learn "100 times per week" that when they do say no, it means they will be forced to do what they objected to anyway, Hingsburger said.

To be able to say no, he said, people have to have a healthy self-concept.

He gave an example of a friend with cerebral palsy who had developed a positive self-esteem. She told Hingsburger that if God came down and said he'd give her the ability to walk, she'd say, "No way, I like the way you made me the first time around."

"Isn't that difficult to hear? That a person with a disability is happy being the person they are?" Hingsburger asked.

"When a person with a disability says, 'I'm happy being who I am,' we think they are mentally ill," he said, half-jokingly.

He injected this kind of light humour into the presentation several times.

"Has anyone said to you: 'I've seen some of your people downtown'?" he asked the mixed audience of social service staff, parents and educators.

"Look at them and say, 'I'm not Moses; they're not my people.' "

Hingsburger also spoke about other rights and needs of people with developmental disabilities.

One important need for people with disabilities is to have "15 minutes of undivided attention," he said.

Often, those who take care of or interact with disabled people are too busy to sit down without distractions and give their undivided attention, he said.

"I think we give the message that we don't care – I've got important paper work to do so shut up."

AUTHOR VISITS: Associated Hebrew School stuents were recently visited by Jewish writer Sheldon Oberman, author of The Always Prayer Shawl.

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And when he cried, what did they hear?

Bullies and thugs are cowards; they have the "courage" to prey upon or harm only smaller, weaker, more vulnerable individuals. But they do submit themselves to the possibility of retribution. Bullies and thugs who hide their faces behind balaclavas and bandannas are repulsive cowards; they lack even that false, self-deluding, pathetic, puny "courage," preferring to pummel their victims while evading any possibility of personal risk.

Such were the murderers of 15-year-old Dmitri Baranovski: repulsive cowards, a swarm of young adults, a conscienceless mass of evil-doers who hid their faces from the frightened, confused youngster even as they kicked and punched him to death in a small park, in suburban north Toronto last week.

When he cried out to them, undoubtedly pleading for his life, what did they hear? Did they hear the pleas of mercy from a fellow human being? Did they hear Dmitri gasping for air? Did they hear his moans of pain? Did they hear his young life expiring?

Who are these people that they heard nothing but the sounds of their own amusement?

Our revulsion and our anger at this outrage, however, must be only the beginning points in our search for answers.

Our search must indeed lead us to a point that includes justice; but it dare not stop there. The incidence of teenage-related, gang violence are too frequent now for us, as a society, not to be worried.

We must, of course, never absolve these murderers – any murderers – of their culpability, or look to find "justifications" for their unjustifiable behaviour. But there are larger societal issues involved in the circumstances that led to Dmitri Baranovski's murder.

What are the predominant influences shaping the values of our youth today? We do not judge or measure the law-abiding, decent majority by the behaviours of the aberrant minority. But what size, truly, is that minority? And what is leading them toward such cruel and violent behaviour?

In an "advanced" society such as ours, increasingly dominated by machines, are the influences for goodness strong enough to counterbalance the impact on our youth of the daily drumbeat of videos, electronics and other high-tech diversions?

Where, even, do we look for those influences in an "advanced," free and democratic society, such as ours? We must look, first, where we have always looked: to the sustaining environment of a positive, healthy family structure nurtured with deference and purpose by the traditional symbiosis between home and school.

Of late, however, that symbiosis has suffered from severe strain; and the family structure has been weakened as a result. Both home and school are under a great deal of pressure, primarily but not exclusively, financial. As a society, we must relieve that pressure.

And our governments must pay heed for they have an important role to play if we are to ensure, when victims like Dmitri Baranovski, Jonathan Wamback or Reena Verk cry out, their cries will be heard; or better still, that there never again will be such victims.

CAPTIVE IN IRAN

The government of Iran still holds the following members of the Jewish community as prisoners. Each is a universe of life and existence unto his own. And each has a name. Let us not forget them.

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Jews owned homes before 1919

Your article on 42 St. George St. (*CJN*, Nov. 11) is factually incorrect.

There must have been hundreds of homes owned by Jews before 1919. The Frankels and the Smuels lived in grand homes on Jarvis Street. The Singer family owned three homes on Kendal Avenue.

I was born at 80 Howland Ave. in 1911 in a home my grandfather, a Charles King, bought in 1907.

Theodore K. Draimin
Toronto

Editor's Note: The CJN *article said it was the first home owned by a Jew on record. It has since been demolished.*

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No Polish labour camps

The undersigned has asked The CJN *to print this letter sent to Brian Predoe, chair, Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto.*

Re: 19th Annual Holocaust Education Week. It is with great sadness that we bring to your attention a terrible injustice done to the Polish people as a whole. We do not understand how you can hope to foster constructive Christian-Jewish dialogue when such destructive information is provided to the general public.

We refer to page 10 of the brochure, wherein we read (at the 8 p.m. Oct. 29 session) about a woman's survival in "the Warsaw Ghetto and several Polish labour camps." The statement is grossly misleading and is, in fact, a lie. There were no Polish labour camps. Poland was attacked by Germany. The terrible things that happened to the Jews happened in *occupied* Poland. The main victims were both Polish and Jewish. To allege that the Poles were in any way responsible for the Holocaust is an outrage.

One has to wonder why the Jewish community as a whole fails to educate the general public as to why there were so many Jews in Poland? The answer is simple. Poland was a tolerant country. When Jews were expelled elsewhere, there were no barriers to their flourishing in Poland. One also has to wonder why the Jewish community as a whole fails to educate the general public as to who forms the greatest percentage (by nation) recognized by Yad Vashem as Righteous Among the Nations.

We are dismayed that the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto endorses the above type of "education."

Hanna Sokolski
Canadian Polish Congress
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J.B.'s party label omitted

Re: "Toronto laneway named for J.B." (*CJN*, Nov. 11). Notwithstanding the fact that many people liked Salsberg, he did in fact represent the area in the provincial legislature as a communist, and was a significant figure in the Communist party.

I believe that when someone reviews Salsberg's history, this communist connection, albeit in the distant past, should not be ignored.

Dr. Lawrence I. Gaum
Toronto

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Friends of Berlin family

Further to Sheldon Kirshner's "Portrait of a great philosopher" (*CJN*, Nov. 4), which I enjoyed reading, I feel the following may be of interest to your readers.

The Berlin family were lifelong friends of my family, first in Riga and then in London. My aunt, Bella Sebba (nee Schalit), passed away in Israel two years ago. My cousin in England – Iris Sebba – took it upon herself to publish two times a year a magazine for family and friends in Bella Sebba's memory called the *Bella Times*, to which family and friends contribute reminiscences of Bella as well as family news.

David Freudmann
Toronto

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Hidden in France

I was hidden in Romans-sur-Isère in southern France as a child from 1943 until the end of the war. Are you among the child survivors who were hidden in the area during the war? Perhaps you stayed with one of the rescuers, including the courageous Mme Chesneau, a disabled woman who reportedly hid about 140 children at the Château de Payrins. She was one of the first French women to be honoured as a Righteous Gentile by the State of Israel.

If you are one of the hidden children of Romans and surrounding area, I would like to hear from you.

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On the Shloshim

'A walking kiddush HaShem'

By RABBI REUVEN P. BULKA

They came by the thousands to his funeral; they came by the thousands to the house of shivah, to express their grief at the passing of their former chief rabbi but constant leader.

His death was not sudden, and yet it was sudden. Those of us privileged to be part of the family of HaRav Reb Yisrael Jakobovits, known to the larger world as Lord Immanuel Jakobovits, were aware that he was not in the best of health.

In the past few years, his peripheral vision had become compromised after a stroke, and his manner of walking had veered toward being somewhat unsteady. But his vision for his people was as clear as ever, his approach to communal issues as steady as usual, and his energy, as always, seemingly endless.

He had just returned from a trip to North America where he spoke in several cities. On the day he died, he was scheduled to visit Paris as head of a delegation asking France's Prime Minister Jacques Chirac to intercede on behalf of the 13 Jews unjustly imprisoned in Iran. A few days later, he was to be honoured by the Lord Mayor of London as one of 300 Britons whose high achievements during this century were considered worthy of tribute.

There was, in other words, lots of unfinished business on Lord Jakobovits' agenda, but that would have been the case no matter when he died. This was because his concern for his people, and for the crucial issues faced by the world community, never abated.

As his devoted and cherished wife, Lady Amelie Jakobovits, remarked at the shivah, he never retired. He just moved into a different phase of activity.

That he was on the way to entreat on behalf of the 13 Jews in Iran comes as no surprise to anyone who knows how my uncle lived, and what were his abiding concerns.

He was the first western rabbi to visit Refuseniks in the former Soviet Union, and was a staunch advocate on behalf of Soviet Jewry. He travelled far and wide on behalf of his people. I cannot think of a Jewish community anywhere that was not blessed by his presence.

In spite of the oceanic distance that separated us, I was able to see my uncle quite frequently. Looking back, I value so much the wisdom he shared, the dignity he projected, the warmth he exuded, the passion for what was correct that inspired everything he did.

My uncle never floated an opinion as a trial balloon, or to stir controversy. He only said what he meant and he meant what he said. He did stir controversy, because he never towed the party line. But he also never towed an anti-party line.

He was not predictably liberal or conservative. He was predictably honest, forthright, even vigorous in presenting his case, and fervently committed to what was best for all people. He did not look for issues on which to stand out in opposition, but he never shirked from the responsibility to say what needed to be said, even if the consequences were clearly to be an avalanche of harsh criticism thrown his way.

He had a profound commitment to the poor and underprivileged, but his approach to their plight did not conform to a political agenda. It conformed to what he thought was the most effective way for the poor to be elevated from their plight.

Even in the calm confines of his study or his living room or his kitchen, when issues of importance came up for discussion, the pitch in his voice went up a few notches. Away from the scene, he could never detach from the passion that he retained for communal matters. It was not anger in the higher pitched voice; it was unabating concern.

At family occasions, the happy, and thank God there were many, and the sad, which in a large family are hardly avoidable, he was always asked to speak. It was not only because of his honoured position in the community. It was because he had an uncanny knack for saying the right thing at the right time, and for being able to turn a phrase or a quote and make it so uniquely applicable to the occasion. And this he did at all times in his exhausting string of public speeches, both when he was chief rabbi and when he was chief rabbi emeritus.

He was the father of Jewish medical ethics as we know it today. He came from a background that integrated medicine and Halachah, and his treatise, *Jewish Medical Ethics*, was the first comprehensive treatment of the major ethical challenges posed by modern medicine.

Even today, it is hardly possible to venture forth on any topic within the medical ethics spectrum, be it on matters of abortion, autopsy, transplant, birth control, *in vitro* fertilization, or whatever, without making reference to this work. He was, in this and in so many other facets of his life, ahead of the times, simply because he was so clued in to our timeless tradition.

His bearing was always regal. In the privacy of his home he dressed immaculately, and he never uttered a harsh word or made a remark that an eavesdropping reporter could have transmitted in a disparaging way. He respected everyone, and all issues, even when no one was around. He lived his entire life according to the famous imperative that "we should be in awe of Heaven in private and in public."

Believe it or not, my uncle was fundamentally a shy person, but he did not shy away from the responsibilities that came his way, including arguing strenuously and eloquently, to all of Great Britain, for a stronger commitment to family values.

Even though he grew up in the dark shadows of the Holocaust, and was keenly aware of the destruction that was wrought on Jewish posterity, that did not deter him from expressing his strong unease with the proliferation of physical monuments to the Holocaust at the expense of a more meaningful monument by way of a vibrant regeneration of Jewishness via Jewish education.

Indeed, Jewish education was at the centre of my uncle's passions. He worked determinedly to re-energize the education-al system in England, again in face of, but undeterred by opposition. The fruits of his labours, in terms of more schools and more children being educated, are an endearing and enduring legacy.

And he argued most convincingly that the religious parties in Israel missed the boat, going back to the re-establishment of the state, in asking for control of the religious ministry instead of asking to guide the education ministry – a colossal mistake which, had it been avoided, might have forestalled both the secular-religious divide in Israel and the great erosion of Jewishness presently unfolding in Israel.

Lord Jakobovits accepting the Templeton award in Toronto in 1991.

His moment of greatest travail was when he openly questioned Israel's policy in the territories. He was always a passionate lover of Israel, but he was deeply committed to the mentsch-Yisrael idea of his mentor, Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch. He wanted Israel to personify mentschlichkeit, both individually and collectively. He wanted Israel's behaviour to be rooted in the Torah notion of ultimate respect.

He fervently desired that Israel's conduct be a kiddush HaShem, a sanctification of God's name, and he suffered when this was not the case. His call in this direction was not made without due deliberation. For all the uproar that he caused, no one who knew my uncle could accuse him of opportunism, or lack of feeling for his people. His cry from the heart emanated from his unyielding love of Israel and his confidence that the State of Israel should and could be a model of what is right even in the most trying of circumstances.

His opponents, on this or other issues, knew that they were contending with a man who was intellectually well informed and thought his ideas out, and was spiritually motivated by the purest and most profoundly genuine ultimate concerns. He wanted for us that we never deviate from being what we should be. He never lost sight of the big picture even when it was tempting and enticing to do so.

Inside the family, we saw a side of him that may have escaped the grasp of many. He was a remarkably humble man. He went from a meeting with the Queen or the prime minister to comparatively ordinary activities with no swelled head or trace of hubris.

He carefully guarded all matters that were confidential, and never gloated about being the adviser to the prime minister, Margaret Thatcher, who described him after his passing as "one of the century's most remarkable spiritual leaders."

His life was an unbroken line of dedication, commitment, passion for his people, and allegiance to God and God's word, the Torah. He had the immense blessing of a wife, our Aunt Amelie, may she continue to be well, who was as one with him in all he did, and who possesses an amazing amalgam of energy and effervescence that so beautifully complemented and complimented her husband.

All his children and grandchildren have carried on, in their unique ways, the dedication to community that they lived on a daily basis in their formative years.

My uncle had the crown of Torah learned and promulgated, the crown of knighthood, the crown of peerage, the crown of great honours bestowed, including the Templeton Prize for Religion, but most important of all, he had the crown of a *shem tov*, a good, noble, respected name that transcends his passing.

As an uncle, I loved him. As a rabbi, I respected him. As chief rabbi, I admired him. As an international leader, I was in awe of him. The rabbis who were privileged to work with him were so naturally inspired by him. He was, and will always be, the rabbi's rabbi; or, as they affectionately called him – the Chief.

If I had to describe his life in a single sentence, it would be that he was, in all that he did, privately and publicly, a walking kiddush HaShem, a man who made all of us feel that much better about who we are, primarily because of who he was and what he represented.

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Opinions

Bored with doing good?

A few years ago, the whole issue of ecology, and the protection of the environment, was much talked about. Jewish activists were in the forefront of the movement, and not by accident. Taking care of God's gifts and the principle of *bal tashchit* (do not destroy, or do not waste) are firmly entrenched in our tradition.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

But somehow this area of concern has slipped from the consciousness of many, and if it were not for a minority that insists on reminding us of our obligations to the world in which we live, it would be altogether overlooked. Sometimes that leads me to surmise that perhaps we are getting bored with doing good. Nonetheless, I will remind you of issues that yesterday were taken for granted.

This rather lengthy introduction arises from the receipt of a fascinating brochure that was mailed to me by the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life (COEJL).

Hiding behind this title is a group of Jewish institutions that range across the spectrum of organized North American Jewish life, from the American Jewish Committee to Congress and B'nai Brith; from traditional religious institutions to the most liberal. On paper, it should be the most successful organization of our community. Maybe someday it will be, but for the time being I need to describe its purposes, with the hope that you, too, may once again become interested in this issue.

The questions that COEJL asks are fundamental, almost simplistic: Since we all know there is an environmental crisis and that a heavy cloud of pollutants hangs over every one of our major cities, what are we as individuals doing to decrease blight? Nothing is exempt from such considerations, whether it concerns our food, fuel or whatever. Are we using disposables, leaving lights on unnecessarily, over-utilizing our air-conditioning, or driving a car when it is not necessary and we could take public transportation? A strict Jewish environmentalist would say that all these issues fall under the rubric of *bal tashchit*.

The little pamphlet I received is entitled *Caring for the Cycle of Life: Creating Environmentally Sound Life Cycle Celebrations*. The booklet lists the opportunities that we have – whenever we celebrate a simchah – to lessen the damage to the environment and suggestions for how we can contribute to its betterment.

Meanwhile the Great Lakes are suffering, including Lake Ontario; arable land is disappearing; suburban sprawl is increasing; and our automobiles spew dirt into the air, which becomes less and less breathable. As someone who lives with controlled asthma, I am much aware of this particular problem.

So, what do I suggest? Get some information from local pro-environmental organizations like Pollution Probe or write for the booklet to which I have referred, addressing your enquiry to COEJL, 443 Park Avenue South, 11th Floor, New York 10016-7322. It may cost you a couple of dollars, but it is more than worth it.

We have to regain our sense of awareness of this oppressive problem, else the heritage we leave to our children's children will indeed be unclean in its most literal sense.

Two solitudes inside Israel

One of the striking developments in the current Knesset is the growing assertiveness of its Arab members. In a society and Parliament that have been described as "multicultural" and "sectorized" after the last election, representatives of the Arab minority (18 percent of Israel's citizens) are staking their claim for an Israel that will be a "state for all its citizens." In practice, they would prefer to do away with many of the Jewish symbols and character that are important to most Israeli Jews from a cultural perspective.

Shira Herzog in Toronto

Relations between Israel's Jewish majority and its Arab minority have always been strained. While Israeli Arabs have generally been loyal to the state, Jewish Israelis question this loyalty. When several Israeli Arabs were involved in terrorist attacks in northern Israel earlier this fall, Israeli Jews were skeptical towards the condemnations by Arab leaders.

Public opinion polls taken at the time demonstrated a consistently negative attitude towards the Arab minority on the part of the Jewish majority. Most of those polled believed that if a Palestinian state would be established, Israeli Arabs would be more loyal to it than to the State of Israel.

This atmosphere of suspicion also influences Israelis' attitudes towards civil rights for their Arab fellow citizens. Many Israeli Jews objected when an Arab MK was recently appointed to the Knesset foreign affairs and security committee for the first time in the Knesset's history. A majority of those polled last September believed that Arabs should not enjoy equal political and civil rights, even as they supported the principle of equal economic rights for Arab citizens of the state. Clearly, for most Israelis, the issue is one not just of security, but of the Arabs' integration in the state at the expense of its Jewish character. Over 60 percent of those polled believed that Arabs were not integrated, and approximately 50 percent said they were opposed to such integration in principle.

In the historic tension between Israel as a Jewish state and as a democracy, a majority of Israelis – whether religious or secular – are prepared to compromise some democratic principles in order to preserve a preferential position for Jewish Israelis. Given the strength of feelings on the issue, it is unlikely that even progress in the peace process will substantially change these attitudes.

For their part, Israel's Arab citizens are better educated, more organized and more vocal in their demands than ever before. Their disenchantment with their political representatives and their frustration with broken promises and unfulfilled expectations has spawned a proliferation of non-profit community groups that are active in service delivery and advocacy. Some view this phenomenon as a sign of growing sophistication and another stage in the evolution of Israeli civil society. Others view it as a worrisome development, reminiscent of the Jewish yishuv's prestate organization, that may lead to a demand for autonomy by Israel's Arabs. In such a scenario, these organizations may become the nucleus for self-government. Since most Arabs are concentrated in the Galilee region, such a demand could have territorial implications as well.

Arab leadership is divided on this issue. The majority among them views this trend as a sign of simultaneous frustration and sophistication. They blame the government for the gap in allocation of resources and for regulations that discriminate against Arabs on issues such as land ownership. They reject the notion of autonomy and call for greater integration of Arabs into the mainstream of Israeli life. Others, led by Dr. Azmi Bishara, an eloquent intellectual and MK, believe that autonomy is a necessary, inevitable answer to Israel's self-definition as a Jewish state.

Israeli governments have never included an Arab minister. After the last election, despite pressure from the civil rights community to appoint an Arab member to his cabinet, Prime Minister Barak resisted, probably to demonstrate his appeal to the centre of the political map. He finally responded to the wave of media criticism by appointing an Arab to the Knesset foreign affairs and security committee, and one as deputy minister.

The (Jewish) minister responsible for Arab affairs, Matan Vilnay of the Centre party, responds to the current challenge by reiterating his government's promise to reduce the gaps in education and social services for the Arab community.

The issue is obviously far more complex. It cuts to the heart of the character of the state, and its tolerance for a non-Jewish, Arab, minority in its midst. Many Arabs still feel that greater equality of opportunity and equity in resources are the key to coexistence, if not integration.

Israeli Jews may not be prepared to respond accordingly, even if the alternative is a growing demand for autonomy .

What is truth?

The concept of truth is dear to the heart of every professor. But what is absolute truth anyway? And does untruth in one area lead to untruths in others? The world of scholarship has been roiled with several recent debates on just these issues. It has become commonplace for believers in relativism and post-modernism to argue that there has never been and can never be any objective, absolute truth. That may well be true. But there are standards of scholarship that have developed over time that are probably worthy of some respect. We should be careful before tossing them out.

Morton Weinfeld in Montreal

Dutch, the new biography of Ronald Reagan by Edmund Morris – listed as non-fiction in the *New York Times* – has rightly angered traditional historians. Morris, unable to penetrate into the inner core of Reagan's life and mind despite unprecedented access, decided to inject himself as a fictitious character into the narrative of an otherwise lifeless story. That might be bad enough as a plot device for an ostensible work of serious biography. But worse, Morris apparently made up phony sources and sprinkled these liberally into the references, to bedevil future scholars. I am waiting for clever undergraduates to start handing in term papers using similar approaches.

Two cases involving changing truths are of particular interest to the Jewish world. One involves the controversy over the Palestinian-American literary scholar Edward Said, and his allegedly repeated misrepresentation of his childhood as one taking place mainly in Jerusalem, from which he was uprooted in 1948. This version of his youth has allowed him to add a personal dimension to his pro-Palestinian advocacy over the past decades. According to an article published in *Commentary*, Said is a fraud. His youth was spent mainly in Cairo, and thus he was not really a refugee. Said's response is that he never actually claimed that he himself was a refugee, but that his extended family, based in Jerusalem, became refugees after 1948. Perhaps Said in his earlier autobiographical statements may have fudged that distinction.

Does any of this affect the veracity of Said's claims on behalf of Palestinians generally? It should not. One of the basic principles of academic work is that an argument should be evaluated on its own merit, and not based on the biography of the advocate, even if he deliberately fabricates his past. In this era of identity politics, it is often hard to divorce the scholar from his or her past. Said's link to the refugee experience gave his arguments added credibility.

But imagine the credibility if his arguments sympathetic to the Palestinian position had come from Israelis! This in fact is somewhat at issue in the second case of truth and revisionism. Here the issue is not shoddy research methods or outright falsehoods, but new and controversial interpretations of historic events, based on newly discovered evidence. New textbooks in Israeli schools for the first time now include materials designed to get Israeli Jews to see the conflict from the perspective of Palestinians. A column in the *Jerusalem Post* of Sept. 5 feared these books would "undermine the moral case for Zionism." Actually, if used properly they may strengthen it.

At the same time Israeli scholars like Benny Morris at Ben-Gurion University have published new versions of Israeli history, relying on recently released archival material. These challenge many Zionist myths, such as the fact that the Jews were terrible military underdogs in 1948, and that the Arab side never expressed any interest in a peace settlement. I suspect that these revisionist books will in turn spawn another set of academic responses aimed at rescuing or modifying basic Zionist interpretations. A new, better, balanced picture may well result. Historic truths are rarely static.

One awaits, sadly, revisionist reappraisals on the part of Arab scholars and textbook writers of their own particular view of Israeli-Arab history. It will be a long wait. There are still some truths which apparently do not change. In a recent public speech Mrs. Arafat, in the presence of Mrs. Clinton, accused Israel of deliberately poisoning the environment in the West Bank, leading to increasing cancer rates among Palestinians. This vicious, medieval slur is a modern form of a blood libel against the Jews. Who knows, if asked to substantiate her vile accusation, Mrs. Arafat may find sources as authentic as those used by Reagan's biographer Edmund Morris.

The Kirshner File

Communing with nature in Israel

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

Israel is afflicted by the malady of overdevelopment. Much like Singapore or Hong Kong, Israel is gradually losing its precious green spaces and metamorphosing into a city state, a concrete, soul-destroying megalopolis. The process is particularly evident along the coastal plain, and, to a much lesser degree, in the Galilee and the Negev. Inexorably, Israel's greenery – the lungs of the country – is being bulldozed to accommodate housing estates, shopping centres and highways. It is a looming ecological disaster.

These thoughts occurred to me during a recent trip to Israel. Tired of the cacophony and pollution of Tel Aviv, I decided to break away. After reading a pamphlet entitled *Israel Nature Trails*, published by the Society for Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI), I was hooked. Flipping through the pages, I chose a three-day hiking trip to the Galilee and the Golan Heights (annexed by Israel in 1981). It sounded just right. I had never hiked in the Galilee or the Golan. So it was clearly an idea whose time had come.

I was the sole Canadian on the trip. All the others were Americans, a mixture of men and women, as well as a 13-year-boy who had been brought to Israel expressly for his bar mitzvah. On a muggy Tuesday morning, we met in front of SPNI's storefront office, a block away from Tel Aviv's shabby old central bus station, a symbol of hasty urban planning and decay in Israel.

The route to the Golan, captured by Israel in the 1967 Six Day War, took us past quaint Israeli-Arab villages set on terraces and through Tiberias, one of Palestine's four holy cities.

Driving out of Tiberias, a jumble of buildings facing the quiescent Sea of Galilee, we made for the Golan, a basalt plateau whose sombre, wide-open vistas appeal to claustrophobic Israelis fleeing congestion. Although populated by Druze villagers and Jewish settlers, the Golan feels almost empty.

Leaving the bus, we walked across parched yellow fields dotted with wild fennel and purple thorns. At a dramatic cliff in the Gamla Nature Reserve, we watched rare Griffon vultures coasting gracefully. Beyond the thickly-wooded ravine loomed the fertile Jezreel Valley, misty under a bright sun.

After a tour of a ruined Byzantine church, its interior open to the clear blue sky, we reached a lookout with a view of the ruins of Gamla. Known as the Masada of the north, Gamla was a Jewish settlement besieged by a Roman army under the command of Vespasian. It fell to the Romans in 30 days, but not before 4,000 of its Jewish defenders were killed and a further 5,000 committed suicide. After the Six Day War, Gamla was excavated by Israeli archeologists.

Gingerly dodging boulders, and walking past clumps of shady Mt. Tabor oaks on the sun-bleached savannah, we hiked down into a gorge dense with bushes, trees and flaming pink oleander shrubs. At the very bottom was a natural pool fed by a waterfall. Nirvana.

We spent the night at the Tel Hai guest house and youth hostel, dedicated last year by the Posluns family of Toronto. From a fence on the manicured grounds, I looked toward Kiryat Shmona, last bombarded by Hezbollah in June.

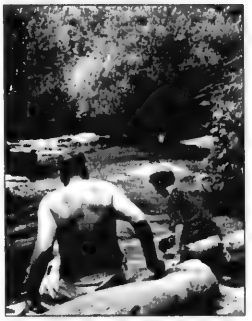
On day 2, we were taken to Beit Hillel, a moshav in the panhandle of the Galilee. We had arrived for a rafting experience on the Hatzbani River, which rises in Lebanon. This being early July, the water was shallow and slow-moving. The guide and I shared a rubber craft, and for the next hour, we drifted lazily under an aromatic canopy of willow, eucalyptus and mulberry trees. Eventually, we passed a bend where the Hatzbani and Dan rivers converge. The passage over the only set of rapids, however, was anti-climactic. At Kibbutz Kfar Blum, we took a break until it was time to visit Dan, a kibbutz in the shadow of the Golan.

During the Six Day War, several Syrian tanks and some 300 commandos attacked Dan from an adjacent hill, but were repelled by the kibbutzniks. Beit Ussishkin, the kibbutz museum, is still pockmarked by bullets, an uneasy reminder of that brief, bloody battle.

Beit Ussishkin's exhibit of the rich flora and fauna of the area, including Mt. Hermon, is impressive. So are the relics from the ancient city of Dan, whose history can be traced back to the Early Bronze Age. Probably the single most important item on display is an Aramaic inscription on a stone tablet attesting to King David's life.

From Dan, indolent in the summer heat, we crossed the invisible border separating Israel from the Golan. I noticed a minefield, but it was fenced off. There was also a clear view of the drainage canals Syria built in the mid-1960s to divert water from the Jordan River. These canals sparked land and air battles with Israel

At Nahal Harmon Reserve, once a stronghold of the Syrian army, we poked about the ruins of a Greek temple. Then, negotiating a twisting path crowned by thick foliage and



A secluded pool in the Galilee. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

gnarled oak, plane and carob trees, we followed the course of the Banias River to the last remaining water-powered flour mill on the Golan and to what had been a Syrian officers' recreational pool. From there, it was a short amble to the park's chief attraction, the roaring water falls, whose fine spray I appreciated on this hot, dusty day.

There are four Druze villages on the Golan, and at one of them, Masada, 3,500 metres above sea level, there was a snack bar. Tacked to a wall were magazine photographs of Ehud Barak, Ezer Weizman, Yitzhak Rabin, Shaul Mofaz (Israel's chief of staff) and Princess Diana. What an incongruous ensemble! Having finished my falafel, I breathed in the pine-scented air, gazing down contentedly at Birket Ram, a round, lonely lake in the distance.

Three kilometres northeast of Banias, beyond a Druze fruit stand where I bought a bag of tasty, pale, red cherries, lay Nimrod Castle, a medieval Crusader or Arab fortress. Archeologists are not sure of its true origins. Perched high on a mountain, it offered magnificent views of Neve Ativ, the Golan's only ski resort, and of Israel itself.

Later, in the ragged town of Ein Qinya, we were treated to a fairly informative question-and-answer session on Druze history and culture presided over by a man in his 30s.

We spent our final day in the western Galilee, hiking in a lush and incredibly beautiful canyon, Nahal Kziv, which summoned up sweet memories of Vermont. The vegetation was regional – Kermes oaks, Assyrian maples, wild pistachios. Scrunched-up tissue paper and several condoms were scattered on the trail. Not a litter basket was in sight.

In a sylvan forest glade, after a bite of lunch, some of us enjoyed a bracing dip in a natural pool. The sun shimmered in the water; the minnows swam furiously.

Having rested, we continued tramping through woods, which had a storybook primeval quality. Then, after a stop at another cool pool, we began to ascend a steep ridge. Toward the summit, through the boughs of fragrant pines, I saw Montfort Castle, a Crusader redoubt which the Mamluks had destroyed.

As the tour ended, I cast one last wistful look at the mouldering castle. Though somewhat weary and sweaty from the day's activities, I felt exhilarated, glad that one more little bit of unspoiled, undeveloped rural Israel had been registered in my memory bank.

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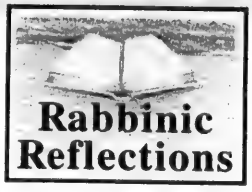

Jacob and Esau

By RABBI ROBERT RHODES

In this week's parshah, Jacob sent messengers ahead of him to Esau, his brother, and he charged them saying: "Thus shall you say to my lord Esau, so said your servant Jacob, I have sojourned with Laban, and I have lingered until now."

Jacob is about to meet his estranged brother after years of separation and fears for his life. Jacob had bought Esau's birthright and stolen his blessing at their father's deathbed. Jacob had had to run away from his brother's fury. The reunion was not expected to go well.

Jacob sends a humbly worded message that includes the following Hebrew phrase, *im Lavan garti*. I have lived as a transient with my uncle Laban. How could Jacob have said these words to Esau?

Rashi takes this to mean that Jacob sought to appease Esau.

Garti can be taken to mean that Jacob did not do well in the house of Laban. He remained an outsider, a temporary resident and so Esau should not be jealous of any wealth he might have thought Jacob had acquired.

Alternatively, Jacob could be saying that his spiritual values remained intact; he never settled into the ways of Laban.

Let's step back from the text and look at the context. Jacob's statement will become all the more dramatic.

Esau is strong and powerful. Laban is a materialist. They are blood relatives (uncle and nephew), and as we can see from the Torah readings of these past few weeks, both are men who value wealth and possessions. In addition, Esau is a powerful warrior.

Everything Jacob does up to this point seems designed to placate his brother. Why does he now throw into Esau's face a rejection of the material world? Why offend Esau?

Take a contemporary example. If you are interviewing at a top law firm for an entry-level position, would you mention your lack of interest in the law? Furthermore, if the interview is going well, would you toss in a remark about how you value anarchy as a solution to many of today's problems?

This is what I think Jacob did with Esau. He took every precaution against perceived physical danger. He addressed his fearsome brother with respect and deference. Then he said "My values are not like yours.

"I may have lived with our uncle Laban for years, but I have absorbed nothing of his priorities."

From the text of the Torah itself and the treatment of their characters in the midrashim, we know that Esau and Laban value the things of this world.

Jacob is the spiritual person. He is the ancestor of the Jewish people. He is the dreamer. He sees and talks to angels. He has respect for, and a healthy fear of the physically superior Esau.

He takes real precautions against a real threat. He knows that in this world the powerful expect and receive submissiveness. Yet he has to say what he really feels, *im Lavan garti*, with people like you and Laban, I am a stranger.

How many of us could look an Esau in the eye and say with respect, that we completely reject their basis of authority and power while acknowledging their supremacy as a fact?

The surrounding culture often seems to be overwhelming, especially at this time of year. Chanukah is so insignificant next to the winter holiday season that is now just beginning. Judaism is a minority way of life. How can we reject such a strong force? Jacob shows us exactly how to do it.

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Chanukah celebrations

By RACHAEL TURKIENICZ

Chanukah approaches and once again we remember the age when Jews were steeped in the Hellenistic culture.

The holiday contains aspects of military victories against all odds, as well as aspects of religious autonomy, symbolized by lights that burned and burned.

Jewish law discusses the proper way of lighting our chanukiyahs. Should we start with one candle and add one every night (Hillel's opinion), or perhaps start with eight candles and subtract one each night (Shammai's opinion).

The Talmud stipulates that we begin with one candle and add one every night, in accordance with the opinion of Hillel. The reasoning behind this process is that we always increase and grow as we progress through life, our goal is never to decrease as we go.

By deciding the question of candlelighting in this way, the eight little candles that burn for so short a time in our homes become connected to a philosophical perspective on how a Jewish person should approach their life journey.

Jewish law also discusses where the chanukiyah should be placed once the candles are lit. One should try to place the candles outside the door, opposite the mezuzah, so as to encircle our doorways with commandments.

If putting it in our doorways is unrealistic, placing it in a window facing the street is suggested. One of the reasons given for this practice is to advertise the miracle of Chanukah.

In either case, emphasis is clearly placed on the public aspect of displaying the candles for all to see. The candles lit in the privacy of our homes are now being moved to the public domain.

Why must we try to do this with Chanukah candles and not with other festival objects? No one would consider storing their lulavs and etrogs in their windows when not in use, or keeping matzah displayed publicly during Pesach.

Yet it is very appropriate that we place our candles in the window. The miracle of Chanukah was itself twofold: both private and public.

When the Hasmoneans cleaned, purified and rededicated the Temple, this was a private miracle. When the Jewish people overcame all odds and won the military victory, this was a public miracle.

The miracles themselves echo the nature of the oppression we experienced at that time. The religious assault of the Greeks against the Jews was designed to separate the private and public aspects of the Jewish person.

One could be a Jew on the inside, but not show it in any way on the outside. Laws prohibiting study of Torah, observance of the Sabbath and the practice of circumcision were central to Greek oppression.

In fact, many Hellenistic Jews tried to "undo" their circumcisions, thus attempting to hide from the outside who they were on the inside.

The Hasmoneans and their followers fought against this duality of identity, insisting that the Jew must merge their private and public identities into one.

A midrash on Chanukah states that during the Greek oppression, Jews were told to engrave on the bolts of their doors "I have neither portion nor heritage in the God of Israel."

The Jews immediately removed the bolts from their doors, leaving themselves vulnerable but not complying with a public denial of who they truly are.

Those eight candles signify miracles, life journeys and our steadfast insistence on maintaining one balanced identity.

Perhaps these thoughts can flicker in our minds as we watch those little candles burn and burn.

By TAMMY URBACH

Celebrating multiculturalism

A few weeks ago, the York Region District School Board became the first Ontario public school board to officially recognize Oct. 29 to Nov. 9 as Holocaust Education Week.

Guest Voices

In recognition of this, the school I teach at, Parkview Public School, had a week of lessons, storytelling and discussion, which culminated in an assembly where Susan Jackson of the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, and the students, were the presenters.

Upon entering the foyer of our school, you were faced with the realities of the Holocaust: family portraits of victims who died were surrounded by books that told the numerous accounts, and newspaper articles that shared the facts.

Encircling this display was a border of yellow stars created by the students. Each star had a word or two written by the students to describe their feelings about and reflections on the lessons they learned that week – words like: why?, six million, courage, strength and death.

I remember the first time I drove down Main Street, Unionville, for my interview. I thought I had suddenly been transported to a Hollywood movie set. It was so picturesque, so peaceful. I was taking a new turn in my teaching career, branching out of the day school system within which I had begun my career. I was anticipating the little things: Hallowe'en, Valentine's Day and even Christmas songs. What I discovered, however, was what I missed, and what I had to share.

What is it like to be a Jewish teacher in the public school system? For me, it started with a Christmas tree, a really beautiful Christmas tree that unfortunately made me feel left out.

It also started with an extremely supportive administration, an employer (the York Region District School Board) that not only encouraged multiculturalism but endorsed it through mandates. And it started with a little bit of my own chutzpah.

One day I bought an electric menorah, and with my principal's support, placed it on a table beside the Christmas tree. The thrill I got when I saw the handful of Jewish children at our school of 500 explain to their peers what the menorah was about is indescribable.

Everything I have done at my school to teach the students about my culture is a direct result of the multiculturalism endorsed by the board. We celebrate First Nations Week, Chinese New Year, Black History Month and Christmas, and now we commemorate one of the most tragic events in Jewish history.

When my students left the recent assembly, I hope they took with them an understanding that racism affects all of us and that we, as a multicultural community, all have a role to play to ensure something like the Holocaust never happens again.

Each child who volunteered to participate in the Holocaust assembly was from a different ethnic, cultural or religious group. That is what it means to be a Jewish teacher in a public school system.

Tammy Urbach is a special education teacher who has been teaching at the York Region District School Board for the last five years.

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

More Talmud study sites

Today, I continue my look at the vast resources on the Internet for people who want to learn Daf Yomi, a double-page (daf) a day (yomi) of Talmud.

Orienting yourself in front of a page of Talmud can be quite daunting.To get a taste of the dynamics of a page, I highly recommend Eliezer Segal's beautifully constructed work **[http://www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~elsegal/TalmudPage.html]**. Segal has reproduced a typical page of the Talmud, this one from the tractate of Megillah. When you click on the text, you can get an excellent insight into the structure of the page and the annotation that is indispensable to its understanding.

Part of the Talmud learning experience is grasping the large volume in your hands while learning along with your teacher. Although there is no online substitute, you *can* read the entire contents of the Babylonian **[http://www1.snunit.k12.il/kodesh/bavli/bavli.html]** and JerusalemTalmuds **[http:// www1.snunit.k12.il/kodesh/yer/yer.html]** on your computer screen if you have Hebrew fonts installed. Please note that these pages are not set up in the standard format, nor do they include the classical commentators such as Rashi and Tosafot.

Most of the Daf Yomi commentary on the Internet is in English, but you can find some resources in Hebrew. The Dafyomi Advancement Forum has notes and commentaries from both the Yosef Da'as and the Galei Masechata **[http://www.dafyomi.co.il/ivrit2.htm]**. You do not need Hebrew fonts to view these pages, but should have the free Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your computer **[http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep. html]**.

The Daf Yomi Sources Page has begun to scan Hebrew sources with hopes of compiling "a full functioning Virtual Library of Sifrei Kodesh (Sacred Texts) on the Internet." At the moment, they are working on Hebrew Daf Yomi resources for Tractate Shkalim **[http://www.archival.org/heb/Shkal2.htm]**.

If you would like to listen and learn, there are some audio classes that can make Daf Yomi easier **[http://www.613.org/daf.html]**. There are links to hundreds of classes on audio, in addition to a basic lesson on the origins and evolution of the Talmud. Most of these are in English with some in Hebrew. If you prefer to learn in Yiddish, then listen to the late HaRav Avrohom Karp of the Lubavitcher shul in Montreal **[http:// www.kol-avrohom.com/]**. Rabbi Karp gave classes in Daf Yomi for close to 30 years and was recorded between 1969 and 1975. The library comprises well over 2,500 audio cassettes; however, only the current week's Daf Yomi classes can be found at the site.

There are still other hi-tech ways to study Daf Yomi. A couple of commercial CD-ROMs are available **[http://www.613.org/dafcd.html]**. And many cities offer daily telephone Dial-A-Daf services, although I could not find a comprehensive listing of them on the Internet. If you know of a listing, I will pass it along.

For more Daf Yomi sites, see Hareshima's Daf Yomi Resources **[http://www.hareshima.com/study/DafYomi.asp]**, Eliot Shimoff's Talmud Page **[http://www.research.umbc.edu/~shimoff/talmud. htm]** and Jewish America's Daf Yomi **[http://www.jewishamerica.com/dafyomi.htm]**.

I began this column by pointing out Eliezer Segal's excellent Page of Talmud site. Not surprisingly, Segal has completed studying all 2,711 double pages of the Talmud and has written a column about his undertaking **[http:// www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~elsegal/ Shokel/890419_Siyyum. html]**. Since his studies took several years and followed him around the world, I was fascinated that Segal now associates particular sections of the Talmud with the milestones of his own life:

"One tractate conjures up associations with the Shi'ite village in Lebanon where I studied it during my Israeli army reserve duty; another page I plodded through while waiting in a queue at Disneyland; still another I read just before my first job interview at the University of Calgary. I imagine that these personal associations will be forever attached to their respective *sugyas* (topics)."

By the way, the next time you're standing in line at Disneyland and have forgotten what page to study for that day's Daf Yomi, no problem. Just take out your trendy Palm Pilot, run the Daf Yomi Calendar Program **[http://st2.yahoo.com/pilotgearsw/dafyomiuacca.html]** and you'll never go wrong.

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Former New York mayor addresses UJA meet

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
CJN Staff

TORONTO — The former mayor of New York City, Ed Koch, a lawyer, newspaper columnist and author, was the keynote speaker at a recent dinner for UJA Federation Campaign 2000 major gift supporters, which drew close to 400 people.

Koch spoke with candor and humour on a range of issues which included New York municipal politics, the upcoming American presidential race, Hilary Rodham Clinton's prospective senatorial candidacy, and Middle East politics.

He was blunt in his assessment of his successors as mayor of New York City. Having served as mayor from 1978-89, Koch called his immediate successor, David Dinkins incompetent, and he described the current mayor, Rudolph Giuliani, as a mean and power-hungry person.

Describing himself as a moderate, Koch said that he supports another moderate, Bill Bradley, rather than Al Gore for the presidential nominee of the Democratic party, because he believes that Bradley is the winning ticket. "There's nothing wrong with Al Gore. But he can't win."

Calling himself one of Israel's biggest supporters, Koch told the audience that Israel can "secure peace without compromising security."

He also believes that Israel would be better off if it could secure a peace agreement while Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, – he's in frail health – is at the helm. "Israel should cut a deal with Arafat before he dies, before waiting to see who will succeed him."

While he is a proponent of peace, Koch acknowledged that 80 percent of the Arab population "would like to see Israel eradicated," and that the majority of people in Jordan and Egypt – countries that have peace treaties with Israel – are "opposed to peace with Israel. But their leaders want it."

Koch, when asked, gave his opinion on the Jonathan Pollard case: "It was dumb for the Israelis to use an American Jew [as a spy]." He told the audience that Pollard did not deserve any special consideration, and those presidents who have refused clemency have been very supportive of Israel.

UJA Federation volunteer Barry Sherman, spoke about fundraising, and the Jewish community's "obligation to the next generation."

He said that Jewish Toronto Tomorrow was a new campaign initiative which included an endowment and capital campaign for the future, when a greater percentage of the community will be seniors. He stressed that with the rapidly graying community "this new initiative is more important than ever."

Ed Koch

Sherman, chair of Jewish Toronto Tomorrow, said this initiative has an endowment of $85 million, having just grown by $10 million in the last few months. He noted that a small number of families have made major contributions to this endowment fund.

Sherman announced other planning initiatives of Jewish Toronto Tomorrow, among them, a $1.8 million donation from Miles Nadal of MDC Corporation for the renovation and redevelopment of the Bloor Jewish Community Centre; the construction of a new building to house the Jewish Campus Life Centre; the redevelopment of the Bathurst Jewish Centre; the recent $9 million renovation of CHAT; and planning for a new Jewish campus in York Region to meet the needs of the rapidly growing Jewish population there.

Mel Wolfond, the UJA Federation co-chair for Campaign 2000, said the goal was to raise $50 million, and to date close to $30 million has been raised, which is nearly $2 million ahead of last year's campaign at this time.

Other speakers that evening included Wolfond's campaign co-chair David Engel; Richard Cooper and Larry Wasser, the dinner co-chairs; and Alla Levy, director of Jewish Agency operations for the Russian region.

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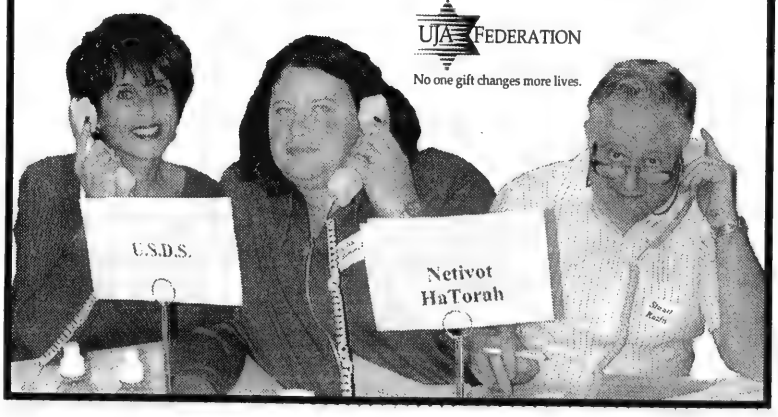

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Spotting a cult said increasingly difficult

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Cults have become difficult to spot, says Rena Schochet, executive director of the Jewish Counseling and Resource Centre (JCRC).

"At one time, we could recognize a Hare Krishna walking down the street in his saffron robes," she said.

But lately, cults have "made themselves look far more legitimate than they ever did before. They make themselves look like they are part of a legitimate group," she said.

Schochet is an exit counsellor at the JCRC, a centre which uses mediation and communication to assist with family crises, including cult and abuse related problems.

At JCRC, Schochet works with family members to extricate relatives from cults, and then assists in building a healthy support system.

She spoke recently about "Cult-guarding the Jewish Family" as part of the Lunch and Learn program at Baycrest's Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre.

Schochet related stories of people who joined groups and later discovered they were cults.

She told one story about a friend who joined a parenting group in South Africa about 15 years ago and raved about it, until she began noticing strange elements within the group.

Its founder liked the power she gained when people came to her for help, and instead of just advising them on how to parent, she began telling members how to run their daily lives. They became very dependent, Schochet said.

"They wouldn't make a move without her," said Schochet. •

When Schochet's friend started to withdraw from the group, "they were very cold. They didn't keep contact with her and she felt a sense of relief," Schochet said.

This parenting group had evolved into a cult, Schochet said.

"When you have a person who tries to take over every facet of your life, you know you're in trouble," she said.

Cults can masquerade as psychological groups, self-help groups, support groups, or even religious groups, she said.

Beware of cults that present themselves as Jewish groups but

Rena Schochet

actually teach falsehoods, she said.

"When you go in, you realize it's not [legitimate] and then they try to do a snowjob and say, oh, but you can really believe this way and that way and still be Jewish. Don't fall into that trap – it's not true."

To avoid falling into a cult, one must recognize its characteristics.

According to Schochet, the following are signs that a group may be a cult:

• Isolation – The group encourages isolation from family members and friends.

• Switching allegiance – The group wants the individual to transfer loyalty from the natural family to the cult family.

• Mind control – The group uses extreme and unethical techniques of manipulation to recruit and assimilate members.

Techniques may include: having members repeat phrases which members are told will help bring them closer to the group; trying to control members' thoughts, feelings and behaviour as a means of furthering the leader's and group's goals; pressuring or encouraging members to reveal dark secrets about themselves which will make them vulnerable to the group; love-bombing, which is when group members approach individuals extolling the virtues of the group, not allowing the person time or space to gather his or her thoughts.

• Deprivation – The group tries to make members weak and vulnerable by depriving them of sleep and food and thus the ability to make a free choice.

• Instilling fear – Members are afraid of leaving the group.

• Overly powerful group leader – One person is at the helm manipulating and controlling others. The leader keeps people in the group vulnerable so they depend on him or her.

• Donations – The group insists on large and continuous donations for the group.

Extricating a person from a cult can take anywhere between three months and two years, from "putting the first seeds of doubt in the person's mind to the point of exit," Schochet said.

To help extricate a friend or family member from a cult, Schochet recommends the following action:

• Consult an exit counsellor for assistance;

• Create a warm environment for the person in the cult;

• Create a supportive group of friends willing to embrace and befriend the former cult member;

• Request that a support group be established for friends and relatives who have been through the process;

• Have the former cultist join a support group of peers who have recently exited.

The Jewish Counseling and Resource Centre's phone number is 416-250-6999.

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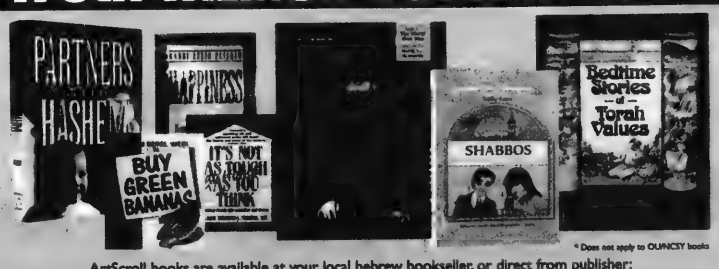

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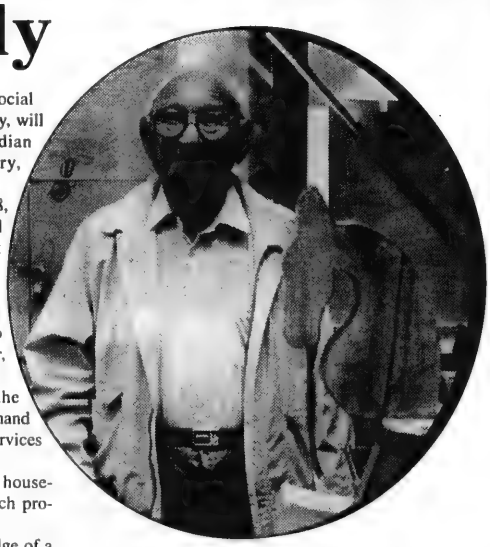
Plenary Panel Focuses On Elderly



Elder care, one of the most significant social issues facing Toronto's Jewish community, will be a key topic at the upcoming Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region Plenary, November 27-28.

A Plenary panel on Sunday, November 28, looking at "Emerging Issues in Elder Care," will include Ed Segalowitz, Vice-President Community Planning and Development, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, Margaret MacAdam, Senior Vice-President at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and Ontario Seniors' Secretariat Assistant Deputy Minister, Jeff Quirt.

"Jews have a specific obligation toward the elderly," says Segalowitz. "Jewish values command us to care for our elders and provide sensitive services as their needs change."

UJA Federation funds meals on wheels for housebound seniors and subsidizes a kosher hot lunch program at the Bernard Betel Centre.

"The Jewish community is on the leading edge of a demographic iceberg," observes Baycrest Foundation President, Dr. Elaine Todres, who is this year's Plenary Chair. However, she sees the disproportionate rate of aging in the Jewish community as an opportunity and not necessarily a burden.

"Collectively, we need to value the elderly, adopt a philosophy of aging in place (rather than in an institution) and ensure that government policies reflect that philosophy," she adds.

The Plenary's opening sold-out session, Saturday, November 27, features a panel of media personalities with, among others, CBC's Joe Schlesinger and Hana Gartner, a Czech Jew whose parents are Holocaust survivors. Entitled "From Tablet to Internet: Jews, Judaism and the Media," the forum will examine media coverage of Jewish issues. The evening will also feature a draw for two El Al tickets to Israel.

The Plenary's Sunday sessions are open to Canadian Jewish Congress council members. Admission is $36. For more information, please call Hindy Friedman at (416) 635-2883 ext. 175.

Canadian Jewish Congress is funded by Jewish Federations across the country.

Reena Conference

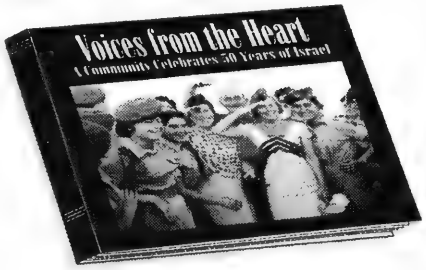
Over 400 people recently participated in the first ever International Conference on Developmental Disabilities sponsored by Reena. The three-day event, chaired by Rabbi Joseph Kelman and funded in large part by UJA Federation, marked Reena's 25th anniversary. It included keynote addresses by Stephen Lewis, Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF and Mr. Justice Sam Filer, whose wife, Toni Silberman, also spoke about her husband's battle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), otherwise known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Reena client Rachel Samuels, shown below with Toni Silberman, shared her experience of twinning with community member Haley Banack earlier this year for a joint bat mitzvah celebration. Samuel's said "I felt proud and strong, and that made me very happy."

Photo: Barry Shainbaum

A Chanukah Gift From the Heart

UJA Federation is releasing new volumes of *Voices from the Heart* at a special Chanukah price.

Voices from the Heart, edited by Bonnie Goldstein and Jaclyn Shulman, is a one-of-a-kind collection of photographs and memories commemorating Jewish Toronto's love of Israel. *Voices* has received wide-spread acclaim for its nostalgic depiction of the close ties between Toronto's Jewish community and the State of Israel. The 400 page volume, now at a reduced cost of $36, is filled with emotion, based on personal stories and treasured photographs documenting Israel's triumphant history.



"So many of our community members have shared significant moments in their lives in such touching and revealing personal accounts," notes Shulman. "It's a wonderful Chanukah gift for the entire family and it is a perfect heirloom to pass on from one generation to another," adds Goldstein.

The book, which includes a forward by Israeli Minister of the Interior, Nathan Sharansky, and unique works from hundreds of other contributors, can be purchased by calling (416) 631-5685, or e-mailing to mspring@ujafed.org. Visa, Mastercard and American Express are accepted. Delivery is free with all orders.

David Horovitz Returns to T.O.

Photo: Big Dipper Communications

David Horovitz, Editor of the *Jerusalem Report*, brought the latest news from Israel while on his second visit to Toronto's Jewish community. The English-born Horovitz, who co-authored the *Report's* 1996 biography of Yitzhak Rabin, *Shalom, Friend,* which won a U.S. National Book Award for non-fiction, is about to release his second book about bringing up a family in Israel. While in Toronto, Horovitz spoke to UJA Federation supporters about the current political and social climate in Israel.

Horovitz, (second from far right) with UJA Federation Campaign 2000 Vice Chairs (l-r) Howard Price, Debbie Kimel and Abe Glowinsky.

Dodging Danger To Rescue a Jewish Orphan

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To what lengths is the Jewish Agency prepared to travel for one Jewish orphan? Across several of the world's most dangerous borders to a primitive, snow-swept facility in the Republic of Inguishetia, west of Chechnya. That's where Alla Levy, who heads Jewish Agency operations in the Russian region, found Natasha.

After hearing reports of Jewish orphans, whose parents were killed in the ongoing Chechnyan war with Russia, Levy and her crew immediately took flight from Moscow to Pyatagorsk, the nearest landing point. "We had to cross four borders through one of the world's most dangerous areas, famous for kidnapping. Our local workers were terrified for us," she recently told a UJA Federation dinner audience of leading donors.

"We finally reached the orphanage in heavy snow to find a group of 75 orphans in the middle of nowhere. The orphanage was completely unequipped. They didn't have anything for the winter. The children were walking in the snow with Russian rubber sneakers. They lived in wooden huts, placed in beds so they could warm each other."

Chechen refugees outside the village of Sleptsovskaya, Inguishetia near where Natasha was found by Jewish Agency workers. CP PICTURE ARCHIVE (Maxim Marmur)

The orphanage director pointed to a Jewish girl named Natasha, who didn't know she was Jewish, because, according to Levy, she was registered as Russian "for her own good."

"She's 17," said Levy, "and her only dream is to go back to her studies, finish school and then become a doctor."

The Jewish Agency will be helping to make her dream come true, in addition to purchasing shoes and clothing for the other children – a charitable act, which, admitted Levy, "made me both sad and proud."

The Jewish Agency is funded by the world-wide UJA Federation network.

CCCJ Honours Brent Belzberg

UJA Federation's immediate past campaign chair is being honoured by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews (CCCJ).

On November 29, Brent Belzberg, President and C.E.O. of Harrowston Inc., will be presented with the CCCJ's Human Relations Award for his outstanding contribution in promoting cultural, racial and religious harmony, and combating racism within the community. Past award recipients have included Lincoln Alexander, John Diefenbaker, Stephen Lewis, Nathan Phillips, Jeanne Sauve, June Callwood and Bill Davis.

Since 1947, the CCCJ has been fighting to eliminate prejudice through a wide range of advocacy and educational activities.

Belzberg has a distinguished career in community service, which includes serving on the Board of Directors of the CCCJ, Mount Sinai Hospital and Beth Tzedec Congregation. He has also been active in raising funds for Israel Bonds, the University of Toronto, Holy Blossom's Out of the Cold Program and UJA Federation, where he chaired the Campaign for Fifty with Larry Tanenbaum.

"Brent's integrity and dedication have allowed all of us in the Jewish community to stand taller and be proud," says Tanenbaum. "He will no doubt continue to make strong contributions in fostering greater understanding and cooperation in our community."

"Brent's enthusiasm, commitment and humanitarian sensitivities make him a valuable advocate for our cause," adds CCCJ Executive Director Elyse Graff.

Richard Venn, who is also very active with UJA Federation will also be receiving an award.

Business Cabinet Thrives Under Naglie and Flatt

Harvey Naglie and Joel Flatt believe in getting down to business when it comes to making sure UJA Federation's annual campaign is a success.

As Chairs of UJA Federation's Business Cabinet, they oversee six separate campaign divisions comprised of 4000 contributors who raise approximately $5 million a year.

Joel Flatt

Flatt and Naglie, both of whom have been active with UJA Federation for five years, are particularly pleased gifts from Business Cabinet contributors have increased by over 10% this year.

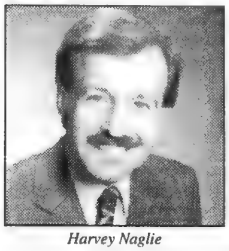
Flatt, who co-chaired the Food Division last year, attributes a good part of the campaign's success so far to those who are pledging for three years. According to Flatt, it means that campaigners can concentrate on increased giving from other existing donors and bring new contributors into the UJA Federation fold.

"It helps us develop closer ties with our supporters as well as cultivate new relationships," says Flatt.

Naglie, who headed UJA Federation's Investment Division for two years, also feels it's important to keep in touch with donors. That's why he likes to meet face to face with contributors when it comes time to ask for their support. "When we sit across from each other they get a real sense of my strong commitment to UJA Federation," explains Naglie, who still comes out to pitch in at telethons. "I try to do whatever it takes to get the job done."

But it's not all work for Naglie and Flatt, who feel like they're getting back more than they give. "By being a part of the leadership you learn so much about how UJA Federation benefits the entire community," says Flatt. "It's a real privilege to be involved in such a fulfilling way."

"I get tremendous satisfaction from working with so many great volunteers who share my deep commitment to the cause," adds Naglie. "It makes me feel like I'm really living and doing something good."



Harvey Naglie

UJA Welcomes Koch

Over 350 leading UJA Federation supporters recently attended the Major Gifts gala. The event, which featured former New York City Mayor, author and TV personality Ed Koch, was co-chaired by Richard Cooper and Larry Wasser. (l-r) Richard and Clara Cooper, Ed Koch, Marla and Larry Wasser.

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New Israeli party launched

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — An Israeli parliamentarian has formed what he hopes will be a major new political force in Israel's large and increasingly influential Russian Jewish community.

Roman Bronfman, who broke away from Natan Sharansky's Israel B'Aliya party last summer but is still sitting in the Knesset, has established a secular, liberal party called The Democratic Choice.

Bronfman, a 45-year-old Ukrainian Jew who made aliyah in 1980 and won election to the Knesset in 1996 and again this year, believes that The Democratic Choice can win four to five seats in the next general election and thus promote the Arab-Israeli peace process and the concept of religious pluralism.

"I sit on the biggest reservoir of Russian voters, who are moderate ideologically," said Bronfman, who was here to introduce his party to Canadian Jews. Following his visit to Toronto, he flew to Washington to brief U.S. State Department officials on his views.

In the wake of Israel's last general election in May, he and Alex Tsinker, a fellow Russian immigrant, quit Israel B'Aliya, leaving it with four Knesset seats. Sharansky called the defections "a hurtful and treacherous betrayal."

In an interview, Bronfman said that he broke ranks with Israel B'Aliya over policy and philosophical differences.

Hurling Sharansky's accusation back at him, Bronfman explained that he timed his departure for after the election so as not to jeopardize Israel B'Aliya's chances at the polls. "If I had left before the election, it would have been disastrous for the party."

Roman Bronfman

Bronfman disclosed that his ideological – as well as personal – disagreements with Sharansky came to a head toward the close of the 1999 election campaign.

In his judgment, Sharansky – the minister of interior in Prime Minister Ehud Barak's current government and, previously, the minister of industry and trade in Benjamin Netanyahu's cabinet – has lost his credibility among many Russian Jews and does not represent them anymore.

Bronfman, who is no longer on speaking terms with him, said that in last summer's coalition talks Sharansky made demands "which do not reflect the true interests or positions of our constituents, both on domestic issues and on foreign policy."

Arguing that the vast majority of Russian Jews are secular, he said that Sharansky and his chief lieutenant, Yuli Edelstein, the former minister of immigrant absorption, are Orthodox or lean toward Orthodoxy.

Sharansky, he charged, betrayed his constituents by signing a coalition agreement with Barak that forbids him to raise issues pertaining to religion and state. These issues, he said, are of prime concern to Russian immigrants.

Bronfman, however, gave Sharansky credit for building the Russians into a formidable political constituency and ensuring that immigrant absorption is a national priority.

"The significance of the Russian community as a swing vote cannot be overemphasized," he said, pointing out that Russian immigrants were responsible for the outcome of the past three elections.

The Russians, he observed, are coalescing into two distinct camps. One camp, epitomized by Avigdor Lieberman's Yisrael Beiteinu party, which won four Knesset seats in 1999, tends to be right-wing and hawkish. The other camp, his own, is pluralistic in matters of religion and state and more moderate vis-a-vis war and peace.

Outlining his views, Bronfman said he is working for an open society based on democratic principles and the separation of religion and state. Politics and religion do not mix, he said, noting that religion should be the private domain of individuals.

Asked whether he thought that Israel should be "a state of its citizens," as Israeli Arab parliamentarian Azmi Bishara contends, Bronfman replied, "Israel must give all its citizens human and civic rights. But Israel's Jewish character should remain intact."

He added that he was neither anti-clerical nor anti-religious.

Describing himself as a centrist with respect to the Mideast peace process, Bronfman claimed that he had been a moderating influence during the Netanyahu era, while Sharansky has turned hawkish.

Sharansky, he said, has soured on the Oslo process, opposes a withdrawal from the Golan Heights in exchange for peace with Syria, and wants Israel to keep all the settlements in the territories.

By contrast, Bronfman is fully behind Oslo, accepts the necessity of giving up the Golan up to the international rather than the June 4, 1967 line, and thinks that some settlements are expendable.

Although Bronfman is resigned to the emergence of a fullblown Palestinian state, he said that Israel should retain about one-third of the West Bank, including the Jordan Valley, after a final accord with the Palestinians. He expressed optimism that the Palestinian leadership would ultimately accept such a division.

Bronfman, a resident of Haifa and former editor-in-chief of the Russian newspaper *Vremya*, suggested that Russian immigrants have integrated themselves into Israeli society reasonably well. Sixty percent, though, are not working in their professional fields.

About 10 percent of the olim have returned to the former Soviet Union, having been unable to adapt to Israel.

He expects 85,000 Russians to arrive in Israel by the end of 1999, and close to 200,000 in 2000.

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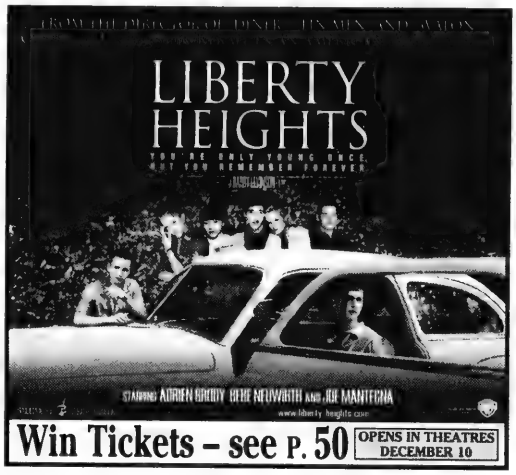
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Israeli yeshiva director hopes to launch exchange program

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Avraham HaCohen, director of Mekor Haim Educational Institutions in Israel, would like to infuse Toronto Hebrew schools with the joy of learning.

He was in Toronto recently to discuss with educators the possibility of setting up an exchange program between Toronto Hebrew schools and his yeshiva.

HaCohen has been with the yeshiva – located in Kibbutz Kfar Etzion, just south of Jerusalem – for three years. The driving force behind the school, he says, is to be inclusive.

"When Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz founded the school 14 years ago, it was with the desire to reach out and make our heritage available to all Jews. [His wish] is to educate a generation who will have the drive to reach out to others who are different."

In Israel, said HaCohen, this is one of the single most important issues. "One of the country's greatest threats is the fracturing of society, whether it is because of religious, ethnic or political differences.

Avraham HaCohen

"Young people should not live in a bubble; they should create bonds with other Jews. That is what we consider essential for their formative years in high school."

The program he has in mind, says HaCohen, would involve student exchange and faculty interaction. "We believe that our approach to education is unique, and we would like others to be exposed to it."

The school has been chosen by the Ministry of Education as one of a select number of experimental schools to serve as a model for other institutions in Israel, he says.

The classic model of education, HaCohen says, is "top down. That model does not build men. It tests the ability of students to absorb information, to the degree that someone who absorbs more, gets better grades."

At Mekor Haim, a dormitory-based high school for about 230 boys, students learn with partners and in groups, "and they understand that learning takes place in many ways, not just in the classroom. Students are empowered to be full partners in the education process.

"If we acknowledge that each person has something to offer, then, when we meet someone who is different than us, we will understand that we can learn from those differences."

Students at Mekor Haim come from all over Israel and their "family backgrounds are diverse. Artificial distinctions such as the style of one's head covering or apparel are irrelevant to relationships, they just enhance the beauty of the tapestry of our community," says school literature.

The teachers at his school act as facilitators and role models, HaCohen says. "We do not succeed in education by imprinting. Students here, choose to follow the models of people they find worthy of emulating, not because there have been demands made on them."

Constant interaction

There is constant interaction at all grade levels; students are usually grouped by what they know, and not by their grade level, says HaCohen."Our message is that we are all constantly learning from one another. Students teach students, and sometimes students teach faculty. I hope that we can share some of these elements with other schools."

HaCohen, who was founding executive director of Avi Chai Philanthropic Foundation in New York, says he came to Mekor Haim after sending his four sons to school there.

"I became very enthusiastic about the education they received there, and it has been an education for me. I went to school in Texas and Connecticut, and I had a top down education."

Applicants to the school must take a test, and the school is only able to accept one out of every seven applicants.

HaCohen invites people to visit the school campus "to see what we're doing. We would like people to meet the students. We also want to be an influence on the way others think of the education of young people."

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Greater Toronto Area

Golden to be honoured at JNF Negev Dinner

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — For the first time in the 51 years of Negev Dinners, a daughter of a former honouree will receive one of the highest honours given by the Jewish community here.

On Dec. 5, the Jewish National Fund 1999 Negev Dinner will pay tribute to Anne Golden.

Golden's father, Theodore (Teddy) Richmond, an industrialist and community leader, was honoured in 1981.

Golden said that her father, a strong Zionist, quoted Hillel, and taught her about responsibility to community.

And from her mother, Florence, who was raised in Detroit, she learned about racism and to be aware of the problems of social injustice.

For more than 18 years, Anne Golden has been with the United Way of Greater Toronto, serving as president for the past 12 years.

In an interview in her office at the United Way, Golden told *The CJN* that throughout her life, she has searched for activities that will "avoid boredom and present a challenge."

She was one of the first to have a bat mitzvah at the Goel Tzedec Synagogue, later the Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Golden graduated from the University of Toronto with a specialization in history and political science. She later received a master's degree in American History at Columbia University, and then a doctorate from U of T in 1970.

Anne Golden

She taught history at Newark College of Engineering, the University of Toronto, and York University.

Golden began her professional career as the co-ordinator for David Crombie's mayoralty campaign in 1972.

She became a special advisor to the leader of the Ontario Liberal party and was promoted to director of research.

Joining the United Way in 1982, she headed up allocations and later became campaign director. She was appointed president of the United Way in 1987.

As president of the United Way, she is responsible for the country's largest annual fund-raising campaign. This year it seeks to raise close to $65 million.

In 1995, Golden was appointed by former premier Bob Rae to chair the Greater Toronto Area Task Force, which was to report in 18 months.

After the election of Premier Mike Harris, the task force's time was cut in half.

Realizing that the committee had already invested valuable tax dollars in the project, she said that she felt she did not want to give up the commitment the task force had made.

The Golden Report was completed and published in January 1996. It addresses the problems facing Greater Toronto, and proposes recommendations for property tax and assessment reform, regional planning and governance.

She accepted another challenge in 1998, to act as chair of the Homeless Action Task Force, reporting to Toronto Mayor Mel Lastman.

The final report, *Taking Responsibility for Homelessness: An Action Plan for Toronto*, was released in January 1999. It outlines 105 recommendations for all three levels of government and sets forth an action plan to solve homelessness.

In 1994, she was named one of the 50 Most Influential Women in Canada, by *Chatelaine Magazine*. In 1998, Global Television and the *Toronto Sun* selected her as Newsmaker of the Year. Earlier that year, *Variety* awarded her a Diamond Award for her contributions to the community.

Golden told *The CJN* she learned early that if you have a worthwhile purpose, you can get people to work with you.

"At the United Way, I work with outstanding, creative and talented people," she says.

The Goldens have visited Israel many times. Recently, she presented a paper at the Ralph Halbert School of Canadian Studies at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

She is currently involved in an international project on cities.

Golden says that as her Negev Dinner project she chose Moshav Dishon, a farming village in northern Galilee, adjacent to the Lebanese border.

"I chose it because community has been the theme of my life."

The funds collected for the Negev Dinner will assist the small agricultural community to develop its production and infrastructure and thereby enable it to double its population to 200 families.

She notes that it is most fitting that her father's Negev Dinner project was also an agricultural development located in the Galilee.

"My secret for success is to marry someone who is emotionally secure, kind and has integrity." She pauses and with a mischievous twinkle in her eyes she adds, "and he should be cute."

More seriously she adds, "I've been able to embrace challenges because I've always had the loving support of my husband [Dr. Ron Golden], my two daughters, Beth and Karen, and a supportive network of friends." The Goldens are the grandparents of Teddy and Sophie.

Rushing out of her office to present a speech, she apologizes for cutting the interview short. As we walk to the elevator, she says, "To be successful, you must be lucky, be involved, care for others, and take advantage of opportunities."

The Negev Dinner Campaign and Dinner co-chairs are Gerald Schwartz, Lawrence Tanenbaum and John Turner.

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Schneid art collection donated to the U of T

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A vivid collection of autobiographical material – photographs, letters and catalogues – chronicling the lives and careers of European Jewish artists, many of them murdered during the Holocaust – has been donated to the University of Toronto.

The treasure trove, amassed by Otto Schneid, a Jewish painter, sculptor and art historian who died in Toronto in 1974, was given to the university by his widow, Miriam Schneid-Ofseyer.

"She wanted the material to be available to scholars," explained Barry Walfish, the Judaica specialist at the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, where the collection is housed. "It wouldn't be any good in an attic."

"People will learn about artists they know and some they have never heard of," said Mrs. Schneid-Ofseyer.

"This is an invaluable addition to our extensive holdings of Judaica," said Walfish. "It will be a great resource for scholars of Jewish art and culture. It is an important archive of Jewish art of the first half of the 20th century."

Born in Jablunkova, Czechoslovakia in 1900, Schneid studied art history, philosophy and esthetics in Vienna and Paris.

In 1930, three years before Adolf Hitler's accession to power in Germany, Schneid began researching a book to disprove the Nazi theory that Jewish art was decadent.

"He decided to travel around Europe and visit the best Jewish artists and then write a book about them, so that Hitler would really know what Jewish art was," recalled his widow.

Schneid also corresponded with a number of these artists, including Marc Chagall and Amadeo Modigliani. All told, he contacted about 120 artists, from Maurycy Applebaum and Nathan Altman to Feliks Frydman and Isaac Lichtenstein.

In the course of his research, he collected their exhibition catalogues, photographs of their canvases and their autobiographies. And he scrupulously kept their letters.

Schneid, an Austrian citizen, finished the manuscript for his long-awaited book in 1938, a seminal year during which Germany annexed Austria and Kristallnacht broke out.

The Nazis confiscated the manuscript and blacklisted Schneid, prompting him to flee to Poland.

In 1939, he made his way to Palestine, carrying a valise packed with his research materials and a copy of the banned manuscript.

He did not know a soul when he reached Palestine, and life was hard. Occasionally unemployed, even hungry, Schneid eked out a living as a lecturer on kibbutzim. In 1948, the Technion hired him to lecture on art history.

Schneid met his wife – a budding teacher and poet who eventually taught at the Associated Hebrew School in Toronto – in a cafe in Jerusalem in 1945. She was 21 and he was 45. They were married a few months later. They had two sons, both of whom are psychologists.

In 1960, Schneid left the Technion to devote himself to painting and sculpture. Today, his paintings and sculptures are found in galleries in Italy, England, Austria and the United States.

An Israeli publishing house bought Schneid's manuscript in the mid-1950s, but cancelled publication when Cecil Roth's history of Jewish art appeared. The publisher surmised that the market was saturated.

So, for the second time in two decades, Schneid's hopes of publishing his book were dashed by events beyond his control.

Hoping to find a market for his book, Schneid took his family to the United States in 1960. They settled in Toronto in 1963.

Although Schneid wrote several art books during his career, the manuscript that had sustained him since the 1930s has yet to be published, and is now an integral part of the University of Toronto's collection.

Walfish said that Schneid's papers and photographs are important because they preserve a body of work that might otherwise have been obliterated during the Holocaust.

"Many of the artists were killed during World War II, and for some, Schneid's collection is the only record of their existence," said Walfish.

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Hebrew books donated to university

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For the second time in three years, a Toronto businessman has donated Hebrew books and manuscripts to the University of Toronto's Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library.

Albert Friedberg, an investment dealer, recently gave the U of T some 160 books and five manuscripts, said Barry Walfish, a Judaica specialist in the library.

"It's a very valuable collection," he noted, declining to reveal its dollar value. "We're sworn to confidentiality."

In 1996, Friedberg, founder of the Friedberg Mercantile Group, provided the library with its first gift of more than 100 Hebrew manuscripts, books and genizah fragments.

Walfish explained that Friedberg decided to donate part of his holdings to the university because he had been deluged with requests from scholars who sought access to the books and manuscripts in his private collection.

Among the items in the U of T's collection is a hand-written copy of a Pentateuch, a biblical manuscript of the first five books of the Hebrew Bible, and six early printed editions of the *Mishneh Torah* of Maimonides.

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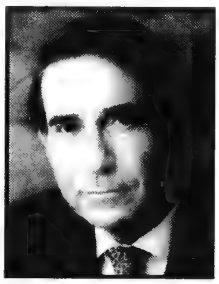

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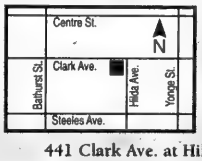

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Rabbi describes his journey from church to Judaism

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "We were looking for the will of God. We found it."

With this simple statement, Rabbi Asher Wade described the journey he and his wife took from active membership in the Christian church to an Orthodox lifestyle.

Rabbi Wade was speaking to a standing room only crowd at Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation in Thornhill. The event was sponsored by Or Somayach.

Rabbi Wade grew up in a pious Christian household. He was an ordained pastor in the Methodist church in Hamburg, Germany. As well, he was moving up the academic ladder.

"I had it made in the academic world and in the church," he said.

He knows the exact date his life began to change – Nov. 5, 1978. It was a Sunday morning, 2½ months after his marriage. The Wades were eating breakfast and reading the paper before going to church.

"There were pictures of synagogues engulfed in flames, books on fire, shattered storefronts, lines of men in yarmulkes being marched down the street. It was the 40th anniversary of Kristallnacht, and the newspaper editor had prepared a special supplement."

One picture of a large synagogue was strangely haunting and familiar, the rabbi said. It turned out that it was the central synagogue of Hamburg.

"I recognized it by the buildings around it. The synagogue was gone, but I knew the area. It was the parking lot that I crossed every day on my way to the university.

"I never let my feet touch that holy ground again," he added.

There were no signs or monuments or markers, he said. "It was as if the Jews never lived there, never contributed to the life of Germany. It was like a figment of imagination."

The rabbi and his wife decided to find out what happened in the 10 months between Kristallnacht and the outbreak of World War II.

"On Nov. 11, did people just get up and go to work?"

As a representative of a Christian church, he asked himself, "Where were the Protestant ministers and Catholic priests – those I patterned my life after?"

He asked members of his congregation what it was like to be Christian the Sunday after Kristallnacht. They told him he had no respect for his elders to ask a question like that. They said he didn't understand.

He discovered that after Hitler came to power, legally, in 1933, "the first to join the Nazi party were the university faculties."

Students also joined, and later drove around to various libraries, pulling Jewish books off the shelf and burning them.

Rabbi Wade said it just didn't make sense that such a thing could happen in the country "that produced Goethe and Schiller."

While it appeared to him that people could more readily accept that such terrible things could happen someplace like Outer Mongolia ("Who knew where it was? Who knew what it was?") he noted that even today, people don't realize, or don't want to realize, that the same thing happened in Rwanda.

The Wades began to wonder: "Who is this strange tribe [the Jews] we see all over the world who kept together even without a country, who joked about their experiences?"

Every Sunday, he said, pastors would tell their congregants to be more Christ-like, but people didn't really know what Christ was like.

They wanted to know, he said, what the will of God was for Christians. When they looked at the Bible, "it told exactly what the will of God is – what we should do, and what we shouldn't do."

When they turned to the Christian Bible, not only were there no instructions about the will of God, but it said that Jesus told people they didn't have to follow the laws God had given in the Old Testament.

"How could we accept a Son of God who didn't even keep the fifth of the Ten Commandments, to honour your father?"

While Rabbi Wade didn't discuss the actual conversion, he said that at that point, he and his wife began to attend synagogue. They were converted by the beit din of Frankfurt.

The Wades now live in Jerusalem, where Rabbi Wade is a senior lecturer at Ohr Somayach.

He said that when he was first asked to lecture about his move from Christianity to Judaism, "it was a puzzle why a Jewish audience would be interested it."

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Greater Toronto Area

Matt Cohen wins Governor-General's award for novel

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Asked whether *Elizabeth and After* represented any kind of literary departure for him, Cohen, who is 57 and battling lung cancer, said that on the the contrary, for him the book represented a sort of return.

"I think it's a return to the rural landscapes that I wrote about in the 1970s," he said. "On the other hand, I think it's a book devoted so entirely to character, so entirely to Elizabeth and Carl McKelvey, that it's both a continuation of what I've been doing and something new."

Cohen was born in Kingston, Ont., grew up there, and returned to a farm north of the eastern Ontario city in the 1970s.

"When I think of home, that's what I think of," he said. "Everyone makes their home somewhere, that's part of the mythology that they make up for themselves. For instance, Carl's home is West Gull: he can't go anywhere else. But a lot of other people have to leave West Gull to find themselves."

As in a handful of Cohen's previous works, including *The Spanish Doctor*, *Nadine* and *Emotional Arithmetic*, the protagonist of *Elizabeth and After* — the charming Elizabeth McKelvey — is Jewish. Her parents are from Galicia. But for Cohen, being Jewish is not an essential characteristic; rather, it's just one of many traits that define some of the characters who populate his books.

"Being myself a Jew from Kingston, it's part of my life and part of my interest," he said. "But Jews are not unique in being in many ways on the margin of Western society, and being faced with the problem of whether to assimilate or try to retain their identity. I think they have that in common with dozens of millions of other people who are immigrants."

Cohen, who lives in the Annex neighbourhood of Toronto, is currently finishing a collection of stories, *Getting Lucky*, to be published by Knopf Canada in the spring. He's also working on a novel about the Jewish-Austrian novelist, Joseph Roth.

You can catch Cohen read Dec. 12, 11a.m. at the Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave. in Toronto, part of the Books & Bagels program.

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Youth participation in Holocaust week said to be disappointing

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Lori Sabo was upset when she discovered that learning about the Holocaust is not a priority for many university and college students.

The York University student realized this last month while discussing the Holocaust with a friend who said: "It's a very disturbing topic – why don't we just forget about it?"

Sabo was surprised at his response and when she later attended Holocaust Education Week events, she was disappointed with the low student turnout.

Some organizers were also disappointed.

"I think it's your duty as a human being to look back into history – especially if it's your own," Sabo said in a phone interview.

When Sabo suggested that she and her friend attend the events, he wasn't keen. So she attended the first program without him.

At this event, a woman who was aboard the St. Louis – the luxury liner denied entry into Canada on the eve of World War II – was asked what advice she had for young people.

Learn from your past, she said, because it seems we have learned nothing from the Holocaust. There are still atrocities happening around the world, in Kosovo and East Timor, for example. People outside these events are going on with their lives, just as they did during the Holocaust.

"Looking around, [I realized] there weren't any young people to hear that," Sabo said.

"I'd say maybe six people were under the age of 25 or 30. The majority of people there were my grandparents' age," she said.

Perhaps students are repelled from attending events because of the way the Holocaust has been taught, suggested Michelle Lackie, director of the Centre for Jewish Campus Life at the University of Toronto.

Often the approach is "your typical shock value program, like pictures of skeletons and pictures of starved people, and there's only so much of that people can take," she said.

Holocaust awareness programming should relate to what is happening today, such as the atrocities in Rwanda, she said.

Howard Driman, who was the co-chair of the recent Holocaust Education Week, says that while more young people attended this year's events than in previous years, he would still like to have seen more youth.

He was particularly disappointed by the small number of students who attended *A Page from the Holocaust*, a dramatization presented on the York and U of T campuses.

According to Driman, only about seven people, including one student, attended the play at York; at U of T, about 25 people attended, he said.

"You'd think if they were interested, they could find 40 minutes to go to a program," he said, referring to poor student attendance in general.

Jeremy Zacks, president of the Jewish Student Federation (JSF) agreed that this program, held at the beginning of York's Holocaust Awareness Week, did not have the best turnout, but said more than seven people and more than one student attended.

After the event, the week's organizers increased publicity, and as a result, about 20 students attended each remaining event, he said.

Arye Berk, the director of the University of Western Ontario's Jewish Students' Union (JSU), said there is strong student interest in the Holocaust on Western's campus.

At the beginning of each year, students sign membership forms indicating which areas of the JSU they are interested in, and Holocaust awareness is one area the majority tick off, he said.

"Even students who can't read Hebrew, haven't been to a synagogue – my experience has shown Holocaust is the one thing they still feel connected to," he said.

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Sunday, Nov. 28

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At Ohr Somayach Chanukah Family Program in Forest Hill, **Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz** speaks on Ho, Ho, Chanukah: Can We Allow Society to Affect Our Holidays? For kids, there's the ventriloquist/dummy team **Phil** and **Henry** Chanukah show, then kids make their own dreidels. 10 a.m. to noon, Temmy Latner Learning Exchange, 446 Spadina Rd., Suite 203. Reserve. 905-886-5730.

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GEN. WINGATE BRANCH

General Wingate Branch, Royal Canadian Legion, general members breakfast meeting, 9:30 a.m., Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave.

BEIT RAYIM PARTY

Beit Rayim Chanukah party features **Judy** and **David** in concert 1 p.m., Mandel Entertainment for children of all ages 2 p.m., dancing, face painting, crafts for children, loot bags. Lunch available. 9711 Bayview Ave. 905-770-7639, ext. 31. Support Chanukah toy drive by bringing new unwrapped toy.

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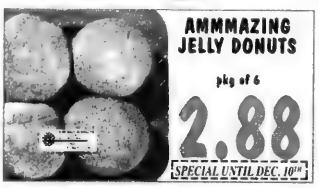

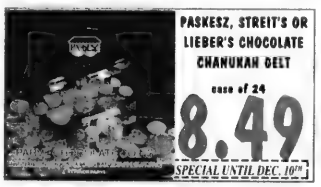

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Monday, Nov. 29

FROM GULAG TO KNESSET
Former Israel Minister of Immigrant Absorption **Yuli Edelstein** speaks on From Gulag to Knesset at Temple Sinai, 8 p.m. Presented by State of Israel Bonds and Temple Sinai. **Sara** 789-3351.

MALE AND FEMALE
Male and Female: God Created Them series with **Carl Ehrlich** continues with Mrs. God?, 8 p.m., Adath Israel Synagogue. 635-5340.

Tuesday, Nov. 30

WHY I AM STILL A ZIONIST
Victor Yagoda, deputy director general, UIA Federations Canada, Jerusalem, lecture on Why I Am Still a Zionist. Program also includes songs of Israel by singer **Kim Doron**. 8 p.m. Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave.

MEET THE AUTHOR
Nathan Englander reads from his book *For the Relief of Unbearable Urges,* at a meet-the-author night sponsored by Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University. 8 p.m., Chapters, 110 Bloor St. W.

ABOUT THE HOLIDAYS
Downtown Jewish Learning Council series, Learning About the Holidays with **Rabbi Shmuel Spero** of Congregation Anshei Minsk, continues with Chanukah – Festival of Lights, 8 p.m., Bloor Jewish Community Centre, 924-6211.

MOTHERS IN THE BIBLE
Hannah: The Power of Prayer with **Prof. Ruby Newman**, 7:30 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Wednesday, Dec. 1

ASSESS THE MILLENNIUM
Assessing the Millennium: The Top Ten Events in the Last Thousand Years of Jewish History with **Rabbi Wayne Allen** continues 9:30 a.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

WHEN A CHILD DIES
When a Child Dies: Support at a Time of Loss is the topic **Rabbi Michael Dolgin** of Temple Sinai addresses at Bereaved Jewish Families of Ontario's Family Night, 8 p.m. Adath Israel Synagogue. **Sheila Brown**, 638-7800, ext. 202.

LUNCH AND LEARN
Holy Blossom Temple Lunch and Learn in Retirement group is joined by the Senior Chaverim of Beth Tzedec in an Afternoon of Dance with performers **Tanya Granovski** accompanied by **Paul Mathew,** at noon at the temple. A lunch will be served. 789-3291.

CHANUKAH COOKING
New ideas for Chanukah. No-fry latkes, fruit and veggie latkes and other goodies. 8 p.m., Aish HaTorah, 949 Clark Ave. W. RSVP. 905-764-1818.

Thursday, Dec. 2

MEMORY & HEROIC DEEDS
State of Israel Bonds, Women's Division evening honouring the memory and heroic deeds of **Chiune Sugihara,** and exploring the art of making sushi, 7:30 p.m., Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre. Reserve. **Sara** 789-3351.

Looking for survivors or their descendants who were granted safe passage during World War II by Chiune Sugihara. Call Sara.

SPIRITUAL QUESTIONS
Riverdale Jewish Community Centre presents Is Tradition the Key to Joy? with **Rabbi Shmuel Spero** 8 p.m., 179A Danforth Ave. 465-2395 ext. 3 or **Brent** 820-5996.

ISRAEL'S HISTORY
The film series, Israel's History-The First 50 Years, begins 7:30 p.m., Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue. Introduction and commentary by **David Goldberg,** Canada-Israel Committee. Canadian Zionist Federation 633-3988 or Beth David 633-5500.

And What Else Is New

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE
Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue Scholar-in-Residence program with **Prof. Hillel Levine** of Boston University focuses on Chanukah: Judaism and the Secular World, In Those Days, In This Time, Saturday, Dec. 4., Shabbat services 8:45 a.m. Sermon topic Jews and Their Neighbours. Luncheon topic Rekindling Jewish Spiritual Life. Tickets at shul office.

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION
Adath Sholom Sisterhood Chanukah Celebration, Tuesday, Dec. 7, 7 p.m. Candlelighting ceremony, songs featuring **Cantor Marshall Loomer**, latkes, noshes. **Bunnie Gross** 633-9691.

DURHAM REGION NEWS
B'nai Shalom V'Tikvah, the Reform Jewish Congregation of Durham Region, hosts a Chanukah party Sunday, Dec. 5, 3-5 p.m. In addition, Shabbat services during the holiday will be held Friday, Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m. 905-420-4429.

ONEG SHABBAT
Shaar Shalom Singles invites all singles to an Oneg Shabbat when **Cantor David Harel** speaks on Welcoming the Shabbat Through Song and Spirit, Friday, Dec. 10, 8 p.m., 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill. 905-731-4925.

CHANUKAH AT AISH
Celebrate Chanukah at Aish HaTorah, 949 Clark Ave. W., Saturday, Dec. 4. Candlelighting ceremony at 7 p.m. Netivot Day School Choir, children's programs at 7:45: Mad Science presents the Miracles of Lights, or sing and dance with **Ruthie Zimberg** and **Dizzy Dave**. Chanukah surprises, adult party. Register. 905-764-1818.

DAVENING FOR DUMMIES
Beit Rayim Synagogue, 9711 Bayview Ave., offers Davening for Dummies program, a beginners guide to Jewish life in the new millennium. Non-members welcome. Deadline to register is Nov. 25. 905-770-7639, ext. 31.

CHANUKAH AT CHABAD
Chanukah Extravaganza at Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, 83 Green Lane, Thornhill, Sunday, Dec. 5, 2:30 p.m. Chanukah arts and crafts, sing-along, hypnotist, latkes, raffle, also outdoor menorah lighting ceremony 4:30 p.m. in front of Thornhill Community Centre. 905-886-0420.

FOR EXPECTANT PARENTS
Series for expectant parents entitled The Mazel Tov, mystical and practical insights into pregnancy and childbirth, starts Tuesday, Nov. 30, 9 p.m. at the Village Shul, 1072 Eglinton Ave. W. 785-1107.

HEBREW CLASSES
Canadian Zionist Federation Hebrew language studies winter session led by **Chana Sargon** begins the week of Jan. 10. for beginners, intermediate, advanced (Chug Ivri) levels. 633-3988.

JF&CS GROUPS
Jewish Family & Child Service groups. Register. **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800, ext. 215.

Parenting the ADHD Child, series for parents of children who have been diagnosed with ADD, begins Jan. 26

The Challenge of Anger for Women begins Jan. 25; Adolescents and Divorce: A Trying Time for Teens, begins Dec. 9; Creating a Successful Parenting Plan a workshop for separating parents, Dec. 7; Interactive Social Skills Program (6-14 years), begins February).

FOR SENIORS

Beth Tzedec Congregation Seniors Haverim afternoon of dance with **Tanya Granovski** accompanied by **Paul Mathew,** Wednesday, Dec. 1, at noon. Light lunch. Reserve before Friday, Nov. 26. **Lillian Miller** 783-0944 or **Rita Ruskin** 784-0100.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Nov. 25, lecture by **Rabbi Joseph Landau**; Chanukah dance Saturday, Dec. 4, with Teddy Band, call **Malka Colla** 630-5771 for tickets. **Jerry Bengall**, president, 905-707-7334.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Nov. 28, Sunday dance; Dec. 1, day trip to Square One Mall, Mississauga; Jan. 2, Year 2000 celebration dinner dance; Jan. 4, trip to Niagara Falls, Niagara Casino, $10/person, receive back $10 in vouchers. 395-7881.

LZA Seniors Club has rooms for 4- and 6-week stay in Miami at Colonial and Thunderbird Hotels. **Libby** 782-2059 or **Shelagh** 250-1234. Ladies folkdancing classes Thursdays 1:30 p.m. and Cultural Discussion Group Tuesdays 10 a.m. in Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club musical Chanukah program Monday, Nov. 29, 1 p.m., choir music, exhibit of art by members. Israel trip in the spring. **Lena** 785-5773. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Young at Heart Seniors Glatt kosher Saxony Hotel winter vacation, Year 2000 special includes hotel tax, to and from airport, tips, gratuities, supper on arrival and more. **Helen** 635-6343. No Shabbat calls.

New Image 50 Plus dance for single seniors, Saturday, Nov. 27, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Earl Bales Community Centre. **Mollie** 733-3634.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE
Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 225-2112.

Rachel Wiseman , beauty consultant, session on Skin Care for the New Millennium, Thursday, Dec. 2, 1:15-2:15 p.m.

Israeli Club Ftrog meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. for movies, lectures, sing-alongs, dances, bingo. Nov. 30 is bingo. **Anna** ext. 110.

Movie, *The Seven Year Itch,* Sunday, Nov. 28, 2:30 p.m.

BLOOR JCC

Bloor Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave., 924-6211.

Winter Holidays Craft Show, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 28. More than 45 artists' booths, woodcrafts, jewelry, floral design, artwork, hands-on art circle for youngsters, clowns, balloons, face painters, raffles, prizes.

Kosher Angst: Nu. Contemporary and Literary, works of Jewish writers, music, Thursday, Nov. 25, 7:30 p.m.

Seniors Club: Thursday, Dec. 9, 12:30 p.m., Chanukah party, international songs and dances of **Tanya Granovski** accompanied by **Paul Mathew**, includes light lunch, latkes, deadline for tickets is Tuesday, Dec. 7. **Judy.**

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Chanukah Delights

FOOD

The art of latke preparation

By LINDA MOREL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

People who love latkes consider their preparation an art. For Jews of eastern European descent, latkes call for potatoes the way blintzes cry for cheese. But recently, creative cooks have been welcoming new ingredients, changing the taste of tradition.

A couple of years ago, *Martha Stewart Living* magazine featured mushroom latkes as a side dish. Along with the recipe came a glossy photo of sauteed mushrooms resting between layers of fried matzah. Fired up by the concept, I began searching for latke recipes calling for anything but potatoes.

I tried corn pancakes prepared with chili, cumin and cilantro. Inspired by Asian cuisine, I developed carrot noodle latkes. Frying noodles to a birds' nest crunch, I infused them with ginger and scallions, flavours from the Far East. But is it right to take latkes so far from their roots?

Actually, the word latke is Yiddish for pancake. By definition, there is no link to potatoes. Even though Ashkenazi Jews claim potato latkes as Chanukah's signature dish, these crisp pancakes are a relatively recent addition to our cuisine.

Originating in South America, potatoes were unknown in Europe until the 16th century, when explorers brought back tuber shoots. Because this crop flourished in eastern Europe, potatoes became a staple of the diet. It didn't take long for Jews to prepare pancakes from this inexpensive ingredient, which they often browned in chicken schmaltz – except at Chanukah, when goose fat prevailed.

Yet centuries before the potato's debut in Europe, it is likely that Chanukah pancakes were made from cheese in honour of the beautiful widow Judith. An unsung heroine, Judith was a contemporary of the Maccabees.

According to legend, she invited an enemy general to dinner, knowing he intended to destroy her town. During the meal, she served great quantities of cheese so that he would become thirsty and she could ply him with wine. When the general fell into a drunken sleep, she beheaded him, averting disaster for her town.

Better known is the story of how Judah the Maccabee and his followers launched a revolt against Emperor Antiochus IV and his Syrian-Greek troops, refusing to let foreigners forcibly hellenize Judea by outlawing Jewish practices.

Three years later, when they chased the oppressors from Jerusalem, the Temple lay in ruins. Although priests found only one vial of untainted oil, enough to burn for 24 hours, miraculously the flame lasted eight days.

Drawing from the two stories, both dairy products and oil have influenced Chanukah cuisine. Think of potato latkes served with sour cream. Less renowned are ricotta pancakes, a delicately sweetened crepe. Tasting like little cheesecakes, they are a surprising addition to brunch.

For at least a century, competing ingredients have been encroaching on potato territory. In Jewish cookbooks, numerous examples of potato latke recipes have also called for shredded parsnips, beets or carrots. For incremental, but richly rewarding flavour, add one of these vegetables to the batter of your favourite potato latke recipe.

In her *International Jewish Cookbook*, Faye Levy touts the versatility of latkes.

"A selection of several types of pancakes of different colours makes great Chanukah party fare," she wrote, offering several recipes. Her vegetable pancakes call for mushrooms, celery, carrots – and peas!

Aware that any produce can be mixed with eggs and flour and fried to a crackling crunch, a creative friend concocted her own vegetable latkes from leftovers. With golden shortening sizzling around her current batch of vegetable batter, she has one piece of advice: "Hold the potatoes. Oil is the heart of Chanukah latkes."

VEGETABLE LATKES

1 small onion, peeled and diced fine
12 small mushrooms, sliced thin
vegetable oil for frying
salt & pepper to taste
2 medium carrots
1 small parsnip
1 cup frozen peas, at room temperature
2 eggs, slightly beaten
4 tbsp. flour

On a medium flame, saute onion and mushrooms in oil in a large, non-stick skillet, until wilted. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and stir.

Peel and grate carrots and parsnips, adding them to the skillet with peas. Stir one minute. Let cool.

Move vegetables to a large bowl. Add eggs and flour, mixing well with a spoon. If batter is loose, gradually add flour until a moist batter forms.

Place ¼-inch of oil in skillet, heating on medium flame. Drop heaping tablespoons of batter into skillet, flattening with back of a spoon. Add more oil as needed.

Don't turn until bottom side browns. Keep turning until both sides are crisp, and centres are done. Be careful that they don't burn.

Drain on two layers of paper towels. Serve with sour cream. Yield: 8-10 latkes

CARROT-NOODLE LATKES

8 oz. fine noodles
5 carrots, peeled and grated
1 bunch scallions, sliced thin
2 eggs, beaten
½ tsp. ground ginger
salt & white pepper to taste
4 tbsp. flour
sesame oil for frying

Prepare noodles according to package instructions. Drain and place in a large bowl.

Add remaining ingredients, mixing well with a spoon. If batter is loose, gradually add more flour until a moist batter forms.

Pour ¼-in. of oil into a large, non-stick skillet, heating on medium flame.

Drop heaping tablespoons of batter into skillet, flattening with back of a spoon. Add more oil as needed.

Don't turn pancakes until bottom browns. (A few noodles may break off when turning the first time.) Turn until both sides are crisp, not burned.

Drain on two layers of paper towels. Serve with soy sauce. Yield: 12-14 pancakes.

RICOTTA PANCAKES

1 cup part-skim ricotta cheese
2 eggs
3 tbsp. flour
1 tbsp. vegetable oil, plus oil for frying
1 tbsp. sugar
1 tsp. vanilla extract
¼-cup pignoli nuts (or blanched slivered almonds)

Place all ingredients, except nuts, in a food processor using a steel blade. Process until lumps disappear and mixture swells to a creamy batter.

Scrape sides of bowl with a spatula. Add nuts and process briefly until well blended.

Pour ¼-inch of oil into a large, non-stick skillet over a medium flame. Drop heaping tablespoons of batter into skillet. Add oil as needed. When pancakes bubble and bottom sides brown, gently turn and brown the other side.

Sprinkle confectioners' sugar on top. Serve with sour cream. Yield: 16-18 pancakes.

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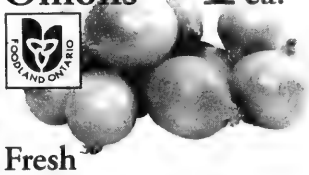

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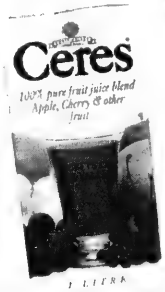

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Chanukah Delights

Enjoy healthy creations for Chanukah

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

Most of us have accepted that the mitzvah of keeping kosher does not automatically make us healthy. French fries and breaded chicken deep fried in kosher oil can still clog the arteries.

Most of us also reason that we can eat whatever is offered on festivals, because, after all, how many festivals are there?

Just ask Gail Ashkanazi-Hankin, author of an excellent new cookbook *Festivals of Lite Kosher Cookbook* (Pelican, 1999).

She points out in her introduction that "yes, Passover is only once a year, but so are Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot and Chanukah (two more week-long holidays), Purim, and Shavuot – all featuring foods traditionally laden with calories – not to mention Shabbat, which comes every week."

Festivals of Lite offers many traditional recipes adapted to today's lower calorie, lower fat, lower sugar tastes. French toast is made without eggs but with maple syrup, cholent gets its taste from sun-dried tomatoes or spices, rather than from fat, and strudel is rich with fruits, rather than sugar.

Ashkenazi-Hankin also provides vegetarian dishes, as well as recipes from Russia, Italy, Morocco, Italy and France.

A nice touch is her list of tips on how to cook healthier: Replace sour cream with soft tofu, use flavoured non-stick cooking oil spray, use red bell peppers for their vitamin C and beta carotene content. Use lots of fresh herbs to heighten taste, she says.

She also gives a selection of menus for the different holidays, including pareve, dairy, meat and vegetarian alternatives. The section for each holiday includes the historical background and food traditions.

Chanukah recipes are traditionally either dairy, in honour of Judith, who served the enemy Holofernes cheese until he got so thirsty and drank so much wine that he passed out and she could kill him, or fried foods, reminding us of the miracle of the oil. Here are a few examples from *Festivals of Lite Kosher Cookbook*.

CHERRY DAIRY KUGEL

8 oz. yolk-free noodles
8 oz. (1 cup) low fat cottage cheese, drained
½ cup nonfat sour cream or plain yogurt
½ cup pineapple juice concentrate
1 whole egg
5 egg whites
1 cup canned cherries, drained
1½ tsp. vanilla
½ tsp. almond extract
cooking spray

Topping
½ cup crushed corn flakes
3 tbsp. chopped toasted almonds

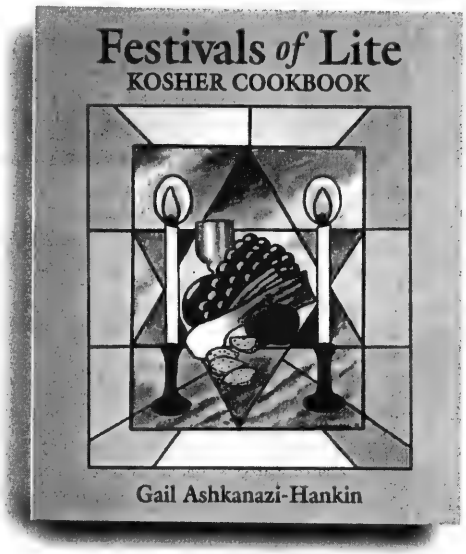
Boil the noodles according to package directions and drain.

In a bowl, combine the noodles with the remaining kugel ingredients except the spray.

Coat a 9-inch square glass baking dish with the cooking spray. Pour in the noodle mixture.

Combine topping ingredients and sprinkle over the noodle mixture.

Bake at 350 for 1 hour to 1 hour and 15 minutes. Serves 12.



CORNMEAL LATKES

½ cup egg substitute or 4 egg whites
2 cups nonfat sour cream or nonfat plain yogurt
2 tbsp. honey
1 cup whole-wheat pastry flour
1 cup cornmeal
1 tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. salt
Butter-flavoured cooking spray

Mix egg substitute, sour cream and honey. Stir in remaining ingredients except the spray.

Heat a griddle over medium-high heat. Coat with cooking spray.

Spoon batter onto the griddle in two batches of 9 pancakes, and lightly brown for about 1 to 2 minutes. Spray the tops with the cooking spray before turning, then brown another 1 to 2 minutes. Serves 9.

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Chanukah Delights

Try a cookie-making carnival before Chanukah

By EILEEN GOLTZ
Special to The CJN

One of our favourite family traditions is our annual Chanukah cookie bake. This cookie-making carnival, usually a few days before Chanukah begins, is our family's way of getting ready for Chanukah.

I try to use at least three different types of cookie dough each year, as well as three or four different frostings or sprinkles.

BASIC BUTTER COOKIE DOUGH

4 sticks (1 pound) unsalted butter, softened
1⅓ cups sugar
¼ tsp. salt
3 large egg yolks
2 tsp.vanilla
4⅔ cups all-purpose flour

In large bowl of a standing electric mixer beat together butter, sugar and salt until light and fluffy. Beat in yolks, one at a time, and vanilla and beat until smooth. Beat in flour gradually, beating dough until just combined well. Chill for at least ½ hour.

Cut the dough into three or four portions and keep the portion that you aren't using covered and in the refrigerator.

Roll out the section of dough that you are using on a lightly floured surface to approximately ¼ to ⅓-inch thick and cut out in your desired shapes. Place the cookies on a cookie sheet and bake at 350 for 10 to 12 minutes. (I like to use parchment paper on my cookie sheets when I bake sugar/butter cookies. It prevents any sticking). Cool on racks; then frost.

You can sprinkle coloured sugar on top of the cookies before you bake them, but make sure you brush the top of the cookie with either egg white or milk (non-dairy creamer) before you sprinkle on the sprinkles. This will make the sprinkles adhere. Makes about 3 pounds of dough.

SPICED ICEBOX BUTTER COOKIES

½ prepared Basic Butter Cookie Dough recipe at room temperature
3 tbsp. honey or molasses
1 tbsp. cinnamon
2 tsp. ground ginger
1½ tsp. anise seeds, crushed lightly
½ tsp. ground cloves
¼ tsp. freshly grated nutmeg

Icing
1 cup confectioners' sugar
1½ tbsp. fresh lemon juice

In bowl of a standing electric mixer beat together the dough, honey or molasses, and spices until just combined well. Divide dough in half, and on sheets of wax paper, form each half into a 12-inch log. Chill logs, wrapped in wax paper, at least two hours or overnight. Preheat oven to 350. With a sharp knife cut logs into generous ⅛-inch slices and arrange ½ inch apart on baking sheets. Bake cookies in batches in middle of oven until pale golden, about 12 minutes, and cool on racks.

Make icing: In a small bowl whisk together icing ingredients and then transfer the icing to a sealable plastic bag. With scissors cut a ⅛-inch opening in one corner of bag.

Arrange cookies on sheets of wax paper and, using the plastic bag with the icing in it draw stars or dreidels on the cookies with the icing. Let icing dry completely. Cookies may be stored between layers of wax paper in airtight containers up to six weeks frozen. Makes about 10 dozen cookies.

ALMOND BUTTER ICING

Light almond flavoured icing, great for sugar and butter cookies. To keep it pareve you can use all margarine if you wish.

1 cup shortening
1 cup butter or margarine
4 to 5 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
4 to 5 tbsp. milk or non-dairy creamer
1½ tsp. almond extract

In a mixer or food processor cream together the shortening and the butter. Add the almond extract and beat until fluffy. Beat in the confectioners' sugar, one cup at a time. Add the milk alternately with the confectioners' sugar, one tablespoon at a time until the icing reaches the desired consistency. Colour and decorate as desired.

AUNT ZULA'S CHANUKAH CUTOUTS

This is an old-fashioned sugar cookie recipe that is not as sweet as others that I've used. They're great with a powdered sugar icing without being overly sweet.

1 cup shortening
1 cup confectioners' sugar
½ tsp. salt
2 eggs
2¾ cups all-purpose flour
3 tsp. baking powder
2 tbsp. milk or non-dairy creamer
1 tsp. vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350. In a bowl cream the sugar and shortening together. Add the eggs and the dry ingredients. Mix well. Add the milk or non-dairy creamer last. There's no need to chill this dough, simply roll out to ¼-inch thickness, cut out and bake 10-12 minutes. Makes 2 dozen.

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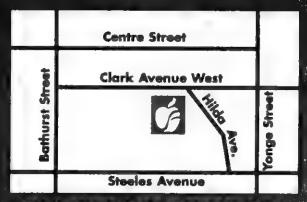

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BROWN SUGAR COOKIES

2 cups all-purpose flour
1½ tsp. baking powder
1 pinch salt
½ cup butter or margarine, softened
1 egg
1 tbsp. heavy cream or non-dairy creamer
1½ tsp. vanilla extract
½ cup packed brown sugar

In a large mixing bowl, cream together the butter and brown sugar. Beat in the egg, heavy cream or non-dairy creamer, and vanilla. Slowly add in the flour, baking powder and salt. Mix until well blended. If dough seems too dry, add water, ½ teaspoon at a time.

Cover and refrigerate for four hours.

Preheat oven to 375. Roll out the dough on a floured surface to a thickness of ¼ of an inch. Cut with cookie cutters and place 1½ inches apart on cookie sheets. Bake 8 to 10 minutes, until lightly coloured.

CHOCOLATE CUTOUT COOKIE

1 cup butter or margarine
2 cups white sugar
3 eggs
3 tsp. vanilla extract
3 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking powder
10 tbsp. unsweetened cocoa powder

In a large mixing bowl cream the butter or margarine and sugar until light and fluffy; add eggs, one at a time, beating well. Mix in the vanilla.

In a separate bowl combine flour, cocoa powder and baking powder. Add the flour mixture to the cream mixture and mix well. Wrap the dough in waxed paper and chill for two hours.

Preheat oven to 350. Divide the dough in half. Roll out each half to ¼ inch thick. Cut with desired shaped cookie cutters. Place on lightly greased cookie sheets and bake for 10-12 minutes. Makes 6 dozen.

CREAM CHEESE CUTOUTS

A fluffy cookie that tastes like a pastry.

1 cup butter or margarine, softened
1 (8 ounce) package of cream cheese, softened
½ cup sifted confectioners' sugar
2 cups all-purpose flour
¼ tsp. salt

In an electric mixer or food processor cream together the butter and cream cheese until fluffy. Then gradually blend in the sugar.

In a bowl mix together the flour and salt; stir the flour mixture into the creamed mixture. Cover; chill dough several hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 375. Divide the dough into thirds. On lightly floured surface, roll out dough, one section at a time. (Keep the other sections refrigerated.) Cut out with cookie cutter to desired shapes. Place the cookies on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake until firm, but not brown, about 12 minutes. If desired, sift additional confectioners' sugar over slightly warm cookies. Makes 5 dozen.

EZ ROLLED COOKIES

1 cup butter or margarine
1 cup white sugar
2 eggs
4 tbsp. milk
1 tsp. lemon flavouring
3 cups all-purpose flour
2 tsp. cream of tartar
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tbsp. white sugar
food colouring (if desired)

Cream together 1 cup white sugar and butter. Beat in the eggs, milk and flavouring. Sift flour, cream of tartar and baking soda. Stir into butter mixture.

Divide the dough in half and mix in 3 or 4 drops of food colouring to each half, if you're using food colouring. (Take half the dough out of the bowl, mix in the food colouring, wash the bowl and colour the remaining dough with the other colour.) Chill for a short time, until firm.

Roll out on lightly floured board and cut with your favourite cookie cutters. If you don't want to frost these cookies after they are baked, you can brush them with an egg with or milk or non dairy creamer and sprinkle with 1 tbsp. white sugar. Bake at 350 for 8 to 10 minutes. Makes 2 dozen.

BEST WHITE ICING EVER

This icing recipe is number 1! It's quick and easy to make, great for cakes and you can easily change the consistency by adding a little water or corn syrup. If you wish, use half shortening and half unsalted butter or all margarine.

4 cups confectioners sugar
1 cup shortening
2 tbsp. water
1 tsp. clear vanilla

In a large bowl, combine sugar, shortening, water and vanilla. Beat on low speed to combine, then beat on medium speed for a full five minutes. It won't look like icing at first, but keep the mixer going for a full five minutes, and then you're done!

If you're not using this for decorating, but just for icing a cake, thin the icing by adding 3 tbsp. of corn syrup, or water to the icing. Makes 4 to 5 cups.

Cooking healthy

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LEMON POPPYSEED CREAM CHEESE BARS

3 egg whites
1 cup sugar
6 oz. (½ cup) nonfat lemon yogurt, or ½ cup nonfat plain yogurt plus 1 tbsp. lemon extract
2½ tbsp. lemon juice
1 tsp. lemon extract
2 tbsp. grated lemon peel
1¼ cups cake flour
2 tbsp. poppy seeds
½ tsp. baking powder
cooking spray

Topping
6 oz. (½ cup) low fat cream cheese
¼ cup sugar
1 egg white
1 tsp. lemon juice
1 tsp. vanilla extract

Whisk together the egg whites, sugar, yogurt, lemon juice, extract and peel.

Combine flour, poppy seeds, and baking powder, and stir in egg-white mixture.

Coat a 9-inch square baking dish with the cooking spray and pour batter in, spreading evenly.

In a blender or food processor, combine topping ingredients. Spoon over batter. Swirl a knife through the batter to marbleize. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes; cool on wire rack. Cut into bars. These freeze well. Makes approximately 16.

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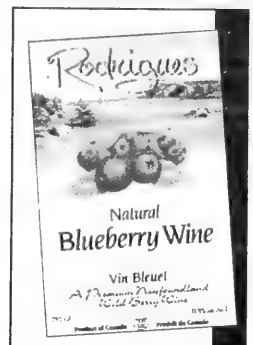

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CJN staff helps create a perfect bowl of hot soup

Staff members of *The Canadian Jewish News*, many of whom are known for their culinary expertise, contributed the following soup recipes to enjoy when the weather is blustery.

VEGETARIAN ZUCCHINI SOUP

4 tbsp. butter or olive oil (or 2 tbsp. of each)
2 medium onions, chopped
6 small zucchini, diced
2 medium potatoes, peeled and diced
4 cups pareve chicken stock
2 carrots, diced (or 1 parsnip and 1 carrot)
2 sprigs parsley
pinch of oregano and basil
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper
2 sprigs fresh dill
1 tsp. dry mustard
1 clove of garlic

Melt butter in large saucepan. Sauté onions. Add remaining ingredients and simmer for 20 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Purée. Serve hot or cold. Freezes well.

CHICKEN SOUP LEILA

4 skinned chicken breasts with bone-in
2 onions, chunked
2 large carrots, sliced diagonally
2 ribs celery stalks, sliced diagonally
2 large parsnips, sliced diagonally
6 cloves of garlic, crushed and chopped
2 tbsp. rosemary
3 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
3 tbsp. chopped fresh dill
1 tbsp. marjoram
salt and pepper to taste

Put chicken in large soup pot, preferably enamel. Add water about ¼ way up the pot. Bring to rolling boil over high heat. Remove as much scum as possible.

Add the rest of ingredients slowly. Stir. Lower heat to medium-low. Cook uncovered for one hour.

Put soup in the fridge overnight if possible. Remove fat before re-heating.

Serve with rice, farfel, soup nuts or matzah balls.

TOMATO EGGPLANT SOUP WITH COUSCOUS

2 tbsp. olive oil
1 leek, white part only
2 small eggplants, peeled and diced
1 can tomatoes, chopped
1 tbsp. tomato paste
2 tbsp. chopped fresh basil
½ tsp. dried oregano
½ tsp. dried thyme
5 cups chicken or vegetable stock
1 cup couscous cooked
salt and pepper
fresh basil leaves for garnish

In a large saucepan, heat oil over medium-high heat. Cook leek and eggplant until soft, about 3 minutes. Stir in tomatoes, tomato paste, basil, oregano and thyme.

Cook about 4 minutes. Add stock and simmer 30 minutes. Purée in a food processor. Return to pot and stir in couscous. Reheat if necessary. Taste for salt and pepper. Garnish with basil leaves. Serves 6 to 8.

ROASTED GARLIC TOMATO BISQUE

1 large onion, peeled, quartered
olive oil
8 plum tomatoes, cored
1 bulb elephant garlic (much larger and sweeter than regular garlic)
2 tbsp. brown sugar
1 large can plum tomatoes, chopped, undrained
½ cup chicken or vegetable broth
Salt and pepper
6 fresh basil leaves, thinly sliced

Preheat broiler. Brush onion lightly with oil and broil until golden and slightly blackened on edges; remove and set aside.

Broil plum tomatoes until skin blisters. Remove, cool and peel off skin.

In saucepan, heat 1 tbsp. olive oil over medium heat.

Add onion, tomatoes and roasted garlic cloves, removed from bulb. (to roast garlic, trim top, brush with oil and bake at 350F for 45-60 minutes. Garlic pushes very easily out of skin)

Cook tomato mixture 2-3 minutes.

Add brown sugar. Stir and scrape bottom and sides of pan, being careful not to scorch as it caramelizes.

Add canned tomatoes and broth.

Stir occasionally, allowing soup to simmer on medium-low heat. Reduce by half. Using hand blender, purée hot soup, season with salt and pepper, or cool soup slightly and blend in food processor or blender.

Pour into individual serving bowls; garnish with basil. Serves 4.

SAVOURY SQUASH SOUP

2 medium butternut or acorn squash
½ cup (total) chopped leeks and carrots
¼ cup or oil or pareve margarine
1 bay leaf
8 cups vegetable or chicken stock
10 whole black peppercorns
Garnish:
⅓ cup squash (use cubed cooked squash from above)
⅓ cup cucumber peeled
¼ cup honey

Clean, peel and dice the squash. Set aside ⅓ cup. Clean and chop the leeks and carrots.

Heat margarine in pan, slightly sauté the squash, leeks and carrots. Don't brown! Add stock and bay leaf and bring to a boil, about 10 minutes. Add the peppercorns. Reduce heat and simmer for about 45 minutes, stirring to ensure nothing sticks to the pan.

Remove bay leaf and puree soup in a food processor, leaving small chunks of vegetables. Remove any whole peppercorns that do not break up. Add salt and additional pepper to taste.

Clean, peel and dice the cucumber. Ladle soup into individual bowls. Garnish with cucumber. Drizzle honey over the garnish in bowl. Serves 4-6.

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Calgary's oldest synagogue marks 90th anniversary

By MAXINE FISCHBEIN
Jewish Free Press

CALGARY — Ninety years ago, when Calgary's first synagogue was founded, about 50 Jewish families made this city their home, and all of them worshipped at House of Jacob.

Today, there are four congregations in Calgary, but House of Jacob-Mikveh Israel (HOJMI, as the shul is now known, lives on.

It has been an exciting 90 years. At the beginning, House of Jacob was the hub from which grew all the spokes of the wheel that now comprise the Calgary Jewish community.

When it was founded in 1909 by Alberta Jewish pioneer Jacob Lyon Diamond, House of Jacob was the fourth organization in all of Alberta to be incorporated under the province's Societies Act, says Jay Joffe, president of the Jewish Historical Society of Alberta. In the Jewish community, it is only predated by the chevrah kadishah, which was formed in 1906.

The Jewish Historical Society has preserved many of the original documents pertaining to the shul's history, and for Joffe, the synagogue has special significance. He is the grandson of the late Jacob Diamond, whose efforts – including the very first pledge to the building fund – led to the construction of the congregation's first shul on 5th Avenue East.

Construction on the building, which cost $5,000, began in 1911, and the shul opened its doors in 1912.

Close to a century later, Joffe proudly displays the architectural drawings of University of Calgary architecture student Vance Harris, who has created a model of the original building for the historical society. The model, which will be lent to HOJMI during its 90th anniversary celebration, will afterward be put on permanent display at the Calgary Jewish Centre.

The drawings have been taken only from photographs and recollections of synagogue old-timers. The original plans for the shul, which was demolished in 1968 when the City of Calgary bought the property as part of an urban renewal plan, were lost along the way.

As one watches Joffe unfold the drawings, one easily conjures up the image of Diamond himself, poring over the blueprints of the "house" which bore his name and over which he presided as president for seven consecutive terms.

"The detail is amazing," says Joffe. "It was an enormous job to try to reconstruct the building from the pictures."

Native and long-term Calgarians all attest to the significance of the House of Jacob in Calgary's Jewish history.

Nearly every other Jewish institution in the city can trace its roots to the "house" that Jacob Diamond built. The House of Jacob spawned Calgary's first Hebrew school and, until 1935 when the Beth Israel congregation was formed, it was the only institution catering to the Jewish community's religious needs.

Two long-serving rabbis, Rabbi Shimon Smolensky and Rabbi David Barenholtz, were spiritual leaders of the shul from 1917-1935 and 1939-1968 respectively.

Calgarians have fond memories of the original House of Jacob. They remember the men davening in the downstairs sanctuary where the bimah was placed in the middle of the room, while the women looked on from the upstairs women's section.

Long-time Calgarian Elliott Zuckier has played many roles within the House of Jacob, but perhaps the most important one was his job as shadchan.

Although he had been a member of the House of Jacob following his marriage to Minnie in 1949, he, like many in the community who moved on to newer congregations, later joined the Shaarey Tzedec.

In the late 1970s, the then House of Jacob president, Meyer Blitt, approached Zuckier looking for help in breathing life back into the shul, which had declined in the years following World War II.

"They had problems getting a minyan," recalls Zuckier, who says that his main accomplishment during the transition period for the shul was to broker a marriage between something old and something new.

Zuckier introduced a few young couples who were looking for a more traditional Jewish path, to Blitt. A core group of about 20 couples joined House of Jacob.

At a meeting, they brought a rabbi from Yeshiva University with whom they discussed their vision for a revitalized Orthodox synagogue.

Subsequently, a benefactor from the East underwrote the cost of bringing Peter Hayman, a rabbinical student, to Calgary to lead holiday services for the once-again fledgling congregation.

Hayman, who was later ordained and served the shul as a full-time rabbi, is the individual who galvanized the movement toward a strong modern-Orthodox presence in Calgary.

Together with his old-new flock, Rabbi Hayman made the journey through a series of temporary synagogue accommodations, including the old Loyal Order of Eagles Lodge at 12th Street and 13th Avenue SW, which was the congregation's home from 1968 to 1981.

It moved first to a home on Palliser Drive, purchased by the Doctor and Parker families, then rented space in the Calgary Jewish Centre, and finally moved to its present location across from the centre where the new shul building was consecrated in 1986.

The name of the new shul was also a marriage of old and new. It became House of Jacob-Mikveh Israel in 1983, when the Koschitzky Foundation of Toronto made a generous donation in honor of Israel Koschitzky, who had served as a trustee of the congregation in 1957-58.

Eleanor and Labie Doctor are credited within the congregation as being among the key figures in the revitalization of the shul.

"We are in a unique situation. In cities across Western Canada, more traditional Orthodox communities have been diminishing," reflects Eleanor Doctor with obvious pride.

"Yet Calgary is now on the map as one of the only young, emerging Orthodox Jewish communities in Western Canada. There is a new shul, a new mikvah, a new bakery, a new school, a new butcher. Everything is new!"

Doctor sees HOJMI's role as being every bit as crucial to Jewish survival in Calgary as the original House of Jacob was.

"As a result of having an Orthodox community, we are better able to sustain a Jewish infrastructure that includes [the above mentioned services]."

"The congregation represents modern, mainstream Orthodox Judaism, which is open to all Jews seeking a more traditional expression of their Judaism," says Doctor, who acknowledges that most members of the congregation do not lead an Orthodox lifestyle.

Current HOJMI co-presidents Nelson Halpern and Harold Lipton, both of whom were raised in Calgary, are charged with guiding the shul into the future.

"It is remarkable," reflects Lipton, "that an institution as old as 90 years still continues to play a leading role in the community. It has undergone a remarkable transformation. Far from being an old-fashioned, irrelevant congregation, it has transformed itself into a vibrant movement with appeal for people of all ages."

Current HOJMI spiritual leader, Rabbi Seth Binus, characterizes HOJMI as "striving to offer a modern application of traditional beliefs and values."

"The shul has gone through a lot of changes in its long history. It takes a strong community for people to grow and persevere through so many years, and I'm very proud of such a community," says Rabbi Binus.

Bertha Gold, whose husband Abe was asked to preside over the congregation in 1981-82, a pivotal time in the shul's recent history, is one of those who looks forward to the celebration of House of Jacob's first 90 years.

"It will carry on another 90 years, and I hope, from strength to strength."

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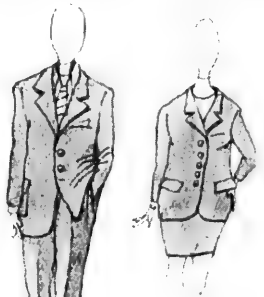

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פּראָפעסאָר ארטור לערמער פֿון מאָנטרעאַל האָט צו זיין 90סטן געבוירן־טאָג צוגעטראָגן דעם יידיש־ליענער אַ גיסטרייכע מתנה — אַ שײַך־אַרויסגעגעבן בוך פֿון 420 זײטן מיטן קלינגענדיק־מונטערן נאָמען „און דאך — דעם מאָרגנרויט אנטקעגן". דאָס איז אַ צייטיק בוך, וואָס באַהאַנדלט אויף אַ קלאָרן און קאָמפּעטענטן אופן די עיקר־פֿראַבלעמען פֿון יידישן אין אַלגעמיין־מענטשלעכן קיום אויפֿן שוועל פֿון 21סטן יאָרהונדערט.

אין צענטער פֿון ארטור לערמערס אַטראַקטונגען איז אוועק־געשטעלט אין דער גאַנצער טיף אין בריף דאָס פֿראַבלעם פֿון יידישן המשך אין אונדזער ביט. ער פֿאַרוואָפֿט זיך אויף דער נאָך־חורבן קאָנפֿערענץ פֿון „בונד" אין בריסל אין 1948, וואָס האָט עגד־גילטיק אָפּצופּטידט דעם גלאַבאַלן באַגריף פֿון יידישער פֿאָלקס־געמיינשאַפֿט, פֿון יידן ווי אַ וועלטפֿאָלק, וואָס שליסט אייך סיי מדינת ישׂראל אין סיי תפוצות ישׂראל. צוזיך ישׂראל אין די תפוצות מח עקסיסטירן אַ שפּעריש אין דינאַמיש פֿאַרבונדנקייט. קיין טייל טאַר ניט הערשן איבער דעם צוויימן. פֿון די קעגנזייטיקע באַציונגען פֿון די ביידע טיילן פֿון יידישן וועלטפֿאָלק הענגט אָפּ זיין וויטאַליטעט, זיין גורל און זיין צוקונפֿט. דאָס מח דערִיבער ווערן דער אויסגאַנג־פונקט פֿון אַ יידיש־שפּעריש קיום.

אין זינען וויטערדיקע באַטראַכטונגען פֿרווווט לערמער צו דעפֿינירן דעם תמציתּ פֿון דער יידישער קולטור־ירושה, וואָס דאַרף אָפּגעהיטן אין געפֿלעגט ווערן. דאָ הייבט ער אָרויס דעם באַגריף פֿון פֿאַזיטיווער יידישער וועלטלעכקייט, וואָס איז כולל די דוורותדיק קע ווערטן פֿון דער רעליגיענער ציוויליזאַציע, די עטיש־מאָראַלישע לערעס פֿון די נביאים אין די מאַרטיראַר־געשיכטע פֿון יידישן פֿאָלק. לערמער פֿאַרוואָפֿט זיך אויף שמעון דובנאָוון, וואָס האָט דע־פינירט יידישע וועלטלעכקייט ווי אַזאַ, וואָס איז כולל אַלע גרונט־עלעמענטן פֿון דער נאַציאָנאַלער קולטור, בעיקר די מזרח־אייראַ־פּעישע גייסטיקע ירושה, וואָס האָט איינגעזאָפּט אין זיך די יידישע קולטור־ווערטן פֿון אַלע פּריאַדיקע תקופֿות.

אַרטור לערמער, דער בונדיסט און וועלטלעכער יִד, שאַצט אַפּ ווי געהעריק די וויטאַלע ראָל פֿון דער יידישער רעליגיע. דער מחבר גיט אָזוי וויט פּעסטשטעלן, אַז אַן אַ קרעפּטיקן רעליגיעזן באַשטאַנדטייל וועלן מיר קיין אַרכּת־ימים ווי אַ פֿאָלק ניט האָבן. אָבער, דעמגליכן אַן לשם גלייכגעוויכט, איז ניטיק אַ וויטאַלער וועלטלעכער סעקטאָר אַן ממילא אַ קאַטעקסיסטענץ אַן קעגן־זייטיקע טאָלעראַנץ פֿון די ביידע סעקטאָרן.

אין דעם פֿלעג אַן אויפֿהאַלטן יידיש־לשון אַן די יידישע לי־טעראָטור זעט פֿראָפ. לערמער איינס פֿון די וויכטיקסטע מיטלען צו באַקעמפֿן אַסימילאַציע אַן אַפּפֿרעמדונג פֿון די ניע דורות אין ישׂראל אַן אין די תפוצות. דער מזרח־אייראָפּעישער עטאָס קען דינען ווי אַ קוואַל פֿון אינספּיראַציע פֿאַר די ניע דורות צו אַ שע־פערישן המשך פֿון יידישן פֿאָלקס־לעבן. אויב יידיש וועט געשטיצט אַן געפֿלעגט ווערן, קען זי וויטער געדיַיען ווי אַ צווייטע אָדער דריטע לעבעדיקע שפּראַך, זייט בי זייט מיט העברעיש אַן מיט די לאַנדשפּראַכן אין די תפוצות. דער מחבר וויזט אָן, אַז דאָס באַהערשן מער ווי איין שפּראַך איז גינסטיק סיי פֿאַרן יחיד אַן סיי פֿאַרן קאָלעקטיוו. ווי אַ בישפּיל ברענגט לערמער די דערפֿאָרונג פֿון קאַנאַדע, ווו עס הערשט אַ פּראַקטיק פֿון מולטיקולטוראַליזם אין קעגנזאַץ צו דער קאַנצעפּציע פֿון איין־שפּראַכיקע פעלקער אַן מלוכות.

אין בוך זינגן אויך אייגנעשלאָסן אינטערעסאַנטע זכרונות אַן פֿאַרטרעטן פֿון לערמערס לערערס אין ווילנער־סעמינאַר: משה קולבאַק, ד"ר מאָקס וויינרייך אַן אברהם גאָלדמַב, ווי אויך עסייען ווענג ד"ר העשל קלעפּפיש, י. י. טרונק אַן מלך ראָוויטש. דאָס בוך שליסט אויך אין אַ צאָל קירצערע ארטיקלען ווענג די בונדישע טוערס, עמנואל שערער, ברוך שפּענער, ד"ר אַלעקסאַנדער גאָלד־שמיד, ישׂראל פֿאָלק, אפֿרים לחער זעלמאַנאָוויטש אַן באָנע ווינער.

דער פערטער טייל פֿון בוך, אַן ערך 132 זײטן, איז געוויידמעט די פֿראַבלעמען פֿון סאָציאָליזם אַן מאַרעגער טעכנאָלאָגיע. דאָ באָוויזט זיך לערמער ווי אַ בקי אין אַלע היינטצייטיקע פֿראַבלע־מען, וואָס ווענג זיי אין ניטיק אַ באַזונדערע אָפּהאַנדלונג.

לערמערס בוך איז אַ וואָגיקער סך־הכּל פֿון מאָדערנעם יידישן געדאַנק, ווי עס שרייבט ד"ר קלעפּפיש אין זיין הקדמה: „אַן אַדע צום פֿון מענטש אייגצושטעלן אַ יושרדיקע אַן פּרייקיטלעכע געזעלשאַפֿט, אַן אַדע, וואָס אינספּירירט האָפענונג אַן גלויבן".

Coast to Coast

MP Cotler calls for increased social spending

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Newly elected MP Irwin Cotler wants Ottawa to put half of the $100-billion surplus projected by Finance Minister Paul Martin into social spending, such as health care, education and social security.

Cotler wants another 25 percent to go toward retiring the debt, and the amount saved in interest payments should also be used for social spending. Only the remaining quarter should provide tax relief, and then only to low and middle-income earners.

Cotler firmly positioned himself on the left wing of the Liberal party during the byelection in Mount Royal, which saw him capture 92.3 percent of the vote, possibly setting a Canadian record in federal politics. The major theme of his campaign was replenishing what he calls the "social rights basket."

He said a child poverty rate in Canada of 20 percent is a "disgrace" and the fact that the rate is double among blacks is a "scandal." He wants the government to put more effort into eliminating discrimination against minorities, especially in employment, and he says addressing the grievances of aboriginals must be a "national responsibility," and not left to the First Nations themselves.

He also is pushing for more protection of the environment.

The 59-year-old longtime McGill University law professor was expected to win. Mount Royal has been Liberal since it was created in 1940 but he said he was stunned that he received 16,408 of the 17,778 of the ballots cast.

Moreover, the magnitude of his victory was virtually uniform at all 186 polls, and not just in the heavily Jewish areas of Côte St. Luc and Hampstead, where he was expected to get overwhelming support. The riding also includes Town of Mount Royal and parts of Snowdon and Côte des Neiges, whose populations are multi-ethnic.

At 11 polls, he shut out the other three candidates, and at least six others, there was just a single vote not for Cotler. His closest rival was Jamaican Association president Noel Alexander.

The turnout was low at 28.5 percent, even for a byelection, and especially surprising in Mount Royal, where voter turnout is traditionally around 80 percent, even though a Liberal win is a foregone conclusion.

Although there has been speculation Cotler will be appointed to the cabinet, he emphasized that was never a condition of his running.

"My nomination came from the grassroots…There was never any discussion with the prime minister or any one else in the government, nor any understanding, before or since my nomination, about a cabinet post," Cotler stated.

Nevertheless, he said he has received "very encouraging support" from Jean Chrétien after his nomination and election. The prime minister phoned him from Turkey after the election.

He knows the Jewish community will expect him to defend Israel, when necessary. He may not go as far as some would like though, he said.

Cotler said he supports an independent state for the Palestinians, as long as Israel can "live in peace and security, free of any acts or threats of force."

Although officially on a leave of absence from McGill, he will continue to teach there, he said. He will be giving one two-hour seminar per week each semester.

"There's no conflict of interest. On the contrary, I believe it dovetails with what I hope to accomplish in Parliament. I teach human rights. I need the interaction with students and faculty to keep up to date with what's going on."

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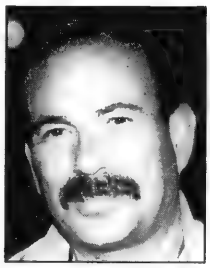

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Call to fight child poverty

OTTAWA — The Canadian Council for Reform Judaism, the Canadian Islamic Congress, and Citizens for Public Justice, a Christian public policy organization, have jointly called on the federal government to tackle the problem of child poverty.

The three groups appeared together before the House of Commons finance committee earlier this month. They each gave a broad outline of what their faith traditions say about children and poverty, and urged the government to take action in its upcoming budget and establish other policies to address child poverty.

Thousands of Canadians in over 50 cities and towns across the country were scheduled to take part in vigils on Nov. 23 and 24 to protest child poverty.

Citizens for Public Justice says the vigils marked the 10th anniversary of a federal government promise to eliminate child poverty by 2000.

Ten years later, 463,000 – or 60 percent – more children live in poverty, the group says.

"We join so many other faith and community groups in supporting the need for a national, co-ordinated, governmental plan to alleviate poverty and improve the life-chances of children," Gabrielle Mandell, social action co-ordinator at the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism, told the Commons committee.

"In Jewish tradition, the pursuit of social justice is the responsibility of every person and of the social institutions and government structures, which we develop as part of living in community," Mandell told the committee. "Helping those in need is not a matter of choice, but a matter of justice.

"To give voluntarily to funds for the poor and disadvantaged is a personal decision of charity. Jewish tradition has framed such giving as part of a more compulsory and structured system of communal giving. The public sector has a key role in promoting economic justice and to do justice by just means.

"We contend that:

- The good of the community is the responsibility of all its members;
- The disadvantaged and vulnerable members of society must be protected and assisted;
- Every person must contribute to the welfare of the community according to his or her capacity and capabilities;
- Human dignity must be respected and must pervade all forms of service and action;
- Individuals must be provided with the tools necessary for progress toward self-sufficiency.

"These statements express some of our fundamental tenets. They are premised on the recognition that fiscal policy has moral dimensions," Mandell said.

"We are here today, because as a society, we have failed to live up to our responsibilities and commitments to Canada's children and their families.

"Our faith tradition does not permit us to stand by while one in five children in Canada lives in poverty. Their families go without the necessities of ensuring the healthy development of the next generation.

"We are bound, not only to respond, but also to do so sensitively and in ways which respect human dignity and develop human potential.

"Jewish tradition tells us: 'You are not obliged to finish the task, neither are you free to neglect it.' (*Pirkei Avot*) What is needed is a real commitment now, a multi-year plan, which will lay the foundation for ongoing action."

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Scene in Ottawa

By G.K. SIMCOE

From the day Jean Chretien was first sworn in as prime minister back in 1993, the most popular political pastime in Ottawa has been idle speculation about when he would step down as leader.

Events of the day would always be analyzed on two levels. The first would be to take the issue at its face value. But inevitably, pundits and journalists would sift through the particular development looking for clues regarding Chretien's intentions.

One would have thought that everyone would tire of this tea leaf gazing exercise, but then one has to remember that we are discussing Ottawa politics – the very definition of virtual reality. If anything, contemplation of Jean Chretien's future has become a firmly entrenched element of Parliament's political culture.

Now, however, in a manner reminiscent of the habitual gambler caught once again, we can say that recent developments really are different! And, if current murmurs prove accurate, we can draw two firm conclusions. The first is that the "little guy from Shawinigan" is as shrewd a politician as one can find anywhere. Second, that one may as well drink the tea, because the Right Honourable Member for Saint Maurice has no plans to vacate his cozy Sussex Drive digs.

First, let's look at some recent evidence. In the Summer Shuffle, Paul Martin was denied a chance for a 'fresh start' in a new portfolio. Instead of developing a new persona, Martin will be relegated to his "familiar" seat while frontline minister colleagues capture headlines for all the new programs they will launch on the back of his past efforts.

In a series of leaked reports, it is apparent that tensions between the Martin and Chretien camps have increased, and public attacks by Chretien supporters on the Martinites have escalated considerably since last month.

Another clue, was Chretien's decision to postpone almost half of his travel plans over the next few months – a sure sign that he wants to be home to consolidate his hold on the caucus.

But the "smoking gun" was in the announcement that John Rae has formally begun to assemble the Chretien team for the 2001 general election. Rae headed up all of Chretien's previous campaigns and many of the same key players are back for the next round.

The safe money is on Chretien returning to seek a third majority government. Next week, we will look at the reason why.

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By DOUGLAS DAVIS
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LONDON — Hezbollah may launch attacks against Israel if the Jewish state unilaterally withdraws from southern Lebanon without reaching prior agreements with Syria and Lebanon.

The warning appeared in the Saudi Arabian news weekly *al-Majalla*, which interviewed Hezbollah's deputy leader, Sheik Na'im Kassem.

Kassem did not explicitly say that Hezbollah would carry the fight into northern Israel, but he noted that a unilateral Israeli pullout would leave the "area" open to all eventualities.

Citing the major factors that would determine events after an Israeli withdrawal, he referred to the future of the Golan Heights and the fate of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon.

Kassem's remarks followed a warning by sources close to Hezbollah recently that there would be no stability in the region if the problem of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon remains unresolved.

While Hezbollah has yet to state outright whether it would continue its attacks after an Israeli withdrawal, Kassem's comments are thought to be the most dire to emerge on the subject from the fundamentalist group's leadership.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak has repeatedly pledged to withdraw the Israeli army from southern Lebanon by the middle of next year.

The pledge came in the wake of Israeli protests over the nation's growing casualties in the region.

But, according to Kassem, a withdrawal may not stem those losses.

Talk in Israel about a withdrawal is "linked to the magnitude of the losses and Israel's capacity to absorb them. Suffering losses today might be better for Israel than a withdrawal, which could lead to bigger losses if there is no agreement."

The Israelis "face a choice between bad and worse," he added.

A complete Israeli withdrawal – without an agreement over the refugees and the Golan – would leave "the picture confused and the results unknown in their details," said Kassem.

"Developments could occur that would render such a withdrawal full of negative factors for Israel."

But he told *al-Majalla* he did not believe Israel was in a position to decide now what it will do next year.

"It is necessary to wait and see whether Syrian-Israeli negotiations resume in the coming months and whether they make progress. The answer to these questions will determine the nature of the withdrawal from Lebanon," he said.

Israeli officer critical of liberal Jews

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The Israeli army has condemned an officer for telling an audience of soldiers that Judaism's Conservative and Reform streams have been more harmful to the Jews than the Holocaust.

"The expressions of the officer toward Reform and Conservative Jews have no place in an army address," the army said in a statement.

Lieut. Gamliel Peretz, who now faces a formal army investigation, was quoted as telling a group of soldiers he did not consider people affiliated with the Reform and Conservative movements Jewish, and that the two movements "led to the assimilation of eight million Jews, which is worse than the Holocaust."

Peretz made the remarks last week during a lecture on the status of women in the Torah and in Judaism in front of a group of about 60 soldiers.

When two soldiers, affiliated with the Conservative movement, objected to the officer's statements, Peretz reportedly said he could express his opinions, especially if they are rooted in fact.

Peretz's remarks drew calls for his immediate removal from any command positions.

Among those condemning the statements were Education Minister Yossi Sarid, a member of the Meretz Party.

Rabbi Ehud Bandel, the president of the Masorti movement, as the Conservative stream is known in Israel, accused Peretz of slander, adding that he had breached his authority and abused his position.

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France to compensate Holocaust orphans

By LEE YANOWITCH
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

PARIS — The orphans of Jews deported from France to Nazi death camps will receive compensation from the French government, Prime Minister Lionel Jospin has announced.

Addressing Jewish leaders, Jospin said the orphans would receive either a lump sum or a monthly pension of about $500, under a program to be put in place in the coming weeks.

"My belief is that the unique situation of the children orphaned by the deportations, who suffered from the loss of one and often two parents and lived under the threat of arrest and deportation, calls for a response worthy of the republic 50 years on," Jospin said recently at the annual dinner of CRIF, the umbrella group of secular French Jewish organizations.

"We feel it is fair that France assume its responsibilities toward those who were mistreated and ruined," said Jospin, the guest of honor at the CRIF dinner, which was attended by cabinet ministers, religious leaders and foreign ambassadors.

The measure represented a triumph for famed Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld, who has been campaigning for decades on behalf of Holocaust orphans, particularly the children of foreign Jews deported from France, who have never received any kind of restitution.

Most of the 76,000 Jews deported from France during World War II were immigrants from eastern Europe.

"The French state of 1940 helped the Nazis deprive thousands of Jewish children of their parents, stole their childhood and plunged their entire existence into mourning," Klarsfeld said.

"The French state of 1999 appeases at last the orphans in their old age through this moral and material compensation, which will help many of them escape poverty," he said.

Some 3,000 to 5,000 people will be eligible for the compensation, Klarsfeld said.

CRIF President Henri Hajdenberg praised the initiative, but urged Jospin to act quickly because of the advanced age of most of the survivors.

"This measure must be implemented very rapidly so that those concerned can still benefit from it," he said.

At the CRIF dinner, Jospin spoke out on behalf of 13 Iranian Jews who were detained by Tehran earlier this year on charges of spying for Israel.

"It is clear to the French authorities that there can be no return by Iran to the international community if that country executes these 13 people," Jospin said.

"That is why I express the wish that the changes underway in Iran lead to the acquittal of the 13 Iranian Jews as a first symbolic act."

Iran responded to Jospin's remarks by accusing France of meddling in its internal affairs.

Jospin and French President Jacques Chirac discussed the fate of the 13 last month with visiting Iranian President Mohammed Khatami.

At the time, Khatami promised that the detainees would be given a fair trial.

Jewish groups staged protests during Khatami's Oct. 27 and 28 visit. They were demanding the release of the 13.

Human rights groups also demonstrated to protest Iran's human rights abuses.

France has for years maintained diplomatic and commercial ties with Iran, despite Tehran's support for terrorism and the murder of Iranian opposition leaders on French soil.

State of emergency may end

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Israel may soon cancel the state of emergency that has been in effect since the state was founded.

"Today the government approved the request to extend" the order for a state of emergency "by only six months, a move it has never asked the Knesset to do. It generally asks that the order be extended by a year," Justice Minister Yossi Beilin told Israel Radio on Sunday.

"The significance is that in another half-year, we will inform the Knesset we do not intend to extend the order – and there will be no more state of emergency in Israel," he added after the cabinet discussed the order during its weekly meeting.

Beilin has previously described the nation's legal state of emergency as a "preposterous" situation.

Other critics have said the emergency order gives the government far-reaching powers and enables it to pass legislation that violates civil rights.

Perhaps the most controversial aspect of the order is that it allows for administrative detentions, under which individuals suspected of terrorism or subversion can be jailed without formal charges being brought against them.

Under the order, the government can also prevent essential public sector workers from striking.

The Week in Israel

Nov. 15

• Prime Minister Ehud Barak offered the governorship of the Bank of Israel to an economic professor currently teaching at Harvard University. It was not clear if Elhanan Helpman, formerly of Tel Aviv University, had agreed to accept the post. The bank's current president, Jacob Frenkel, resigned after nine years in the post.

• Israel postponed its planned withdrawal from an additional five percent of the West Bank as a result of a dispute between Barak and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat regarding the withdrawal maps.

Nov. 16

• An Israeli field hospital began operating in Turkey to provide treatment for the survivors of last week's earthquake in the northwestern part of the country. *(Israeli rescuers subsequently helped save a woman who had been trapped under rubble since last Friday.)*

• The corruption trial of Shimon Sheves, former director general of the Prime Minister's Office under Yitzhak Rabin, began.

Nov. 17

• The Absorption Ministry announced it will draw up a long-term program to help ease problems faced by the nation's Ethiopian immigrants. According to a report issued by the ministry, about 18 percent of Ethiopian families have one parent and about 60 percent of families have five or more children.

Nov. 18

• The Vatican confirmed Pope John Paul II will begin a visit to Israel on March 24.

• In response to news of rising unemployment, Barak reaffirmed his election promise to create 300,000 jobs.

Nov, 19

• The United States told Israel that it does not intend, "in the foreseeable future," to remove Syria from the list of states that support terrorism.

• Barak told world leaders in Istanbul that, in a referendum, Israelis would vote overwhelmingly for peace.

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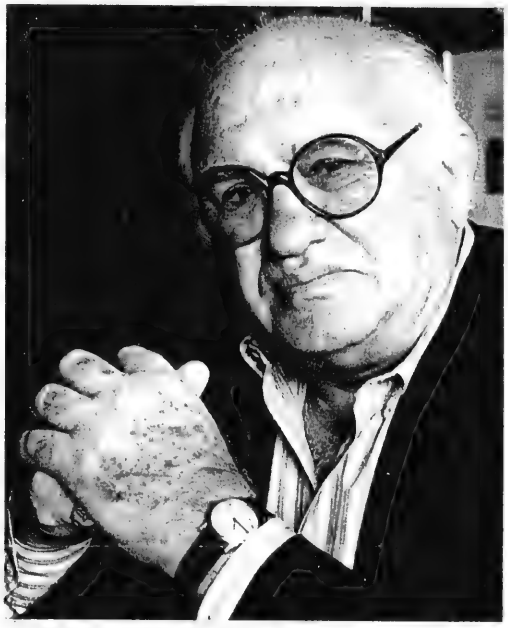

TIMERMAN DEAD AT 76: Argentine journalist Jacobo Timerman recently died at the age of 76 from a heart attack.

Barak addresses GA

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Barak spoke of the relationship between Israel and the Jewish world as a two-way street, and praised the new Birthright Israel program, a joint Israel-Diaspora venture.

"I thank you for your work," he said, "and I trust that as you make your allocations, Israel will remain a top priority, and more resources will be sent our way.

"We share a Jewish heart, a Jewish soul, a Jewish future. Let's resolve together to renew our sense of community and our unbreakable commitment to each other."

Barak's address last Friday capped a series of meetings and sessions that focused mainly on the four "pillars" of the United Jewish Communities (UJC), the entity formed this year by the merger of United Jewish Appeal, United Israel Appeal, and the Council of Jewish Federations (under whose auspices the GA used to be run).

The UJC, representing 189 Jewish federations in North America, has four underlying tracks, known as pillars: Jewish renaissance and renewal, referring to a vision of communities built on Torah, tzedek and chesed; human services and social policy, to strengthen support for the needy; Israel and overseas; and campaign and financial resource development.

A less prominent, but definitely resonant, aspect of the GA was the issue of religious pluralism, alluded to more circumspectly as unity.

Rabbi Michael Melchior, Israel's minister for Israeli Society and World Jewish Communities (a newly created position), addressed the pluralism issue at the opening plenary and at a reported 44 meetings over three days.

The eighth-generation Danish-born rabbi – who continued to serve as chief rabbi of Oslo, Norway, after making aliyah with his family in 1986 – shared some personal thoughts at the opening plenary, striking an obvious chord with the audience.

Under his leadership, the Oslo Jewish community has become "vibrant," with Jewish education reaching the 95 percent rate and 70 percent of Jewish youth spending a year in Israel after high school.

"This could only be obtained because we were a community of inclusivity... yes, also the mixed couples," Rabbi Melchior said.

Rabbi Donniel Hartman, associate director of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, also spoke at the opening plenary, emphasizing the need for "multiple access points" to Judaism. "We will not be united by a common answer," he said.

Other prominent GA speakers included U.S. vice-president Al Gore at the opening plenary – with a speech peppered with Jewish references and affirming strong support for Israel; Alice Shalvi, rector of the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem; Rabbi Irving Greenberg, president of Chaverim Kol Yisrael/Jewish Life Network; educator Arna Poupko of Montreal; Rabbi Naamah Kelman, director, Education Initiatives, Hebrew Union College, Jerusalem; MKs Naomi Blumenthal and Yuli Tamir; Ariel Sharon, leader of Israel's opposition Likud party; and Richard Joel, president of Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life.

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Croatia's president confounds, comforts his country's Jews

Second of two parts

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

ZAGREB, Croatia — President Franjo Tudjman, the father of modern Croatia, has confounded and comforted the Jews of this economically-depressed Balkan nation.

Tudjman, who recently called new elections for Dec. 22, has compiled an ambivalent record insofar as Croatia's fascist past and the Holocaust are concerned.

In 1941, on the heels of Germany's invasion of Yugoslavia, Croatia declared statehood under the leadership of Ante Pavelic, a fascist and anti-Semite who was at the head of the xenophobic Ustashe movement. Pavelic's regime, aligned with Germany and Italy, persecuted and murdered Serbs, Jews and Gypsies.

Many of the victims died in Jasenovac, a Croatian concentration camp whose commander, Dinko Sakic, was recently sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Tudjman, a 77-year-old former Communist and anti-fascist partisan fighter who is said to be afflicted with incurable stomach cancer, assumed power in 1990, a year before Croatia seceded from the Yugoslavian federation and won independence yet again.

In a book entitled *Wastelands of History*, Tudjman raised eyebrows by claiming that 900,000 rather than six million Jews had been killed in the Holocaust. Adding insult to injury, he reportedly said he was pleased not to have married a Serb or a Jew.

Stung by domestic and international criticism, Tudjman apologized, claiming he had been misunderstood. He deleted his egregious reference to the Holocaust in the revised edition of *Wastelands of History*.

Since then, Tudjman and his foreign minister, Mate Granic, have tried to make amends by condemning the Holocaust, racism and anti-Semitism.

However, in line with his policy of reinterpreting Croatia's unsavory past, Tudjman suggested that the Ustashe, though it had been wrong to persecute minorities, deserved praise for having created an independent state after centuries of foreign domination.

Not content to leave matters there, Tudjman proposed that Jasenovac be turned into a memorial for all the victims of fascism, communism and the wars with Serbia in 1991, 1992 and 1995.

Tudjman has since dropped his controversial plan for Jasenovac. But few Croatians have suggested that two of Croatia's most visible national symbols expropriated by the Ustashe– the red-and-white coat of arms and the currency known as the kuna – should be cast aside or renamed.

Franjo Tudjman

Croatian Jewish leaders, from Zagreb to Dubrovnik, are painfully aware of Tudjman's propensity for revisionism. And while they believe that he is pandering to far-right elements in his party by promoting a certain nostalgia for the Ustashe era, they do not think he is an anti-Semite.

Ognjen Kraus, president of Zagreb's community, expressed incredulity that a government commission placed the number of Croatian Jews murdered in the Holocaust at only several hundred. "It's playing around with history," he said in an interview, tempering his observation with the consoling thought that its conclusion is not representative of official policy.

Kraus, a medical doctor whose son Ilan lives in Toronto, lambasted Tudjman for having allegedly insinuated that Croatia should be an ethnically homogeneous state. "This idea belongs to the last century. The majority of Croats do not support this crazy idea."

It is an oft-heard accusation. United Nations war crimes prosecutors and observers of the 1995 Dayton accord, which ended the war in neighbouring Bosnia, have levelled two charges against Tudjman. The first is that he devised a scheme to eradicate Bosnian Muslims and annex their lands to Croatia. The second is that he opposes the return of Serbs to Croatia as a way of consolidating his grip on the country. Whether true or not, these allegations have had the effect of isolating Croatia internationally and exacerbating its economic problems, first and foremost of which is an unemployment rate of 19 percent.

Zoran Morpurgo, scion of an old Sephardi family and president of the Jewish community in Split, takes a far more benign view of Tudjman. "He is excellent for Jews," Morpurgo noted, citing Tudjman's generally cordial relations with Jews, his help in renovating Split's venerable synagogue and his decision to assist Bosnian Jewish refugees.

"It's politically smart to be philo-Semitic," he observed. "Everyone in this region, Croats and Serbs, is trying to prove how good they are for Jews. It's good for their image."

Tudjman seems to understand this. He has appointed Jews to his cabinet – Economy Minister Nenad Porges and Health Minister Andrija Hebrang. And the managing director of the state-owned oil company, Ina, Davor Stern, is a Jew.

Croatia, too, has established diplomatic relations with Israel, although Israel has yet to open an embassy in Zagreb. For the moment, Israel's resident ambassador to Austria is accredited to Croatia.

Tudjman is plainly interested in courting Israel. Last month, Croatia's ambassador in Tel Aviv, Svjetlan Berkovic, announced that Tudjman will visit Israel shortly in a bid to reinforce military and commercial ties.

Stojan De Prato, a Jewish journalist in Zagreb who writes for the mass-circulation newspaper *Vecernji List*, explained that Tudjman courts Israel partly out of a calculated desire to burnish his credentials in the Jewish world.

Tudjman certainly endeared himself to Jews by quickly rebuilding Zagreb's Jewish community centre, bombed in August 1991. It is unclear whether this was an unmitigated act of anti-Semitism or simply a Serb provocation designed to tar Croatia during the fog of war. In any event, no one has been arrested in connection with the crime.

Igor Francetic, vice-president of the community in Zagreb, holds that anti-Semitism is not a particularly pressing problem in Croatia today. "There is no more or less anti-Semitism here than in surrounding countries," he said. Ana Lebl, a Jewish activist in Split, agreed with his appraisal.

Ironically, one of the chief anti-Semitic propagandists in Croatia is Mladen Schwartz, a Jew who glorifies the Ustashe. "He is nuts," said Julia Kos, the librarian in Zagreb's Jewish library. "The world is full of fools."

Tudjman also gets full marks for extraditing and trying Dinko Sakic. Yet there is a gnawing suspicion that he pursued Sakic under American and Israeli pressure. Dean Friedrich, secretary-general of Zagreb's Jewish community, called the proceedings an indictment of a single war criminal rather than of the Ustashe itself.

According to Kraus, Tudjman has assured the community that Jewish properties confiscated by Ustashe and Communist regimes will be restored to their rightful owners.

Sheldon Kirshner was invited to Croatia last month by the Croatian National Tourist Office in New York and Lufthansa Airlines.

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What particularly endears Rembrandt to Jewish audiences is his reverence for the Bible, biblical subjects and the Jewish people. He lived close to the Jewish section in Amsterdam, and often went there to sketch Jews.

Besides such famous works as *The Nightwatch* and his multiple Self Portraits, he immortalized many Old Testament scenes in such works as *Abraham Serving the Three Angels*, *Jacob Blessing the Sons of Joseph*, and *Balaam and the Ass*.

Other compositions, featuring Moses, Isaac, Samson, David and Belshazzar, are also reproduced and discussed.

"He was, after all, an enthusiast of the exotic, and his instinctive sense of the Scriptures, not least the Old Testament, as a living book of stories could only have been reinforced by his closeness to the people of the Book," Schama writes.

The Oxford Book of Hebrew Short Stories ($25.95), edited by Glenda Abramson, was recently released in paperback. This collection offers the works of established authors like A.B. Yehoshua, Amos Oz and David Grossman, as well as many lesser known scribes in translation. Beginning with Mendele Mokher Sefarim, the range of authors traces the historic rise of modern literary Hebrew.

This book includes an insightful introduction by the editor and informative capsule biographies of each of the 32 contributors. With this book, the esteemed Oxford University Press puts its stamp of approval, on modern Hebrew.

Elizabether and After, by Matt Cohen (Knopf, $32.95), won a Governor General's Award. Cohen's latest novel is set in the place he knows best, his habitual literary terrain near Kingston. The story focuses on Elizabeth McKelvey, killed in a car crash, and whose memory still inhabits the town of West Gull (population 684) where she had lived for three years, and been loved.

Parchment is the annual journal of Contemporary Canadian Jewish writings. Fresh off the press, the latest issue of *Parchment* is a volume of more than 200 pages (the biggest ever), featuring a bumper crop of short stories, poetry, essays and interviews.

Short-story authors include Lilian Nattel and Nora Gold, respective authors of *The River Midnight* and *Marrow* (an anthology of short stories). Shel Krakofsky and Seymour Mayneare among the poets.

The 1999-2000 issue of *Parchment* attests to the wealth of talent in the Canadian Jewish literary community. It is available at Jewish bookstores or by sending a cheque for $12 (one year) or $20 (two years) to *Parchment*, Centre for Jewish Studies, Vanier 260, York University, 4700 Keele St., North York, M3J 1P3.

Sulha, by Malka Marom (Key Porter, $27.95), is this Toronto author's first novel. The book centres on Leora, an Israeli war widow now living in Canada, who returns to Israel to discover the enemy that her son might have to face as a pilot in the Israeli Air Force. For a time, Leora lives with a remote Bedouin clan deep in the Sinai desert, as she seeks the meaning of the Arabic and Hebrew word Sulha – which means forgiveness, reconciliation, peace.

The author is a well-known folksinger and producer of radio documentaries, including the prize-winning *The Bedouins*.

Joseph, a children's book by Brian Wildsmith (Oxford, $16.50), is an abridged retelling of the story of Joseph. The language is simple, with a minimum of text, and there are delightful illustrations across each two-page spread.

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Books capture Jewish past

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

The Jews of Europe who perished during the Holocaust cannot be brought back. But thanks to a dedicated corps of photographers, they have not been completely forgotten.

Two coffee-table volumes published earlier this month take us back to an era when Jewish communities flourished despite poverty, anti-Semitism, wars and political instability.

The books are *Polyn: Jewish Life in the Old Country* (Metropolitan) by Alter Kacyzne and *Children of a Vanished World* (University of California Press), edited by Mara Vishniac Kohn and Miriam Hartman Flacks.

Polyn celebrates the work of Kacyzne, a Jewish photographer from Warsaw who travelled around Poland from 1921 onward photographing shtetls, Jewish neighbourhoods and Jewish faces.

His stark black-and-white photos appeared in the *Forverts*, New York City's *Yiddish Daily Forward*, but gathered dust for more than six decades after publication.

An old market in Poland.

Kacyzne's photographs did not survive World War II, and he died in the Ukrainian city of Tarnapol in 1941. However, a small fraction of his photos, those commissioned by the *Forverts*, survived. For years they lay undisturbed in the archives of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research in Manhattan.

A central figure in Warsaw's Yiddish cultural milieu born in Wilno in 1885, Kacyzne was a restless man who roamed the length and breadth of Poland to complete the assignment the *Forverts* had given him.

The photographs bear the hallmarks of a craftsman whose sole ambition was to preserve reality at any given moment.

And so a reader is given a bird's-eye view of Jewish districts in Rzeszow and Wilnow, a courtyard in Warsaw, a muddy lane in Falenica, and a wooden synagogue in Horochow.

Kacyzne's photographs of people are just as arresting: women and children in Czortkow; boys in a Lublin yeshiva; a bearded teacher in Biala Podalska; an elderly tavern keeper and his wife in Suchostow; a linen weaver in Wawolnica.

The photographs are not meant to be nostalgic, but because of the Holocaust, they evoke a measure of sentimentality.

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Roman Vishniac's name is irretrievably associated with photography that distilled the essence of pre-Holocaust Jewish communities in eastern Europe: *A Vanished World* and *To Give Them Light: The Legacy of Roman Vishniac*.

Now, in *Children of a Vanished World*, his photographs focus on a particularly poignant subject – the young, innocent generation murdered by the Nazis and their local accomplices.

A pastiche of images, the book shows children at play and studying. For the most part, these youngsters radiate a purity and an innocence that is heartbreaking. They died before they could grow into adulthood, their all-too-brief lives snuffed out in a senseless fury of violence.

In essence, they are representative portraits of the one million Jewish children brutally killed during the Holocaust.

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Antique Judaica a rare treat at Harbourfront

By SUZANNE WINTROB
Special to the CJN

Twelve years ago, Tibor Verebes owned the only Judaica store in Hungary. But when he fled his birthplace for the security of Toronto, he left behind his entire priceless collection of antique Jewish artifacts.

"Collectors search for rare Judaica because they want to conserve our lost past," says Verebes, owner of V&V Antiques (www.iprimus.ca/~vandvantiques) at Toronto's Harbourfront Antique Market.

"Judaica is one of the hardest antique items to find because they, too, were lost. It wasn't just six million Jews who died – these precious pieces disappeared too."

Verebes is one of a handful of vendors who sell antique Judaica at Harbourfront Antique Market. His pieces, most of which come from eastern Europe and which date back to the 1860s, include several yadayim (silver hands used during the Torah reading), an etrog box, Chanukah menorahs, seder plates, spice boxes and a Torah cover. They're not for the bargain shopper; pieces range from $500 to $2,000.

Verebes is known among the market vendors as a serious Judaica collector and is often called upon to advise on rare finds. The power of each piece, though, makes it hard to let go.

"When I sell a piece of Judaica, I realize that I may never see that piece again," says Verebes, whose dream is to own paintings by artists Isidor Kaufman and Maurycy Gottlieb.

Tremendous emotional power

Josephine Liss Ohayon (www.ohayonantiques.com) understands. Owner of a neighbouring stall, Ohayon's Judaica pieces include an Austro-Hungarian spice tower (circa 1870), a collection of Russian silver Kiddush cups from Moscow's Czarist era, a Limoges seder plate from the 1920s, and an oil-on-canvas Hungarian portrait.

"Given their history, these pieces have tremendous emotional power," says Ohayon, who once returned from Paris with a rare ceramic seder plate tucked securely into her lap to ensure it survived the flight intact.

"Each piece is unique. But the hard part is finding them. There isn't a lot (of antique Judaica) out there and people who have it don't want to part with it."

Maybe that's why many vendors hide their Judaica pieces among the other antiques they have on display at their booths. Only a trained eye will notice a menorah and a Kiddush cup among the jewelry and objects d'arts in the dozens of showcases at the Harbourfront Antique Market.

Most people interested in Judaica are serious art collectors. Many are visitors from the United States, and not all of them are Jewish. Some know what they're looking for, while others are looking for anything they can get their hands on.

Perhaps it's the 18th-century Sabbath oil lamp at Heritage Gallery, which once hung in a Polish synagogue. Maybe it's a pair of 1880 Austro-Hungarian silver Shabbat candlesticks in the showcase at Cynthia Findlay Antiques. It could be the sterling handcrafted dreidel on display at Adornments by Shirley Ann Larman.

But then again, maybe it's not even on display at all. From behind his desk, the owner of Edward Koren's Antiques quietly shows a visitor a delicate black-and-white prayer shawl with an ornate sterling silver *atarah* (collar). Koren guesses it's from 1920s Poland or Hungary; he hopes to gain some insight into its heritage from his local rabbi.

"These pieces are like a part of me," says Koren, who was born in Russia just after World War II and lived in Israel for 15 years. "When I find some special pieces, I don't bother trying to sell them quickly. I like to keep them with me just a little bit longer."

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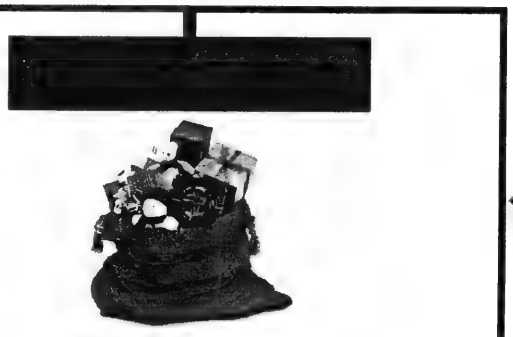

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Prince of Egypt and An American Tail

Cartoons make great gifts

By LARRY ANKLEWICZ
Special to The CJN

The holiday period is almost upon us and if you wish to get someone a special gift, there are several videos I can suggest for that purpose.

The most recent video available is *Prince of Egypt*. This animated retelling of the story of Exodus is a superb production. No expense was spared in bringing this marvellous story to the big screen.

The Prince of Egypt is out on video.

The animation is first class, rivaling anything the Disney studios have produced. And the voices feature some of the biggest stars in Hollywood, including Val Kilmer, Patrick Stewart, Ralph Fiennes, Jeff Goldblum, Natalie Portman, Sandra Bullock and Mel Brooks.

The music has been integrated into the film so flawlessly, it works better in the film than when heard on its own.

This was a film I saw several times in the theatres and I was still eager to see it again on video. And in some ways, I feel that some of the scenes rival those done in such live action spectaculars as *The Ten Commandments*.

Although *Prince of Egypt* is animated, it is really directed towards older children and adults, who might find it more entertaining than very young children.

An American Tail has been called the first "Jewish Christmas" film — mainly because it was originally released at Christmas. But the story is anything but Christmasy.

It's about a Jewish mouse named Fievel. A pogrom forces Fievel and his family out of their home in an East European shtetl and to immigrate to the United States.

In some ways the story told in *An American Tail* is more human than if it had been about people.

And like *Prince of Egypt*, this film was brought to the screen by Steven Spielberg's company.

Aaron and the Book of Wonders was originally released on video a year or two ago. It is an animated adaptation of an Isaac Bashevis Singer story that follows Aaron and his pet goat, Zlateh, as they arrive in the village of Chelm.

Aaron is forced to battle a sorcerer who wishes to bring a Golem to life. If he succeeds, the sorcerer would then be able to destroy the village and all its inhabitants.

This is a delightful little video that has not received very much publicity and is not that well known.

Another delight is the Israeli animated short *Lights: A Hanukah Fable*, that can be purchased at most Judaica stores. It tells the Chanukah story in a very interesting and charming way that is perfect for children of all ages.

And, if you really want to entertain the children, a copy of the Chanukah edition of *Shalom Sesame* would be perfect.

This is the Israeli version of *Sesame Street* and is very entertaining and educational. This too can probably be found at many Judaica stores.

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A sensitive book on the Dionnes

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Mention the Dionne quintuplets today, six decades after the height of their fame, and the name is still instantly recognizable.

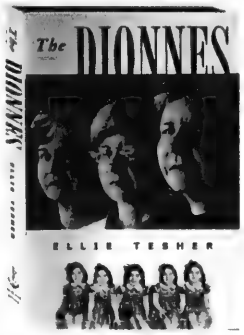
But the wary faces of the three surviving quints – as they appear on the cover of Ellie Tesher's new book, *The Dionnes* – reflect the difficult road they've travelled since their childhood as Canada's most famous, and arguably most adorable, youngsters.

Last year, Cecile, Annette and Yvonne Dionne – along with the daughters of their late sister Marie (Emilie died childless) – received $4 million tax-free from the Ontario government. The money was compensation for the unnatural circumstances of their childhood, and ensuing repercussions. A further $3.5 million was given this year to Kids Help Phone in their name.

The five sisters were taken from their Northern Ontario family as infants by the provincial government, which used them as a tourist attraction for nine years. The profits enriched government coffers, but the children were deprived of a normal family life and never benefited from the money themselves.

Tesher's book is sensitively written and abundantly detailed, and was written with the co-operation of the surviving sisters, now 65 years old.

On her own initiative, Tesher is sharing her royalties with them.



(She made the offer before the government settlement, and the Dionne sisters are donating their share to Kids Help Phone.)

A *Toronto Star* columnist who first wrote about the Dionnes in 1984, Tesher found their story – and to a greater extent, the women themselves – most compelling.

"They're very gentle women, very humble, gracious – at whatever level they [could] be, given that they were so broke," she said in a recent interview.

"They do appreciate that people cared about them, and that they [the Dionnes] brought them some happiness during difficult times [the Depression years]...They've emerged with this gentleness and dignity intact."

The word "victim" is avoided by Tesher, out of respect for her subjects. "They tried to live their lives without being victims. They never went on welfare. They never came forward until [their situation] was desperate."

Tesher, who was born and raised in Toronto, has made a name for herself tackling issues of social injustice.

A former caseworker for the Children's Aid Society, she got her start in journalism in the 1970s after a few years at home with her now-grown children, Stephen and Lisi.

After participating in a United Israel Appeal women's mission to Israel in the early 1970s, Tesher called Ralph Hyman, then editor of *The Canadian Jewish News*, to lambaste him about Jewish community issues she felt needed attention.

"You seem pretty articulate about it," he told her. "Write about it."

That incident led to subsequent *CJN* assignments and a three-year freelance career, during which she wrote for publications including *Toronto Life*, *Maclean's*, the *Globe and Mail* and the *Toronto Star*.

She's been a *Toronto Star* staffer since 1977, as a reporter, editor and, for the past four years, columnist.

Of all her columns, none has resonated so profoundly as the one she wrote about the Dionnes' lost trust funds. In response, she received 6,000 faxes and letters, which she personally carted in boxes to Ontario Premier Mike Harris.

She found the response gratifying. "It shows you that, at heart, Ontarians, Canadians, really care about doing the right thing."

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Chava Alberstein embraces her Yiddish roots

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Yiddish, supposedly, is dying out. But to Chava Alberstein, one of Israel's leading folksingers, Yiddish is a vibrant, supple, living language.

Alberstein, whose remarkable career spans more than 30 years and close to 50 albums, including her latest, *I'll Be Right Back*, has embraced many musical influences. But ultimately, she always returns to her Yiddish roots.

It's not hard to understand her affinity for Yiddish.

Raised in an immigrant household where Yiddish was the *lingua franca*, she sang in Yiddish in her debut performance on stage. And the first album she ever recorded resounded with four Yiddish songs.

Alberstein's penultimate album, *The Well* (Xenophile Records), which she made in 1998 with the Klezmatics, an American klezmer group, was inspired by such 20th century Yiddish poets as Yitzhik Manger and Abraham Riesen.

All in all, she has released six albums in Yiddish.

"In Israel, you would be hard-pressed to find anyone today composing and singing in Yiddish," said Lorin Sklamberg, the lead singer of the Klezmatics. "Some people still see Yiddish as the language of soft Jews who can't protect themselves. But Chava understands the joy and depth of Yiddish."

Ironically, though, she usually performs Yiddish songs everywhere but in Israel. "The most difficult place for Yiddish is Israel," said Alberstein in a telephone interview from her home in Ramat Ha Sharon, a garden suburb north of Tel Aviv.

Asked why Yiddish is undervalued in Israel, Alberstein replied, "In Israel, the Jewish language is Hebrew."

Apart from Yiddish, Alberstein's eclectic repertoire consists of Hebrew, English, French and Spanish. On Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 8 p.m., she will dip into all these languages in a concert with the Klezmatics at Roy Thomson Hall. She will also appear in Hull-Ottawa, at the Canadian Museum of Civilization, on Nov. 30.

Alberstein certainly gets around, having performed in North America and South America, Europe, South Africa and Hong Kong.

"I sing in places where people don't know the difference between Yiddish and Hebrew," she said with laughter in her voice. "It's amazing."

In her travels, particularly at music festivals, Alberstein never ceases to be astounded by the draw of Hebrew and Yiddish.

Chava Alberstein

"People are curious. They take risks. It's an experience for me and an adventure for them. The world today is a little more open."

Now 50, Alberstein was born in Szczecin, Poland. Her parents, Moshe and Ruth, lived in Warsaw when Poland was invaded by Germany in 1939.

A year later, sensing a disaster in the making, they fled to the Soviet Union, sitting out the Holocaust in Siberia, where Alberstein's brother, Alexander, was born. He is a musician and a tour guide.

The family immigrated to Israel in 1951, residing in a town near Haifa called Kiryat Chaim. At home, Alberstein spoke Yiddish and Polish. She still speaks, reads and writes Yiddish, but sometimes trips over a word.

At first, her father, a musician, was a street photographer. "Then he decided to go back to music and discovered the accordion, the poor man's piano. I was his first student, a living commercial.

"He became a very popular teacher. I've met people in different places who studied with him. It's very touching."

When she was about 11 years old, Alberstein's father presented her with a guitar he had bought from a sailor in Haifa. He taught her how to play the instrument, and she has never looked back.

At 17, she was invited by talk show host and writer Dan Ben Amotz to perform at the Hamam Theatre in Jaffa. That led to a gig on Israel Radio and yet more recognition.

When she was drafted into the army, she joined one of its entertainment troupes. She performed for soldiers all over Israel and on Israel's only television station.

In 1986, she began writing her own music and lyrics.

She met the Klezmatics, who have helped revive the klezmer sound, at the 1992 Berlin Jewish Culture Festival.

In 1995, she and her husband, the film director Nadav Levitan, with whom she has had two children, aged 23 and 27, made an award-winning documentary on Israeli Yiddish poets entitled *Too Early To Be Quiet, Too Late To Sing*.

The movie, in Hebrew and Yiddish, with English subtitles, has been screened in Israel and the United States but not as yet in Canada.

As for the future, Alberstein has begun planning another album of songs in Yiddish and Hebrew. And in 2000, she and the Klezmatics have lined up a Yiddish tour of Israel. "It's time," said Alberstein, preparing her fans for a nostalgic foray into mameloshen.

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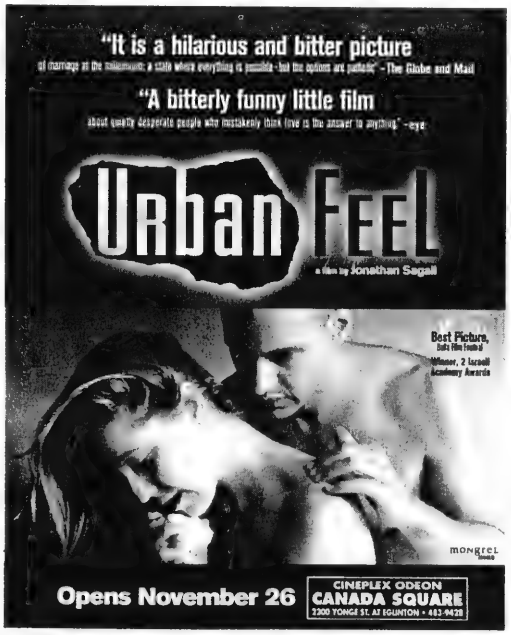

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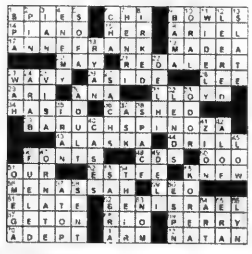

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Animated kids' film was 'a labour of love' to make

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It took six years, but Lisa Olfman and Joy Rosen have finally brought an animated version of *Something from Nothing* to the small screen.

The half-hour show, which features the voices of Al Waxman and Harvey Atkin, was "definitely a labour of love," Olfman said recently.

She and Rosen optioned the rights to Phoebe Gilman's book, *Something from Nothing*, in 1993.

"We loved the book," recalled Rosen, sitting with Olfman in the Toronto office of Portfolio Entertainment Inc., the production and distribution company the two friends and former Montrealers founded in 1991.

More importantly, their children loved the book. Olfman has a 13-year-old and a five-year-old; Rosen's children are 11, nine and three.

"They're usually right, even when we don't want to hear it," Rosen said.

Portfolio is best known for its children's television series, *Groundling Marsh*, which is now seen in 95 countries. Projects in the works include two animated series and a television movie.

Something from Nothing, for those unfamiliar with the best-selling book, revolves around an Old-World Jewish family and the blanket a grandfather (Waxman) makes for his grandson, Joseph, as a baby gift.

As Joseph gets bigger, the beloved blanket also ages, apparently outliving its usefulness. But time after time, Joseph's grandfather, a tailor, transforms the gift into a different, useful item.

The original story has been fleshed out with a subplot involving Joseph's counterpart, a mouse named Mazel, who lives with his family under the floorboards.

The mice appear in the book's illustrations as a parallel to the human story.

There is also a klezmer-inspired score composed by Marvin Dolgay and Glenn Morley of Tambre Productions, and a bouncy song with similar klezmer echoes, by Jewish songwriter Phil Balsam.

Part of Dolgay's inspiration was his memory of his own grandfather, who used to hum around the kitchen. "Whenever I heard him singing, I knew I was okay," said Dolgay.

Gilman – whose writing style, say Olfman and Rosen, has a poetic cadence and special warmth – co-wrote the show with Avrum Jacobson and Christel Kleitsch.

Voices by Al Waxman and Harvey Atkin

Something from Nothing, geared for children and their families, will air Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. on TELETOON, The Animation Station, to coincide with the beginning of Chanukah. It will also run on Dec. 5. A French version will be shown on the station's French language affiliates. In the United States, the show will be seen Dec. 5 on PAXNet.

In addition, a home video has been produced, and a Web site, www.somethingfromnothing.com, geared to educators and school-age children, was scheduled to be up and running Nov. 22. The site will provide an opportunity to learn in a fun way about holidays celebrated in Canada.

Although the Jewish aspect of the story appealed to Rosen and Olfman, they also felt there was a universal appeal.

"It was such an optimistic way of telling the story of a very poor family, and that riches aren't just about [materialism]," said Olfman.

Both women are the granddaughters of Russian Jewish immigrants and had special relationships with their own grandfathers.

The project, said Olfman, provided a "way of connecting with that culture and that time."

But they believe today's children, whose grandparents lead a more modern lifestyle, will also connect with the story. "Even though the trappings are different, I think the emotional relationship is the same," said Olfman.

"I hope we'll always be able to produce properties that really reflect our passion, as corny as that sounds."

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New collection shows Jewish storytelling is alive and well

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

Some years ago, Leslie Robbins of Toronto lost her diamond wedding ring, which she had placed in a secret hiding place within her home.

For two years the ring did not turn up. After thoroughly searching her home, Robbins filed an insurance claim and began to plan a European vacation with the insurance money that she would soon be getting. Then came a phone call from a man from Temple Sinai Congregation of Toronto, who told her, "We have something here that may be of interest to you."

Unable to imagine what it might be, she asked the man what it was.

"I cannot divulge that information over the telephone," he said, "but let's just say that it's a matter of considerable worth."

The strange and circuitous route by which Robbins' diamond wedding ring left her possession, travelled from hand to hand over a distance of more than 100 kilometres, and finally made its way back into her possession is the subject of Robbins' contribution to the recent book, *Chosen Tales: Stories Told by Jewish Storytellers*, edited by Peninnah Schram (Jason Aronson, US$35).

Robbins, a master storyteller who founded Jewish Storytelling Arts (Ontario), is at the top of her form with her funny true story, *How I Lost My Diamond Ring*, which appears as one of nearly 70 stories in this rousing collection.

This collection shows that the art of Jewish storytelling is alive and well. The stories range from poignant reminiscences about grandparents, freshly-minted and twice-told chassidic tales, fairy tales about Jewish kings and princesses in imaginary kingdoms, and spiritual parables in which the Torah reigns triumphant. Their common denominator is that all originated in an oral form and only later were fixed into writing.

Some entries, like Shlomo Carlebach's *The Ghetto Rebbe* and *His Kingdom of Children*, Doug Lipman's *How I Learned to Study Torah*, and Yitzhak Buxbaum's *Telling Jokes for the Sake of God*, reflect the great chassidic storytelling tradition. Other stories, meanwhile, embrace more traditional fairy-tale elements.

The Bookseller from Gehenna, by Lennie Major, is fairy-tale in a shtetl setting. In a remote Jewish village, an old bookseller appears and reads from a magical book that allows each listener to hear something different. "For some, the book spoke of the nearness of the Messiah, while others had visions of the Garden of Eden. Some found themselves inside the Holy Temple with King Solomon, others in great yeshivot of learning."

The simple villagers eventually put the book in place of the Torah. But when they touch the yod, the pointer, to its pages, the book begins to burn with a smell of sulphur and pitch. Thereafter, the "demon book" is dispelled from their midst and the villagers, suitably chastised, return to the Torah of their ancestors.

Another tale, Robert E. Rubinstein's *The Day the Rabbi Stopped the Sun*, tells how time stood still while a rabbi performed an important mitzvah in New York before the onset of Shabbat. Other tales are more steeped in the secular world. Hanna Bandes' *The Car that Ran from Mitzvahs* is a contemporary homiletic story about how the author's repeatedly malfunctioning car brought home an important spiritual truth to her.

Appropriately enough, the collection includes a piece about the great Yiddish storyteller Isaac Bashevis Singer. *Excuse Me, I Heve An Appointment With the Prime Minister*, which tells of Singer's meeting with Menachem Begin, is contributed by Dvorah Menashe Telushkin, author of the Singer biography *Master of Dreams*.

Whatever style these stories take, each seems to satisfy in its own way. I've read only about a third of them so far, and haven't been disappointed.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

BEST-SELLING AUTHOR TO READ AT CHAPTERS

At the request of the Toronto branch of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, New Leadership Division, acclaimed short-story writer **Nathan Englander** is scheduled to attend a meet-the-author night at Chapters Bookstore, 110 Bloor St. W., Nov. 30, 8 p.m.

Englander's collection of short stories, *For the Relief of Unbearable Urges*, has met with an enthusiastic response since its first publication last April. To date the book is in its 10th printing with 70,000 copies sold in North America, a situation its publisher, Random House says is almost unheard of for a book of short stories by a first-time writer.

The 29-year-old American native, who grew up in a traditional Orthodox environment in the New York area, decided against becoming a stockbroker or a photographer in favour of writing fiction. He says he's been overwhelmed by the response to his book.

"I'm thankful there's a readership – it's beyond my wildest dreams."

Admission is free.

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Music & Drama

• Stage Centre Productions presents *The Night of the Iguana*, by **Tennessee Williams**, directed by **L. Garth Allen**. Now thru Dec. 4, Fairview Library Theatre, North York. Adults $16. 299-5557.

• Russian pianist **Evgeny Kissin**, billed as "the latest in a line of Russian supermen of the keyboard," performs an all-Russian program including works by Rachmaninov, Scriabin and Balakirev. Roy Thomson Hall, Nov. 28, 7 p.m. $45-$85. 872-4255.

• **The Amadeus Ensemble** presents celebrated Israeli pianist **Tomer Lev** in concert with **Moshe Hammer**, violin, performing works by **Mozart**, **Debussy** and **Franck**. Glenn Gould Studio, Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m.

The concert is sponsored by Mrs. Beatrice Fischer and Dorothy and Irving Shoichet, and co-presented by the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation. 205-5555.

• **Chava Alberstein and the Klezmatics** perform at Roy Thomson Hall, Wed. Dec. 1, 8 p.m. $26.50-$36.50. 872-4255.

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Literary Events

• The Bloor JCC and Singles Minded presents Kosher Angst: Nu, Contemporary & Literary, a presentation of works by contemporary Jewish writers **Stuart Ross**, **Noah Leznoff** and **Hal Niedzviecki**. With music by guitarist **Brian Katz**. Thursday Nov. 25, 7:30 p.m. 750 Spadina Ave. Members $5, Non-members $7. 924-6211.

• Susan Stern, author of *Awakening Your Life Skills*, is signing copies of her book at the Omega Centre Bookstore, 29 Yorkville Ave., Nov. 28, 4 to 5 p.m.

• Books & Bagels presents readings from *Taddle Creek*, a literary magazine focusing on authors from the Annex neighbourhood. Bloor JCC, Sun. Nov. 28, 11 a.m. Refreshments. Members free, non-members $8. 924-6211.

• The Bloor JCC's Lunch & Learn features "a delicious lunch" and a lecture by **Rabbi Shmuel Spero** on Scientific Explanations in the Torah. Thurs. Nov. 25, 12 to 1 p.m. $5. 924-6211.

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At the Galleries

• New Paintings by **Stanley Boxer** are on view at Gallery One, 121 Scollard St., Nov. 27 to Jan. 5, 2000. Reception, Nov. 27. Also: Still Lifes by **Kathryn Jacobi**. 929-3103.

• Watercolours by Toronto artist **Jean Rodak** are on display at Timothy's NewsWorld Cafe, 700 Mt. Pleasant Rd., now until January. Meet the artist Nov 27 & Dec. 4, 7 to 10 p.m.

• Still Life Games, a showing of oil paintings by **David Grieve**, is at the Simcoe Gallery, Dec. 1 to Jan. 29, 2000. Reception, Dec. 1, 7 to 10 p.m. 136 Simcoe St., 2nd floor. 408-1616.

• The Artists on Castlefield Ave. hold their annual Holiday Show and Sale, Nov. 26 to 28, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in various houses on Castlefield between Avenue Rd. and Bathurst St. Look for the balloons.

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Capsule Book Review: David Layton, son of Montreal poet **Irving Layton** and **Aviva**, makes an inauspicious literary debut with *Motion Sickness*, a sensational, tell-all memoir of childhood neglect, unhappiness and dysfunctionalism.

Layton, a child of privilege, describes being dragged from place to place, Greece to Morocco to London, and enduring long stretches of abandonment and loneliness while his parents irresponsibly seek adventures elsewhere. Although he readily trashes both his mother and his father, who is an icon of Canadian literature, he insists that such atrocious literary etiquette is permissible within his family.

Anecdotal in style, Layton's confessional is well-written, albeit jarring and ill-mannered, and consequently has been rewarded with an excess of media attention.

There's neither grace nor forgiveness in Layton's tone, however, nor anything particularly redeeming about this low form of literature. One wonders why he couldn't have aspired to a more honourable means of making a livelihood, perhaps in the manner of the comparatively model Richler children. (Mcfarlane, Walter & Ross, $29.95)

Jonathan Sagall in *Urban Feel*.

There's an Urban Feel to the latest Sagall film

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Jonathan Sagall, in *Urban Feel*, brings a hard-boiled, unblinkingly unromantic outlook to his Hebrew-language film.

Urban Feel, scheduled to open at the Cineplex Odeon chain on Nov. 26, is set in modern Israel and turns on a bisexual, nihilistic drifter who intrudes upon an unhappily married couple.

Back from India after a long absence, Emanuel (Sagall) knocks on his old girlfriend's door, and connives his way into her home while her husband is at work.

Emanuel, who until recently has subsisted on meditation and herbal tea, is in dire need of human warmth. He conveniently finds it in Eva (Dafna Rechter), the mother of an eight-year-old son. Eva tolerates Emanuel's jarring presence, but Robby (Scharonn Alexander), Eva's spouse, is none too pleased.

Upset by this new domestic arrangement, Robby leaves home, allowing Emanuel and Eva to reignite old passions and undermine what is still left of their shaky marriage.

Robby, however, is hardly a puritan or the upholder of old-fashioned family values. He is an avid reader and consumer of lonely heart ads.

Competently directed by Sagall, *Urban Feel*'s greatest strength is its ability to convey the alienation, rootlessness and duality of its central characters.

Emanuel is clearly a cad, but as his budding friendship with Eva's son illustrates, he possesses some redeeming qualities.

While Eva succumbs to Emanuel's dubious charms, she realizes that she cannot truly liberate herself unless she dumps him and Robby.

As for Robby, he appreciates the practical virtues of a marriage, but eventually reaches the conclusion that he may be better off without Eva.

The film, suffused by a world-weary tone that is in sync with its deadpan mood, unfolds in an unidentified city, presumably Tel Aviv, but the locale in this case is really immaterial.

There is nothing strictly Israeli about these generic characters, who, on the whole, are uniformly gloomy.

There is nudity, as well as one explicit and perhaps gratuitous sexual situation. These scenes may jar some viewers. But in fairness to Sagall, all but one blend in seamlessly with the general tone of *Urban Feel*.

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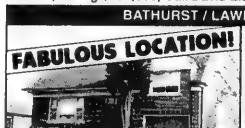

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Israel falls out of soccer tournament

By JOSEPH SERGE
Arts Editor

Israel's run at qualifying for Euro 2000, a major European soccer tournament to be held in Holland and Belgium, came to a very disappointing end last week.

Israel met Denmark in a two-match home and away playoff series. Although Denmark was always thought to be a stronger team, Israelis were optimistic about achieving a good result in the first leg in Ramat Gan on Nov. 15.

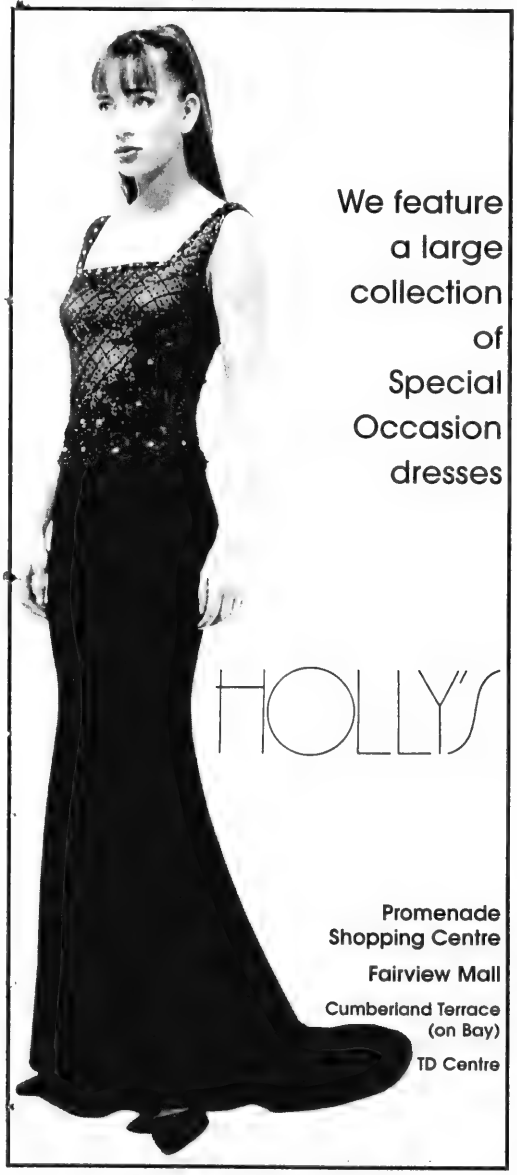
That optimistic bubble was shattered just 100 seconds into the game when a statuesque Israeli defence watched Denmark's Jon Dahl Tomasson pop the ball behind goalie Dudu Awat.

It was all downhill after that. Israel failed to recover and having midfielder Haim Revivo sent off early in the second half didn't help. In the end, Israel was humiliated in a 5-0 defeat before 45,000 disappointed fans.

No one believed Israel would be able to overcome that loss in the return match in Copenhagen Nov. 17. Although the players talked about restoring honor and pride, the Danes put an end to that quickly. Once again an early goal shattered Israel's confidence, and a relaxed Danish side cruised to a 3-0 win.

Israeli media were quick to call for national team coach's Shlomo Scharf's head following the disaster. And although Scharf, head coach for eight years, blamed the results on poor performance by his top players, there is little doubt he will be replaced.

After some positive results in the early qualifying round, last week's losses have set Israel's soccer program several years back.



Montrealer's a Scrabble champ

By DAVID LAZARUS
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Joel Wapnick sounded tired.

In fact, Wapnick was tired. Only a couple of days after coming home from Melbourne, Australia, $22,000 richer as the official world champion in Scrabble, the 53-year-old Montrealer was jet-lagged and tiled-out, he said.

His telephone interview with *The Canadian Jewish News* was one of many he said he had granted with media from around the world since he won in the finals against Mark Nyman of Great Britain. He was even featured on CBC's *The National*.

"I think I had better tiles and was fortunate enough to eke out a victory," Wapnick said modestly.

He won his final game with a score of 403-402, winning 3-1 in a best-of-five-games series.

But this was not recreational Scrabble the way it's played at home, over cookies and milk and with the television blaring in the background.

This was gladiator Scrabble. Wapnick and the other 97 competitors in the tournament had 25 minutes – much like in a clock-timed chess match – to compose all the words for their games.

If you went beyond that time limit, Wapnick said, you lost 10 points per minute.

As well, the challenge rule was modified. If you challenged a word and it did exist, you were not penalized.

Wapnick's advantage over many of us is that he has a list of some 16,000 words – most of them seven or eight letters long – coursing through his head, and a memory that could challenge the Pentium III processor.

That total may be only a fraction of the 100,000 that comprise the *Official Scrabble Player's Dictionary*, but they're not necessarily the type of words you use every day.

Former CFLer, George Klein, dies at 67

MONTREAL — Like his childhood hero, baseball great Lou Gehrig, George Klein considered himself the luckiest man on earth.

That positive outlook stayed with Klein right through to the last days of a long and cruel illness.

Klein, a former Canadian Football League (CFL) player and beloved volunteer at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, died recently. He was 67.

"If ever there was a person who met George and who did not respect and admire him, I never met him. If ever there was a person who became his friend who did not respect and love him, I never met him. George never had an enemy," said Dan Lazare, a friend since they were boys.

Klein was a superb athlete, excelling in a variety of sports, and was one of the greatest all-round athletes ever at McGill University, which he attended from 1949-53. He played on the varsity football and basketball teams, and won medals at track events, including the 100- and 200-yard dashes.

"To see him run in his prime was to see beauty and perfection," Lazare said.

True to character, Klein was awarded the McGill football trophy bestowed on the player who best combines ability and sportsmanship.

Klein had been a counsellor for years at Camp Hiawatha, where he specialized in canoeing and tripping, and is remembered as a role model by ex-campers.

After graduating in commerce from McGill, Klein was drafted by the CFL's Ottawa Roughriders, and later played for the Montreal Alouettes and the B.C. Lions.

After his career in the CFL, he returned to Montreal to work in the family clothing business, Kay Mar Ltd. and Hallmark Ltd., with which he remained to the end of his life.

"In the business world, George applied the same drive and self-discipline that he had displayed in sports, and the same desire to do the best he could," Lazare said.

"As always, he acted with integrity and fairness to all, those who worked for him and those with whom he did business. He was in the full sense of the word a mentsh."

Klein also became an accomplished after-dinner speaker, known for his gentle, wry sense of humor.

Klein was parnass for the morning service at the Shaar Hashomayim for many years. He also helped found the Third Service at the High Holy Days, which was created to enable any Jew who might otherwise not go to a regular synagogue service to attend without charge. He has acted as parnass for the Third Service for the past 18 years.

"He welcomed each and every congregant as they came into the service," said Beverly Spanier, another organizer of the Third Service. "He would lovingly place a tallit on the shoulders of a [disabled] man from the Miriam Home so that he could participate in the Torah ceremony.

"It was George who fought tirelessly to ensure that the service would continue and would not charge any fee. George always wanted a participatory service in which both men and women could take part."

Klein, Spanier said, was a man for whom "doing good deeds was an integral part of life."

"Like Gehrig, George never complained, ever – to his last day. To every person visiting him in the hospital he displayed a keen interest as to how they were getting on," Lazare said.

"He said his playing field was now the hospital, and that he was measuring his progress in small victories, like moving his right arm, which had become immobile. As always, he spoke with humor, right up to the last moment. If courage is grace under pressure, he was surely courageous."

Klein is survived by his wife Barbara, daughters Gila and Alicia, brothers Mitchell and Leonard, sister Susan, and many friends.

Do you know the Latke man?

By JORDAN MAX

Ah, Chanukah is almost here. I can almost smell the fried onions now. Around the Max household, I make the latkes, and latke making is serious business.

Last Laugh

First of all, it's what we call a patchkedik activity ("labour intensive" just doesn't quite capture the essence of patchke). As well, it's the only time of the year at which we haul out the food processor monster.

Now for the diehard traditionalists, nothing beats the act of hand grating a whole 10-pound bag of potatoes. You literally put yourself into your food – that is, if you include bits of skin (and hopefully no blood).

However, this is the one time of the year where the cost-benefit analysis tells you to use the food processor. In other words, for the amount of work involved, it's worth washing its 3,000 pieces.

Yes, I am a Jewish male who actually knows his way around the kitchen. (Note for less informed males: the kitchen is the place where food is prepared before it appears on your dinner plate.) In fact, I even know how to operate (and clean!) the food processor. After all, it's electric and basically a very small table saw for food.

If you're the type who thinks that latkes come from a mix in a Manischewitz box, allow me to take you through it step by step. First, you peel and finely grate potatoes and onions. Then you drain, and then you drain again. Then you add the eggs and leftover matzah meal or flour, salt and pepper. Then you put it back in the processor to mix it all up.

There are a million variations on the recipe, but my most memorable one was the time I made blue latkes. For those of you who recall Grade 9 chemistry, starches, such as potatoes, when left to oxidize (eg. not soaked in water) will turn blue. So in this case, being a latke novice at the time, I didn't soak, and voilà, blue latkes.

Actually, they weren't really pure blue – more like a nauseating shade of blue-green. Strange, but no amount of prodding on my part could persuade any member of my family to try any. I tried to remind them that some corn chips are blue (made from blue corn), but to no avail. I ate a lot of blue latkes that year. I vaguely remember being sick as a dog. But I digress.

Next, after draining, it's on to the frying. For this I also haul out the monster electric frypan, which again is only put to its full use at Chanukah. This monster is also highly cost-efficient. I can do nine latkes at once, thereby dramatically speeding up the process of making countless dozens of latkes.

There's also something magical about quantities of latkes; just like lox, no matter how many you make, they all get eaten, in five minutes or less. Quantum physicists take note: There is probably a PhD thesis waiting for you to explain the volume-intake paradox. It leaves other mathematical paradoxes (paradoxi?) in the dust. Two hours to make 300 latkes, eaten in less than five minutes. As the latke chef, all you can do is sit there and silently cry.

Of course, when it comes to latkes, everyone's a maven, and is more than willing to share their culinary opinion. They're either too salty, not salty enough, too hard, too soft, too greasy, too wet, too dry, too much egg, not enough egg, too much onion, not enough onion, too thin, too thick, too stiff, too limp, too large, too small, not hot enough, too hot, or my personal favourite, "they just don't taste right."

After two hours of constant frying, frankly, I don't care – just stop kvetching and eat them.

So, to all my readers, a freilich Chanukah. Eat, drink, sing and gamble while you watch your "dripless" candles melt all over your nice artistic chanukiah. May all your potatoes be cold, your frying pan hot, and your blood cholesterol be slightly elevated for only eight days.

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Preheat oven to 375°F. Finely grate potatoes in food processor. Drain well. Place potatoes, onion, cranberries, egg whites, seasonings, flour and oil in large mixing bowl and stir well to combine. Set aside.

Spray muffin cups generously with nonstick cooking spray. Divide potato mixture among cups (filling to top) and bake for 40-50 minutes, or until potatoes are cooked through and tender. Serve warm with applesauce if desired. Yield: 18 muffins.

About Teens

Dear Karilani,

It is hard being the youngest kid in the family. I rarely get new clothes and I am always compared to my sisters. When we have a family party, I hear things like: "You're just as pretty as your sisters," or "Don't worry dear. That's just baby fat. You'll grow up just as beautiful and slim as your sisters."

The part I find the hardest, though, is school. My sisters are both very bright and I have some of the same teachers as they had. I always feel I have to live up to the expectations the teachers have of me because of the high grades my sisters had. How can I break through this habit people seem to have and make my own mark?

The Little Sister

Dear Little Sister,

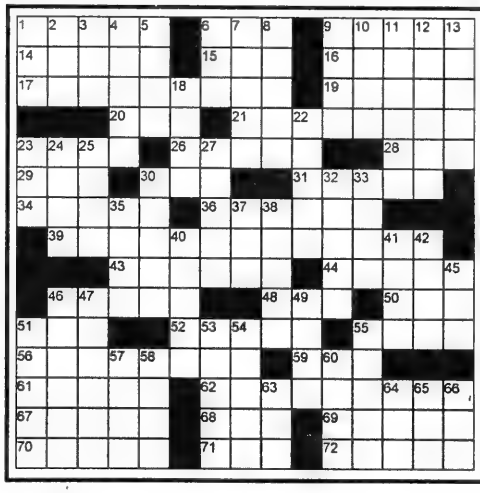
It is sometimes very hard to live up to your own expectations, let alone the expectations of others. Although it may seem impossible, you should set your own goals and not attempt to follow in your sisters' footsteps if you want to accomplish other things. If you follow your own dreams and know what makes you happy, people will begin to realize that you are a unique individual, who is different from your sisters.

However, there is a positive aspect to having older sisters who set certain expectations for you. In most cases, as you have stated, teachers associate you with the high academic achievements of your sisters. That will put you in good stead with the teacher. Their expectations will point you in the right direction to work hard, and help you achieve your goals. While already on the right path, you have the opportunity to prove your own merits. In this way you can use your sisters' reputation for your benefit.

On a similar note, I am sure that if you speak to your parents about how you feel, they will be supportive. Don't be shy if you want some new clothes. Ask your parents if you can get an allowance so that you can save and not be forced to wear your sisters' old attire.

It is important to remember that you are your own unique and special person. Despite the expectations you feel at school or at home among family, in truth you only have to satisfy yourself. That is the only true expectation that you should live up to.

Karilani is a composite name for three girls, who are close friends and in Grade 12 in Toronto.



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By Matt Gaffney and David Bianco (QSyndicate@aol.com)

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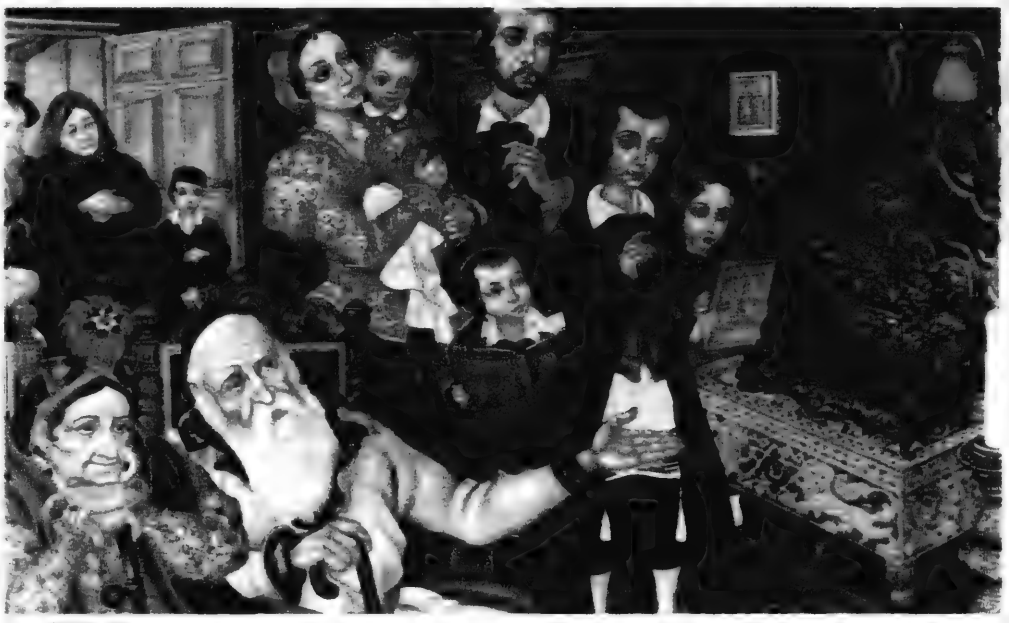

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A home where light is cherished

Editorial

In our hemisphere, Chanukah falls during the time of year when light is most precious. For eight days prior to the winter solstice, we add to the pale, diminished light of the day with a display of candles in symmetric formation. The light is not for our personal use, however. Its glow is entirely symbolic.

Primarily, it proclaims the miracle that God wrought for our people so long ago at this time of year. It is a miracle whose message the lights bring to the passersby who see the candles at a distance from the street, and also, perhaps more importantly, to our children who see the candles up close from within our embrace.

Seeing the candles glow, and hearing each day for eight days the story of that miracle retold, our children absorb deep in their souls the nurturing truth that theirs is a home where light and some of its invisible but vital components – freedom, responsibility, goodness and respect – are cherished.

Is there any truth more precious that our children could absorb?

We thank God for granting us life, for sustaining us and for bringing us to this day.

Happy Chanukah.

Canadian appointed to Vatican panel

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Michael Marrus, a University of Toronto scholar and administrator, has been appointed to a historians' panel charged with reviewing published Vatican archival material relating to World War II.

The announcement comes on the heels of two events – the release, in 1998, of *We Remember: A Reflection on the Shoah*, in which the Vatican apologized for the failure of Catholics to save Jews during the Holocaust, and the recent publication of *Hitler's Pope*, John Cornwell's bitterly critical biography of Pope Pius XII, whom he accuses of anti-Semitism and shameful silence during the war.

Marrus, a specialist in the Holocaust whose books include *The Holocaust in History* and *Vichy France and the Jews*, is dean of the U of T's School of Graduate Studies.

The joint team, consisting of three Jewish and three Catholic historians, was chosen by the Vatican's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews and the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations (IJCIC) at a meeting in Rome on Oct. 18.

The team will study 11 volumes of Vatican archival material on the role of the Catholic church from

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The News in Brief

CANADA

Murder Aftermath

TORONTO — Jews for Judaism last week, received a complaint from someone in the Bathurst-Wilson area that a Hebrew-Christian group was using the beating death of 15-year-old Matti Baranovski as an excuse to missionize to Jews. The tragic incident was used as a way to introduce door-to-door sermons on the need to accept Jesus as the Jewish messiah, the anonymous complainant charged.

Also, there was a report that someone had erected a large cross at the flower-strewn memorial to Baranovski at the park where the beating took place. A *CJN* reporter found a small sign explaining why a cross had been left there, but no cross. There were, however, several votive candles burning, and a small statue of Jesus at the scene. The next day, a makeshift cross bedecked with Stars of David appeared.

Turkey Relief Mission

TORONTO — Ve'ahavta, the Canadian Jewish Humanitarian Relief Committee, has sent a relief mission to earthquake ravaged Turkey. The team will work closely with Israel Defence Force personnel, who have erected a field hospital near the site of the most recent tremor. Among the Ve'ahavta volunteers on the mission are Peter Silverman of City-TV, and photographer Stephen Epstein, a past president of the organization.

Prior to leaving, the mission was presented with a cheque for $25,000 from Canadian Jewish Congress. CJC began raising funds following the first earthquake earlier this year. It had already presented a cheque for $18,000 to the Turkish ambassador in Ottawa.

ISRAEL

Officer Fired

JERUSALEM — The Israeli army's chief of staff last week fired an officer for telling a group of soldiers that Judaism's Conservative and Reform movements have caused more harm to Jews than the Nazis. Lt.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz ordered the firing of Lieut. Gamliel Peretz on the recommendation of the army's chief education officer.

Conversion Scandal

JERUSALEM — Two senior rabbinical court officials were arrested this month on suspicion of receiving bribes in exchange for issuing conversion certificates. The arrests followed allegations from four women who said they had been asked to pay sums ranging from $600 to $10,000 for the certificates.

Interfaith Conference

JERUSALEM — The Dalai Lama last week addressed an interfaith conference here aimed at making religion the source of peace in the next millennium. Rabbis, priests, Muslim clerics and Buddhist monks were among those attending the three-day conference.

WORLD

Shoah Places Third

NEW YORK — The Holocaust is the third biggest news event of the 20th century, according to a new Gallup poll published Nov. 17 in *USA Today*. Events relating to World War II swept the top three slots in the poll, with the war itself coming in first, and the dropping of the atomic bomb second.

Lufthansa Kicks In

BERLIN — Germany's national airline announced it will take part in a compensation fund for Holocaust-era slave workers. The Lufthansa announcement, which did not include a dollar amount, was reportedly made by representatives of the firm in Israel. The announcement came as German President Johannes Rau urged more German firms to participate in the fund.

Poll on Jews

BERLIN — Some 43 percent of Germans believe Jews have too much influence in the country, according to a new poll. Analysts of the poll, which also reported that 41 percent of the respondents believe Jews are unable to get along with other Germans, say the current stalemate over a proposed national Holocaust memorial and the size of a proposed fund for Holocaust-era slave labourers help explain the poll's findings.

Jewish Boy Released

MOSCOW — Chechen kidnappers have released a 15-year-old Jewish boy they have held captive since May. More than 1,000 people are being held hostage by Chechen gangsters looking for ransom. Jews, especially Israeli citizens, are the most desirable prey because it's widely believed that Israel and the international Jewish community will pay high ransoms for them.

Women Dance With Rescued Iraqi Torah

NEW YORK — A group of female Jewish scholars here, recently danced joyously with a 200-year-old Torah that had made a difficult journey from Iraq to the United States by way of Jordan and Israel.

"Without a doubt, I am sure that the people who started with this Torah could not imagine that its home would be a women's study group," said Nina Bruder, executive director of Drisha, a Jewish women's study program.

The Torah, whose combination of flat mulberry juice ink and raised lettering indicates that it is 200 years old, was abandoned in a Baghdad synagogue with many other Torah scrolls during the exodus of Iraqi Jews to Israel in 1948.

There the Torahs remained, collecting dust until Saddam stockpiled and hid them not long before the start of the Persian Gulf War.

But in 1991, the Torah was rescued, along with 34 others, by an Iraqi Muslim who stuffed them into the tires of Jordan-bound trucks. From there, the sacred texts were transferred into Israeli hands.

Iraqi authorities caught the man and severely beat him.

"It's a remarkable story," said Blu Greenberg, whose son helped repair one of the smuggled Torahs a year ago.

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The UN ruling: Canada, Ontario and jurisdiction

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Is Canada stuck between a rock and a hard place?

It was Canada, after all, that was named in the historic Nov. 5 United Nations ruling as having violated its international obligations through the failure of Ontario to equally fund its public and private – specifically, Jewish – schools.

That's because UN decisions of this sort name countries, not provinces or regions of countries. It is countries which are members of the UN, and countries which sign UN-backed agreements on human rights.

The UN's human rights committee said Ontario discriminates by funding its Catholic education system, but not schools operating under other religions, responding to the grievance launched by Toronto Jewish parent Arieh Waldman, who complained of having to pay tuition at a Jewish day school while Catholics got a free education.

The world body gave Canada 90 days to propose a remedy. Ottawa has until Feb. 3 to prove that it is not in the same company as countries such as Somalia or Iraq.

But education is solely a provincial matter in this country. So while officials in the federal justice department study the ruling, and try to come up with something to tell the UN in two months, Ontario's government is digging in its heels.

Last week, the province's education minister sounded some of the bluntest language heard in years. UN ruling or no, Janet Ecker vowed that under no circumstances will Ontario extend funding to private and religious-based schools – "Period. End of story."

She was responding to a published report that Ontario's cabinet was considering a proposal to fund private and independent schools.

Ecker steadfastly stuck to earlier statements she had made, namely, that Ontario remains committed to a strong, public system, and had no comment on the leaked cabinet document, or on another report that said the

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CHANUKAH CELEBRATIONS: Students at United Synagogue Day School, Bathurst campus, set up for Chanukah celebrations. Seen from left are Noah Tile, Zachary Pearlstein, Alexa Blustein and Hayley Fein.

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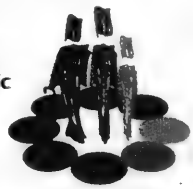

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Charity that funds settlers fights revocation of status

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Toronto-based foundation that has apparently raised millions of dollars for Jewish settlers in the territories is appealing the revocation of its status as a charity.

In May, Revenue Canada (now called the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency, or CCRA) announced it would strip the Press Foundation of its registration as a charity that may issue receipts for tax purposes because it was raising funds for Yesha – the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

It is not illegal for Canadians to send money to Jewish settlers – only to claim it as a tax deductible charitable donation.

That's because tax law in this area is determined by Canadian foreign policy, said CCRA spokesperson Michel Cleroux in a phone interview from Ottawa.

Canadian charities that wish to keep their status, and their ability to issue receipts, may not channel money to causes that go against Canadian foreign policy, Cleroux explained.

Since the 1967 Six Day War, Canada has regarded the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, the Golan Heights and eastern Jerusalem as occupied by Israel.

Ottawa's policy has been that Jewish settlements beyond the so-called Green Line are illegal and not helpful to the peace process. Thus, aiding settlers financially runs counter to Canadian policy on charities.

However, the Press Foundation has appealed the CCRA decision to the Federal Court. Cleroux said he could not comment on the case, as it is before the courts.

But in its six-page letter explaining its decision, Revenue Canada said allowing Canadian charities "to assist in providing the religious institutions and the health, education and other social services that encourage and sustain Israeli settlement in the Occupied Territories would be fundamentally at odds with Canada's position."

The government also said the foundation exercised "a lack of proper controls" over the money it raised in Canada, and slammed "the insufficient state of its books and records."

The Press Foundation is registered to an address on Prince Charles Drive in Toronto. *The CJN* found that the address is the residence of Rabbi Shalom Jundef.

According to tax records, the foundation has raised as much as $5 million a year.

Revenue Canada has expressed concerns about the charity since 1991.

The government described the foundation's attempts to comply with Canadian law as "essentially a paper exercise meant to circumvent the spirit and intent of the [Income Tax] Act."

Cleroux said Revenue Canada is disputing the charity's argument that Ottawa's policy is discriminatory. He said the same rules apply in other parts of the world where sovereignty over territories is in dispute.

This isn't the first time Revenue Canada has acted in this area.

In 1996, the Toronto Zionist Council had its charitable status revoked for funnelling money to the settlements.

Rabbi Jundef did not return *The CJN*'s calls.

From the editor's desk

...WILL RETURN

Memorial service for Matti

TORONTO — There will be a combination memorial service/menorah lighting on Dec. 5 in memory of Dmitry (Matti) Baranovski, the Russian-Jewish teen beaten to death in a park earlier this month.

The large menorah normally lit in Mel Lastman Square will be moved to the park area, just off Torresdale Avenue, where the 15-year-old's murder took place.

The menorah lighting is Matti's mother's idea, Councillor Mike Feldman told *The CJN*.

The family, Feldman said, does not want a permanent menorah at the site because they don't consider Matti's murder a hate crime.

The family is weighing the idea of eventually erecting a permanent marker, perhaps a granite stone with a plaque, Feldman said.

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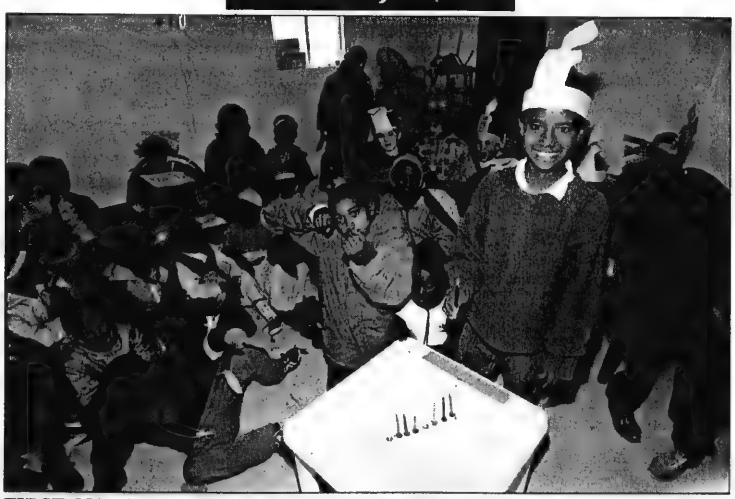

FIRST CHANUKAH IN ISRAEL: New immigrant childen from Quara, Ethiopia, celebrate their first Chanukah in Jerusalem. [Avi Hirshfeld/UIA Federations Canada photo]

Farber's rejection as expert witness met with criticism

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Bernie Farber

TORONTO — A judge's rejection of Bernie Farber as an expert witness, in a trial regarding the promotion of hatred against Roma refugees by a group of skinheads, is not justified, according to a prominent Toronto criminal lawyer.

In his three decades of practising law, Clayton Ruby hasn't heard of another case like it, he told *The CJN* last week.

Farber, the executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, was rejected by Provincial Court Judge Russell Otter on the basis of strongly worded statements he (Farber) made to the media after a group of skinheads, some carrying swastika flags, picketed the Scarborough's Lido Motel in August 1997.

Among Farber's comments was a quote in *Now Magazine*: "Slam [the skinheads] hard and slam them now."

The judge expressed concerns about possible bias on the part of Farber, who has testified as an expert witness in 11 previous cases.

Expert witnesses "always come into a case with a point of view. If they don't have a point of view, they're not useful," said Ruby, who is not affiliated with CJC and is not involved in the trial in question.

What makes this case different, said Ruby, is its profile in the media.

"Most expert witnesses are not dealing with anything newsworthy. In this case, the press calls the leading expert in the country. That's not surprising. He speaks freely. Why should he not? But why should the Crown be denied the evidence of the best expert?"

The ruling is "unusual," agreed Ed Morgan, professor of law at the University of Toronto and national counsel to Canadian Jewish Congress.

A CJC news release expressed disappointment "that the court won't have the benefit of this expertise but, nevertheless, we will continue to work with government, the courts and the police in continuing to confront racists and white supremacists and offer our services in that regard."

The organization's first priority, said Danny Roth, CJC Ontario region's public affairs and communications director, continues to be to serve the needs of the Jewish community.

NEW CANTOR IN TOWN: More than 1,200 people filled Temple Sinai's sanctuary recently for the installation of Cantor Donna Faye Dower, Toronto's first ordained female cantor. Ten cantors took part in the celebrations, including, from left, Benjamin Maissner (Holy Blossom Temple); David Goldstein (Temple Beth Zion, Buffalo, N.Y.); Anna Trubashnik (cantorial soloist, Temple Emanu-El); Israel Goldstein (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, New York); Dower; Thomas Schwartz and Efraim Sapir (Beth Tikvah Synagogue); and Martin Steinhouse (Temple Har Zion).

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Abuse against women described as a *shandeh*

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It is crucial to recognize that women abuse is a problem in the Jewish community says the supervisor of the women abuse program at Jewish Family and Child Service.

"It is a real problem, and it is our problem," said Gail Gould.

She was part of a panel at a recent evening sponsored by the family and society department of Jewish Women International and the social action committee at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Other panel members included Rabbi Wayne Allen of Beth Tikvah, and Jane, a survivor of women abuse. Moderator was Naomi Alboim, provincial deputy minister of citizenship, culture and recreation.

"The word *shandeh* is a potent word in the Yiddish language; it packs more meaning than shame or disgrace. It is a *shandeh* if we deny that abuse is going on, and if we don't try to prevent it," said Gould.

Palestinian women face violence
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Coming to terms with women abuse, she said, means coming to terms with some of the myths that abound in the Jewish community.

In addition to the myth that women abuse does not go on in the Jewish community, "it is a myth that men who abuse are crazy or are misfits. Many abusers are intelligent, and hold responsible positions. They are often charmers who are well respected in the community."

Another myth, she said, is that Jewish men are not aggressive enough to abuse women. "The basis of abuse is not aggression, it is control – one person repeatedly attacking or terrifying another person in an attempt to control."

A film, *To Save a Life, Ending Domestic Violence in Jewish Families*, screened before the speakers began, warned that myths are destructive because they prevent us from dealing with the issue. "Women typically cover up what is happening at home, and often minimize the problem. Silence will not make it go away," the narrator said.

Abuse does not have to be physical, said Rabbi Allen. "It is abusive for a husband to prevent his wife from visiting her parents, or going next door. Emotional pain is no less hurtful than physical pain."

Acts of violence, he said, are not to be tolerated. "Shalom bayit is the ideal towards which we strive, but it should not be an excuse to cover up violence. To have a faithful home, both husband and wife must be faithful to tradition, and to each other. They should be united in love, companionship and spirit. When this is torn apart, the Jewish home crumbles."

The Jewish home is precious, said Rabbi Allen, "but when people cannot live together the way they should, they should not live together at all."

Jewish Family and Child Service (JF&CS) sees more than 400 abused women a year, said Gould, "and we believe that this is the tip of the iceberg. There is no segment immune – whether young or old, and regardless of race, status or religious belief. No one knows how widespread the problem is, because statistics are not relevant. The problem is often concealed."

Children of abused women are also victims, said Gould. "It is estimated that as many as 80 percent of children of abused women are exposed to the violence. Children who witness violence are left with legacies. Too many of these children are stunted before they have a chance to develop."

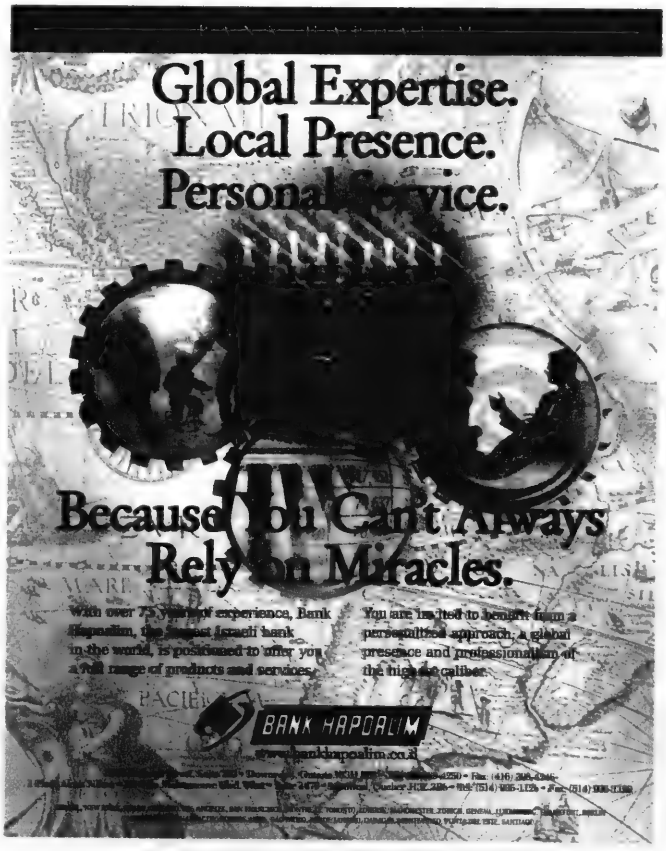
A program, children witnessing abuse, sponsored by JF&CS, is geared for children who live in a home where abuse has occurred or is occurring. The program offers individual counselling, peer mentoring and separate groups for parents.

"Children who grow up in homes where they see or hear fighting between parents may learn this strategy as a way to solve problems, deal with frustration, and get their needs met," says a JF&CS pamphlet. "In order to stop the cycle of abuse, it is crucial that children are given the opportunity to talk about the secret of abuse at home by allowing them the chance to express their feelings around what they have seen and heard."

Gould urged the mostly women audience that if they have reason to suspect abuse, "talk to your friend or sister or brother. Listen to them, believe them and affirm their experiences. Remember that they must make their own decisions about their lives. Respect that decision."

Jane, a mother of two, who left an abusive husband after six years of marriage, and who recently remarried, said that people asked her why she stayed in her abusive marriage. "The question should not be why I stayed, but rather, why did he abuse."

Before her marriage, she said, the red flags were all there. I just didn't recognize them. "There is a lot of shame in an abusive marriage, but the shame should be his. I am only ashamed that I stayed as long as I did."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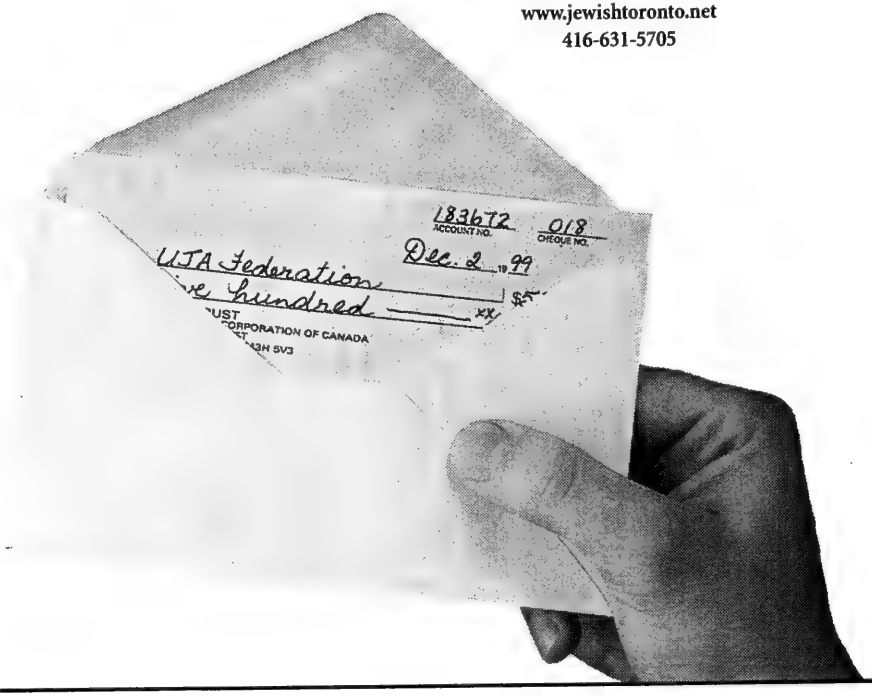

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Reckless words

Last week the director of the Vatican Press Office, Joaquin Navarro-Valls, released a statement harshly condemning the government of Israel for not preventing the start of construction of a mosque on a disputed site near the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth.

"I believe the political authorities in this case have a great responsibility, because instead of favouring unity, *they create the foundation to foment division,*" Navarro-Valls said. (Our emphasis)

The words cut deeply and unfairly.

The area in question is a two-dunam lot that is claimed equally by the Muslim and the Christian communities of Nazareth. The dispute became public some two years ago. The church received clearance from the Municipality of Nazareth to clear the site for a plaza that would be used by millennium pilgrims. But local Muslims objected, saying the land in question belonged to the Wakf, the Muslim religious trust. The matter was taken to court and the Nazareth District Court essentially threw the dispute into the lap of the Israeli government by deciding that the land in dispute belonged to the state.

As a result of the court's decision, and in an effort to find common ground, as it were, to settle the dispute, the government established a ministerial committee headed by Internal Security Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami. In addition, local Nazareth religious leaders set up a seven-person monitoring committee on the issue.

The ministerial committee determined that the Muslim community could proceed to build a mosque on a 700-square-metre portion of the lot. The remainder would be used for the pilgrims' plaza. As well, a police post would be built nearby. The decision was accepted, even if grudgingly in some quarters, by the local communities.

Speaking on behalf of Israel, Foreign Minister David Levy, sharpy rebuked the Vatican's press release. "Our efforts were aimed at defusing the dispute and reducing the tension between the faiths," Levy said. "The act of laying the cornerstone was done by agreement...all these unfounded statements are simply the opposite of the truth."

The committee's decision may prove ultimately to have been incorrect; but one cannot challenge the painstaking, delicate procedures that led to the decision. It was a careful attempt conducted in good faith by the government of Israel to placate the competing Muslim and Christian claims.

Given this background to the dispute, the accusation by the Vatican that Israel was "creat[ing] the foundation to foment division" was both reckless and potentially dangerous.

Denominational disputes anywhere in the world are always difficult to resolve. But in the Middle East, especially now, on the verge of a significant religious date in Christian theology, when security services around the world are on heightened alert against problematic, violent, religious fundamentalists, the Vatican's statement impugning Israel's good faith efforts, is deeply troubling.

Religious leaders should be seeking ways of promoting cooperation and understanding. It is hard to see how the statement by Navarro-Walls will achieve that.

CAPTIVE IN IRAN

The government of Iran still holds the following members of the Jewish community as prisoners. Each is a universe of life and existence unto his own. And each has a name. Let us not forget them.

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Zegota helped escape — I

I was born on March 24, 1942, in the Warsaw Ghetto. Because of the help received from Zegota via a Jewish member, Basia Berman, my mother, my sister and I were able to escape the ghetto in November 1942. Zegota's help continued while we were in hiding at the house of Polish friends Cezary and Helena Newakowski. Zegota supplied false documents as well as monetary help.

If Sholem Hershkop (*CJN*, Nov. 18, Letters to Editor) wants only *one* Jewish child who survived the war thanks to Zegota, I am the living proof. If he wants *just one* Jewish member of Zegota, who survived the war, I can supply *two* names: Basia and Adolf Berman, who left Poland immediately after the war and settled in Israel.

We hear about Holocaust deniers like Zundel all the time. Let us Jews not be narrow-minded by denying the existence of the Polish rescue organization whose actions were truly in the spirit of brotherhood among nations.

Joanne Perelmuter
Toronto

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Zegota helped escape — II

I am one of the survivors, who after the escape – together with my younger, four-year-old sister – from the Warsaw Ghetto in August 1942, was helped by Zegota in arranging false, but real birth certificates, and in finding hiding places for both of us, where eventually we survived until liberation in 1945.

Prof. Wladyslaw Bartoszewski has explained that his release from Auschwitz was obtained by the International Red Cross, with which he was associated prior to the war. Hitler and the Nazis occasionally pretended to cooperate with IRC, and this was the case.

Regarding Hershkop's question about what happened to Jewish members of Zegota, I can mention one, most prominent, as Zegota chair, Dr. Leon Feiner. Feiner was an author of known reports to the west about the situation in the ghetto. He participated in the Warsaw Ghetto uprising in 1943, as well as in the Warsaw uprising in 1944. He survived the war, but died in earlier liberated Lublin in February 1945.

Josef Meszorer
Toronto

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Questions article on Buchanan

Re: From the editor's desk (*CJN*, Nov. 4).

It was astonishing to find, in an article devoted to attacks on Holocaust denial, an example of Holocaust revisionism at its worst. I am referring to the attack on Pat Buchanan, who is described as "the prototype" of "mainstream politicians who hug a veneer of respectability close to their business suits, while underneath they hold tightly to the same sickening xenophobic trash that the Nazi brownshirts boldly wore in the 1930s."

If Buchanan is no better than a brownshirt, it follows that the brownshirts were no worse than Buchanan; i.e., they were a legitimate lawful democratic movement who happened to hold views opposed by the Jewish establishment, precisely the argument of the Holocaust revisionists.

Let me remind you that the brownshirts were a street gang who were attempting to overthrow the legitimate government by force, while intimidating their opponents through violence. Has anyone even suggested that this would describe Buchanan?

It is indeed important to fight the Holocaust deniers with the truth. But nothing whatsoever is gained by gross, baseless exaggeration.

Moshe Sober
Toronto

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Jews need help too

For the last two years, Holocaust Education Week has presented a program called, *Not In Our Town.* It is a film about the efforts of Billings, Mont. residents to rally behind each other and combat hate crimes. They put paper menorahs in their windows to show solidarity with the Jewish community after a racist attack on a Jewish home. They also helped remove racist graffiti from a woman's house.

After reading the article "Native Canadians help restore Jewish Cemetery" (*CJN*, Nov. 18), I realized that we had experienced our own Not In Our Town. I am constantly reading in the *CJN* about how Israel and Jewish people in general are always ready and willing to help in any global disaster, be it the Turkish, Greek or Taiwan earthquakes or right in our own backyard during the floods in Quebec. We help the homeless, support many charities, and the list goes on and on. It was heartening that someone came out to help us, it's about time.

Linda R. Goldman
Toronto

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Misprint apology accepted

Re: "No Polish Labour Camps" (*CJN*, Nov. 25 Letters to the Editor).

I must admit to some surprise and disappointment in a letter signed by Hanna Sokolski of the Canadian-Polish Congress, Toronto District, vehemently criticizing the planners of the annual Holocaust Education Week for what was, clearly, a misprint on one page of their Holocaust Education Week brochure. The mistake in question, done without malice, wrongly referred to Nazi labour camps as "Polish labor camps."

In a more reasonable manner, Ala Gettlich of the National Canadian-Polish Congress brought this to our attention. In consultation with the UJA Federation's Holocaust Education department, we acknowledged her letter and apologized for the printing error. Gettlich, to her credit, accepted this apology and went on to positively comment on the good work of UJA Federation in presenting Holocaust Education Week.

Bernie M. Farber
Executive Director
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Fight against Russian anti-Semitism gets privatized

By ELIAHU SALPETER
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

A new Jewish umbrella organization with the goal of combating the spread of anti-Semitism has been founded in Moscow.

Some 200 delegates, representing more than 80 communities in Russia, have established the Federation of Jewish Communities. Rabbi Berl Lasar was chosen to serve as its chair.

Historically, the existence of anti-Semitism in Russia has been long-standing, and its roots can be traced back to many causes. The current upsurge of anti-Semitism can be attributed to three developments: a highly charged atmosphere preceding general elections next month; a rise of hatred and xenophobia in Russia fostered by terrorist attacks there, and the aggravation of hostility with Muslims in the Caucasus region and Central Asia.

Anti-Semites gather at a rally in Moscow.

There is speculation that these developments have spurred an increase in the number of Russian immigrants who left for Israel this year.

Leaders of the newly founded organization estimate that in addition to the 1.5 to two million residents in the former Soviet Union (FSU) today who have been counted as Jews, there are many others who concealed their identities in the past, and who might be willing to be identified as Jews.

The new umbrella foundation pursues dual goals – representing various member Jewish organizations in their contacts with government authorities, and responding to anti-Semitism. It intends to set-up a fund to finance legal battles, as well as public relations campaigns to fight anti-Semitism.

Micha Naftalin, the director-general of the American Union of Councils for Soviet Jewry, which in the past worked on behalf of immigration to Israel, and today focuses on fighting anti-Semitism, said, "Anti-Semitism in the [FSU] differs from what occurred during the days of Soviet rule."

Meeting last month with the forum of Jewish members of the U.S. Congress, Naftalin said "it would be a mistake to imagine that since Jews today enjoy more religious freedom, this means that they also have more security than they did during Soviet times.

"Under Soviet rule, the regime did not allow terror acts, apart from cases where such acts were sponsored by the KGB, or by the Communist Party."

Commenting on the implications of Yeltsin's faltering grasp of the reins of power in his country, Naftalin said: "The Duma's refusal to denounce pogrom threats leveled by one of its representatives, General Albert Mashakov and the anti-Semitic platform sponsored by the Communist Party amounted to a green light being given to the outbreak of anti-Semitism in the spring this year.

"Such 'privatization' of terror acts generally did not transpire during the days of Soviet rule; and so, whether or not it is motivated to take action, the police lack experience in dealing with such acts of hatred."

He called Russia "fertile ground" which has been cultivated for the "planting of bombs, for kidnapping and murder, for the desecration of synagogues and cemeteries, and for abusively anti-Semitic proclamations."

Referring to the upcoming parliamentary elections, Naftalin said it is "frightening" that 13 of 34 parties with candidates in the Duma race are fascist or Communist.

"In Chechnya and Dagestan, war and Islamic fundamentalism have joined old, Soviet-style anti-Semitism," and this combination has posed serious danger to Jews in the region, he said, noting that some Jews have been told they have to choose between conversion to Islam or death.

Dagestan's Jewish community – today it numbers about 5,000 people – is one of the oldest in the FSU. The precise number of Jews in Chechnya is not known. Spokespersons for rebels in both regions have declared repeatedly that their homelands have been "victimized by an international conspiracy in which Zionism and Israel play central roles."

Gradually, the FSU has been relegating responsibility for dealing with social issues, including the rise of fascism and anti-Semitism, to local authorities. Meantime, Moscow's anti-Semitic organizations have gone global, cultivating international ties.

Unrest remains in Russia.

Last month, Mashakov met in Moscow with the Ku Klux Klan's David Duke, to discuss "the new world order being orchestrated by the Jews," as an announcement they released put it.

A report submitted by the Federation of Jewish Communities to the U.S. Congress attests to an improvement in the Jewish situation in some regions of the FSU, despite anti-Semitic incidents. The report states that "in the Ukraine, central authorities took substantive steps to defend Jewish citizens against incitement, violence and anti-Semitism."

In another report, the federation stated that in Georgia, Azerbaijan and Armenia, the level of anti-Semitism is lower than in several other lands of the FSU.

The federation reports that relations with Israel have had a positive impact on relations with local Jewish communities. This holds true, for instance, in the case of relations between Israel and Azerbaijan.

In contrast, "some anti-Semitic emotions have been stirred in Armenia, as a consequence of the alliance between Israel, Azerbaijan and Turkey, and also as a result of the feeling that [interest in] the Holocaust deflected world attention away from the mass murder of Armenians in Turkey in 1915."

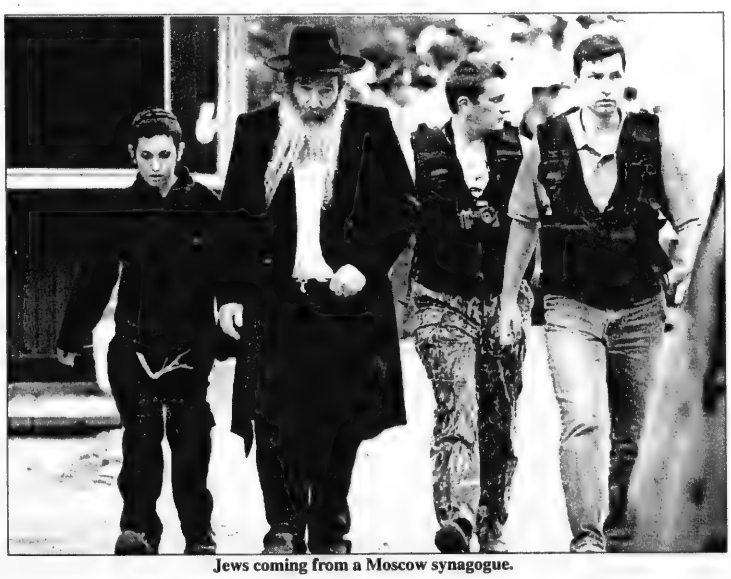
> Positive relations with Israel have helped Jews

The number of new immigrants reaching Israel from the FSU has grown in recent months; and it's certain that the rise in anti-Semitism, coupled with the downward plunge of Russia's economy, played a part in this trend.

Last month, more than 7,500 immigrants arrived in Israel, the largest number registered for a one-month period during the past eight years.

In the long term, however, another trend could be no less significant: the number of olim from the FSU exploring the possibility of resettling in Russia permanently and in the end, opting to return to Israel.

It turns out that all of Israel's woes pale in comparison to the lack of any prospect of succeeding in the FSU.



Jews coming from a Moscow synagogue.

Opinions

How important is Israel to you?

Back in the 1960s – especially around the time of the Six Day War – Israel held the first, second and third spots in the consciousness of most Diaspora Jews.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

What happened there happened to us, we felt. The concept of "one people" was not just theory, it was reality, and the Jewish state stood at its centre.

But recently, disturbing statistics have appeared in the United States. According to the *Washington Jewish Week*, "over a quarter of respondents felt fairly distant (21 percent) or very distant (five percent) when asked how close they felt to Israel." The survey raised hardly any eyebrows, while 30 years ago this would not have been believed possible.

Mind you, this is an American Jewish Committee survey and it does not, in my opinion, apply in equal measure to Canada. Here, the Jewish community has always been more Zionist. However, I guess that even here, there is less of a sense of identity with Israel than that which existed three decades ago.

Some people say that this has to do with the fact that in those days, Israel was like a bride. She was flawless and altogether beautiful. Criticism of her was either unheard of or not even tolerated in the community. But today, with the relationship that much older, we know that the earlier image does not conform with reality. Some analysts, carrying on the marriage metaphor, say that this happens to relationships of people in wedlock: at first there are no errors or criticisms, but as the years go by, the relationship matures and takes into consideration the faults of the partners. It does not mean that divorce looms, but there is a change.

There are some analysts who point to the fact that the slack in identification with Israel has been taken up by raising the memory of the Holocaust to a place of central importance. Jews, they say, feel most secure when they can maintain cohesion by considering themselves as perpetual victims. They have a problem adjusting to a world where anti-Semitism has decreased to a point where it hardly matters anymore.

What is lacking in this equation is, of course, a greatly diminished religious identification found in many of our younger people. I for one am not greatly worried about the changing importance that they assign to Israel on the one hand and the Holocaust on the other. We will adjust to both. I am concerned that without a stronger religious identification, our baby boomers will find it increasingly more difficult to keep their children Jewish.

If you have teenagers who are wondering where Israel fits into their sense of identity, I suggest you pay attention to some splendid youth travel programs to Israel which the Bronfman family foundation helps fund. These trips give young people a chance to spend time in Israel and to explore it together with other students.

For more information call Canada Israel Experience Centre at 416-398-6931; or 1-800-567-4772, from outside of Toronto; or visit the Israel Experience Web site at www.israelexperience.org.

Chag Samayach!

Spaced out in Israel

Things are starting to feel a bit cramped here lately. No, make that *quite* cramped – and getting more so every day. Everywhere you live, of course, is a trade-off. Certainly choosing Israel over Canada pays countless dividends, along with the inevitable drawbacks.

Robert Sarner in Jerusalem

One of the biggest challenges in living in Israel is adjusting to a very different notion of space. In North America, it's easy to take the relatively spacious conditions for granted. Growing up in Toronto, I always felt vaguely reassured by the sense of unlimited open space that lay beyond the northern limits of the city. It didn't matter how often I actually came into contact with the boundless nature on the horizon. More important was the knowledge that an infinity of wilderness was out there to keep urban civilization in check.

Nothing could be more foreign to the reality in Israel. As a tiny country with a fast growing population and economy, space – both public and private – is in short supply.

Its dearth is felt every day in many forms: the relatively small homes most people live in, the insanely expensive real estate prices, the narrow roads, the danger of driving in Israel, the confining layout of most stores, the diminutive sidewalks, the lack of public parks, the small cars, the close proximity of tables in restaurants and cafes, the way people speak to each other, the way people push and shove, the lack of walk-in cupboards and storage facilities in most homes, the absence of forests and lakes, the woefully inadequate infrastructure at schools, the tight layout of supermarkets, the acute lack of parking for public or private buildings, the extreme sensitivity over the country's final borders… The list is endless.

The reasons for the above are quite understandable in such a small country. But as Israel becomes more westernized, so do people's expectations for new, bigger housing, more leisure and recreational pursuits, more cars, more highways. It all adds up to a much tighter squeeze – and growing concern over the long-term physical make-up of the country.

Figures published a few weeks ago by the Central Bureau of Statistics revealed what every citizen already knows only too well – that Israel is an extremely densely populated country. At 272 people per square kilometre, it is one of the most crowded nations in the world. It is more thickly settled than India (265 per square kilometre) and is fast approaching Japan (325 per square kilometre).

If one subtracts the sparsely inhabited Negev, the numbers are much worse. Israel north of the Negev is already more densely populated than any other country in the developed world except city-states like Hong Kong or Singapore. The figures are highest in Tel Aviv, with 6,600 people per square kilometre, (as compared to only 59 in the Negev).

In contrast to most western countries, Israel's population is increasing considerably every year – spurred on in part by generous financial incentives from the government favouring larger families. Within 25 years, the population is expected to reach nearly 11 million, based on current growth rates. All this in a country smaller than New Jersey, and more than half of which is scarcely inhabitable terrain.

A few years ago, in anticipation of what Israel will look like in 2020, a government-sponsored planning team came up with a sobering picture that resembles Singapore or Hong Kong much more than it does the largely rural landscape embraced by early Zionists. Israel, the researchers said, is heading toward a land crunch of massive proportions that will leave the non-urban sector decimated.

It's not hard to imagine, especially as Israel's building boom continues to devour the one scarce resource for which there is no alternative – land. Add to the equation the prospect of Israel giving up the Golan Heights and pulling back from more of the West Bank. Military training areas would have to be transferred and new housing built for tens of thousands of returning settlers within what would be Israel's new smaller borders.

Not for the first time, Israel must tackle a problem almost unthinkable to most of the world – an incredibly tiny country with terribly limited physical resources and a growing population must deal with the probability that its already confining borders will shrink further.

For now, I guess you could call Israel cozy and intimate. And on good days, it feels that way. But other times, claustrophobic would be a better word. I shudder to think what my children will say when they have families and would like to plan a weekend in the country. I suppose there will always be Cyprus, Greece and Turkey to provide Israelis with something, which by then may be an exotic experience.

Poisoning the wells

Shortly after Suha Arafat, the wife of the Rais (the self-styled president of the Palestinian Authority), made a speech charging Israel with poisoning Palestinian wells and spreading cancer with chemicals, a journalist asked me if she believed her own words.

Gerald Steinberg in Jerusalem

I do not claim to have any expertise or insights regarding the inner thoughts and beliefs of Arafat, nor can I comment on her views of Israel and Jews. However, I do know that these claims are not new, and a large number of Palestinians, as well as many Arabs around the Middle East, do believe them. For too many Arabs, Israel is still perceived in sinister and inhuman terms. In the Egyptian press, Israel is regularly accused of causing AIDS, or spreading drugs in candies.

The problem is not Suha, or the fact that Hilary Clinton was next to her on the stage in Ramallah, perhaps destroying the American First Lady's chances to be elected senator in New York.

Arafat does not write her own speeches, but rather, she read from a text that had been prepared for delivery before an audience of Arab VIPs and television cameras from around the world. This speech was cleared at the highest levels of the Palestinian Authority, with the explicit purpose of vilifying Israel. It was not an error in judgement, but rather a deliberate attempt to use the presence of Clinton and the international media to spread hatred.

While most of the commentators focused on Clinton's embarrassment, and the Americans demanded and received an apology (24 hours later, after Clinton had arrived in Jordan), none of this is relevant. What counts are the words uttered by Arafat, and their impact.

Palestinian "spin doctors" and officials refused to apologize and hid behind the claim that she was confused, and meant to criticize the Israeli use of tear gas, and not poison chemicals.

They did not attempt to explain the claim regarding water poisoning.

In the long history of the Jewish people, blood libels and vilification are nothing new, and now, as in the past, they provide the justification for terror and murder. The continued incitement to violence is at the core of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the clearest illustration of the failure of the entire Oslo process. Instead of moving actively to combat and counteract decades of antipathy that has fed terrorism and war, the Palestinian leadership, at the highest levels, continues its sponsorship of official hate speech.

Palestinian officials routinely use this kind of language regarding Israel. It appears in the official press, and is repeated in textbooks, and even on children's television shows. The incitement reinforces the myths of victimization, and strengthens the antipathy towards Israel.

Yet, many Israelis are too enamoured of the "peace process" to listen to these words. The major achievement of the Netanyahu government was to increase the focus on official Palestinian incitement. Unfortunately, in the effort to distance himself from Netanyahu, Prime Minister Barak lowered the priority placed on this issue.

In the face of official hatred and incitement, the rest of the world remains silent. The hundreds of millions of dollars in "economic assistance" provided by donor countries (most of which disappears in the Palestinian "kleptocracy," and is redirected into foreign bank accounts), keeps flowing.

Many officials and journalists continue to blame Israel and "expansion of settlements" for the failure of the Oslo process.

Palestinian incitement and the terrorism it produces is simply ignored. No sanctions are imposed, and Mr. Arafat and his ministers are still welcomed and treated with deference in the world's capitals.

As a result, Ms. Arafat's speechwriters had nothing to fear. The only problem for the Palestinians was smoothing the ruffled feathers in Washington. Had Hilary Clinton not been the audience, no one would have paid any attention to the speech. It did not contain anything that had not been said many times before. Indeed, evidence indicates that the Palestinian leadership deliberately sought to publicize these claims.

There are many anti-Semites ready to believe that Israel has been systematically contaminating water sources and using poison gas, "which has led to an increase in cancer and other horrible diseases among women and children."

In the "permanent status" talks designed to reach an overall agreement, the Palestinian representatives are now demanding "reparations for 30 years of occupation."

The truth is that instead of a "peace process," the Oslo agreement and its successors provide the Palestinians with a means of continuing the war against Israel by other means. As long as Palestinian and other Arab officials feel free to repeat the blood libels and other forms of incitement, the terrorism against Israel will continue. The continuation of business as usual following Suha Arafat's speech in Ramallah simply provides more evidence.

The Kirshner File

Visiting Egypt's remote oases

Egypt, rightly so, is synonymous with awe-inspiring antiquities – the pyramids, the tombs of the pharaohs, the ruins of ancient temples and the artifacts of the Egyptian Museum in Cairo.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

Yet all too often, even discerning travellers overlook one of Egypt's most alluring and unforgettable destinations, the remote oases of the vast Western Desert: Kharga, Dakhla, Farafra and Bahariya. Last March and April, when the weather was perfectly temperate and the security situation seemed in hand, I visited them.

Looking for a relatively inexpensive and trouble-free way of getting there, I signed up for a three-week tour of Egypt offered by the British-based Explore company. (In Canada, Explore is represented by Trek Holidays in Edmonton, and the Adventure Centre in Toronto.)

Before setting off for the oases, I spent the first two weeks in Cairo, the Sinai Peninsula, Luxor, Aswan, Edfu, Kom Ombo and on a houseboat cruising the Nile.

Our Kharga-bound bus pulled out of Aswan early one morning, part of a cavalcade of two dozen buses, vans and automobiles to be escorted by police vehicles in a supposedly terrorist-proof convoy. Since 1992, Islamic fundamentalists have killed scores of foreign tourists, the last attack having occurred in Luxor's Valley of the Kings in November 1997. The perpetrators have deliberately targeted foreigners so as to wreak havoc on the tourist industry, one of the pillars of Egypt's economy.

The bus, with 16 persons aboard, was the only vehicle in the long convoy heading for the oases, an illustration of the fact that few tourists factor them into their itinerary. Even terrorists, I might add, have stayed clear of the oases.

Once we were safely out of the Nile Valley city of Assyut – an Islamic stronghold off bounds to tourists – and deep in the desert, the police car escorting us turned around and left us to our own devices.

Far from Egypt's main towns and cities, the oases are isolated entities onto themselves, distant from the hustle, bustle and bright lights of modern life. Not surprisingly, there was remarkably little traffic on the two-lane asphalt road to and from the oases.

Stretching in a sandy arc from Kharga to Bahariya, they were rescued from total obscurity by Gamal Abdel Nasser, the late president of Egypt. Eager to resettle *fellahin* (peasants) in the overpopulated ribbon of fertile land snaking along the Nile, Nasser channeled them into what he dubbed the New Valley.

Thanks to a fair abundance of water, which made it possible to cultivate date palms, wheat, vegetables, olives, citrus fruits and rice, Egyptians streamed into the oases. Yet 40 years on, Nasser's project of social engineering can hardly be called a roaring success. The Nile Delta and the Nile Valley are still bursting at the seams, while the oases remain sparsely populated. In other words, they are comparatively unspoiled, and for tourists in search of an exotic holiday, this is all for the good.

Contrary to what you may think, the oases are rather large. They do not even remotely resemble those tiny, romantic, palm-fringed oases that were a perennial staple of old Hollywood movies.

Kharga, with a population of approximately 80,000 concentrated in the somnolent town of Qasr Kharga, is about 200 kilometres in length and 30 kilometres in width. Prior to the 19th century, it lay on the slave route from Sudan. More recently, Nasser and his successors sent political opponents into exile in Kharga.

The scenery in and around Kharga was stirring – lush date plantations, swaying wheat fields and placid cow pastures offset by a bold and uplifting combination of stark plains and brooding escarpments whose bleak beauty shined through the aridity.

On the road to Kharga, we stopped to admire Watermelon Valley, dotted with thousands of rounded boulders uncannily shaped like watermelons. Later, on the outskirts of Kharga, we poked around the Temple of Hibis, distinguished by its stolid columns and clear reliefs. Built in the sixth century by Darius, a Persian emperor, the structure was discovered in 1909 under a mound of sand and rubble.

The temple was close to a palm date farm – whose busiest season runs from September to December – and the Necropolis of al-Bagawat, an abandoned Coptic Christian shrine of domed, mud-brick tombs more than 1000 years old. The tombs were in appalling condition, but one of them, the Chapel of the Exodus, was in good shape. I was irresistibly drawn to the crudely drawn biblical scenes on the ceiling of soldiers chasing the children of Israel across the Red Sea.

Dakhla is 2½ hours away from Kharga. The land between these oases was marked by lonely mesas and imposing tan mountain ranges. Cultivated patches of green broke up the harsh desert terrain.

There are 14 hamlets in Dakhla, which has 75,000 inhabitants, and Mut is the commercial centre. Mut is worth visiting for three reasons. The nearly deserted mud-brick village of Al Qasr, dominated by a souring minaret, is an intriguing medieval warren of crumbling buildings, dark and mysterious passageways and rustic pottery workshops. The ethnographic museum highlights Bedouin culture, while the thermal hot springs is bracingly refreshing.

On my second day in Dakhla, I enjoyed a camel trek through yellowish desert wastes punctuated by two shimmering saltwater lakes, a dip in a muddy swimming hole, and a night camping out under the stars. The lunar desert floor adjacent to our camp was littered with black balls, which turned out to be camel dung.

En route to Farafra, the least visited or populated oasis, the cultivated land soon gave way to a monotonous gravel pan and then an absolutely flat, eerie plain. We were on the periphery of the Great Sand Sea, an all but impassable region of gigantic sand dunes which sweep inexorably into Libya. Farafra itself was unimpressive, a dusty, flyblown burg where the glare of the sun was blinding at noon.

The high point of the oasis was indubitably the White Desert – a vista of fantastic, otherworldly limestone formations and deposits which bear an uncanny resemblance to snow and icebergs in a cobalt sea. I was enchanted by the sheer solitude and the splintered rocks which tingled under my feet like shattered glass. As in Dakhla, we camped under a starry sky. For breakfast, there was a special treat: pita baked in hot embers and sand.

Bahariya, with six hamlets and a population of 25,000, is noted for its dense date plantations. In Bawiti, the main town, I bought several boxes of dried dates.

Bahariya's chief attractions are the Black Desert, an unrelieved expanse of black basalt rock which disintegrates at the touch; the forlorn remains of a British World War I fortress atop wind-swept Black Mountain; and the Bir Ghaba hot springs.

The landscape from Bahariya to Cairo was a veritable moonscape. But as we got closer to the Egyptian capital, patches of green and the faint outlines of contemporary and ancient civilizations – October 6 City and the tips of the Giza pyramids – mingled in the hazy distance. The oases suddenly seemed far away, in another world.

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JEWISH EDUCATION
The Next Generation

Financial glitter

By ELLIOTT MALAMET

Not long ago, a member of the tuition committee of a local day school related to me a bizarre sample of encounters he had endured with parents who could well afford to pay for their children's education.

Somehow they had mistaken the milieu for nothing less than a Middle Eastern marketplace with him as the shadowy trinket merchant open to endless negotiation. One man yelled poverty with a flip of his $10,000 Rolex wrist; another pleaded that he was trying to pay off his mortgage in 10 years and hence had little capital available for the unfortunate inconvenience of school. Yet another man actually threatened, in ominous tones, that harm would come to this tuition committee head if the numbers on the bottom line weren't lowered.

Question: would this last gentleman's behaviour have impressed his children had they witnessed it? Would they have felt the moral power and necessity of a Jewish education, the one that their father had received before them?

More questions: has material success jaded contemporary Jewry? Or more accurately – certain Jews, who seem immune to the plight of their neighbours?

We are blessed with enormous financial opportunities, but not all are so well off. I have seen cases where multimillionaires live five minutes away from fellow Jews living in penury, without the slightest "knowledge" of the poverty down the block or even next door. Because we know what we want to know and see what we want to see.

Bar and bat mitzvahs. Shabbat and yom tov clothes. Chanukah presents. Summer camps. Vacations. The above are just some of the ways in which the divide between wealthier and poorer Jews is in plain view. (Not to mention simply paying the rent or mortgage and putting food on the table.)

The gaudy values on display at many posh religious events belie the purportedly moral purpose informing the proceedings. That is a polite way of saying that religious hypocrisy has become a way of life, an ethic so ingrained that no amount of exhortation from the pulpit can change what is now de rigueur.

And as usual, it is the kids who are the sharpest observers of their parents' ostentatiousness, as an ugly competitiveness seeps into our children's souls, in which their classmates are silently and even subconsciously rated and screened.

Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzatto, in the opening chapter of his classical work *Mesillat Yesharim*, notes that all affairs of the world end up being a challenge to a person, "poverty on the one hand and wealth on the other… serenity on the one hand and suffering on the other, so that the battle rages against him from in front and from the rear."

If the pain of poverty is the unavoidable war that looms directly in one's path, then the complacency that sometimes accompanies material success is the war from behind, the one less visible and thus all the more dangerous for being harder to defend against.

Naturally poverty no more guarantees moral rectitude than wealth implies a declining ethical stance; such a simplistic equation is absurd. But one thing is plain: money often changes not only the person who has it but the people he meets. The body language of everyone concerned – the rabbi, the school principal, the bank manager – all seem subtly altered when financial glitter walks through the door. On this Chanukah, may God bless his people with the light of compassion and the courage of self examination. And my knight on the tuition committee could use a new coat of armour.

Chanukah favourites

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

Chanukah is almost upon us. Time once again for another instalment of my reasons to travel the Jewish Highway:

Reason No. 1: The Sites

The single best holiday site belongs to Virtual Jerusalem **[http://www.vjholidays.com/chanukah/index.htm]**. In one mega-site you can browse through the history of the holiday, its traditions, a menorah gallery and a special place for kids.

Always different and thought provoking, look at Jewish Holidays **[http://www.jflhanukkah.com]**.

Chabad-Lubavitch Chanukah99 runs one of the slickest sites around **[http://www.chanukah99.com/]**. There is a guide to the holiday, a look at the mitzvot, tales of tzaddikim, recipes and quite a few multimedia pages. Other Chanukah sites well worth a visit include Kolel: The Adult Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning **[http://www.kolel.org/pages/holidays/holidays.html]**, Aish HaTorah **[http://aish.net/a/chanukah60/]**, Maven **[http://www.maven.co.il/subjects.asp?S=128]**, Project Genesis **[http://www.torah.org/learning/yomtov/chanukah/]** and Ohr Somayach **[http://www.ohr.org.il/special/chanukah/]**.

Reason No. 2: The Sights

One of the central aspects of Chanukah is publicizing the miracle. We fulfil the mitzvah by lighting Chanukah candles in a window and by placing menorahs in public places **[http://www.virtualjerusalem.com/clients/destiny/miketzchan59.htm]**. You can travel to Paris, Buenos Aires, Cairo, California, Madrid, Moscow to see menorahs light up their public squares **[http:// www. chabad-lubavitch.com/lights/video_content.asp]**. Then, come home to Israel and view that day's candle-lighting ceremony at the Kotel **[http://www.vjholidays.com/chanukah/mengallery.htm]**.

Reason No. 3: The Sounds

Where would Chanukah be without music? At the Aish Hatorah site, listen to *Chanukah, Oh Chanukah*, *Maoz Tzur*, *I Have a Little Dreidel* and more **[http://www.aish.edu/calendar/chanukah/songs.html]**. The lyrics are printed at this site so you can sing along.

Over at the Ort site **[http://www.ort.org/ort/hanukkah/song.html]**, there is sheet music for *Maoz Tzur*, *Mi Yemalel* and *Chanukah*.

The largest Chanukah audio site must belong to 613.org **[http://www.613.org/chanuka.html]**. You can listen to songs, get a refresher in the blessings over the candles and take part in lessons about the holiday. Kids may enjoy having a bedtime story read to them **[http://www.vjholidays.com/chanukah/bedstor.htm]**. Click on the link and every night Shmuel Blitz will read another tale from his *Treasury of Bedtime Stories*.

Reason No. 4: The Games

Spinning a dreidel is one of the simple joys of Chanukah. Sure you can buy a commercial dreidel, but why not just make one yourself. The BillyBear4kids has instructions for making your own. **[http://billybear4kids.com/holidays/hanukkah/pattern.htm]**

If you want to take on the computer in a dreidel competition, spin your luck at **[http://www.jcn18.com/spin-ns.htm]** or at **[http://billybear4kids.com/holidays/hanukkah/dreidel2.htm]**.

Find other holiday challenges at **[http://billybear4kids. com/holidays/hanukkah/hanukkah.htm]**.

Test yourself with the Chanukah Quiz **[http://www. mznet.org/holidays/chanukah/chanquiz.html]** and then try a test at The Virtual Jerusalem site **[http://www.vjholidays.com/chanukah/quiz.htm]**. E-mail your answers to them during the holiday, and you may win a T-shirt.

And at the TorahTots site, you can play Plopples **[http://www.torahtots.com/holidays/chanuka/chanfng.htm]**. Plopples? Here are two samples. Read each phrase aloud a few times to see if you can sound out their messages:

- pot ate tall hot car
- nay scud ole higher sham

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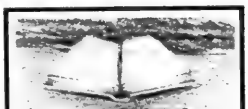

Rabbinic Reflections

Festival of real life

By RABBI MORDECAI E. ZEITZ

As the familiar song says: "Chanukah is coming to town."

More and more, Chanukah has become more visible and widely observed. Somehow we have developed an affinity between ourselves and Chanukah.

Maybe it is because of the story – the many in the hands of the few, the supposedly strong giving way to the assumed meek. Maybe it's because it's such an easy holiday to observe. We can't go wrong with family gatherings, latkes, sufganiyot, presents and candles.

Or maybe it is even because we need a more public reaction to the prevailing festival themes of the December season. The reason isn't material. Chanukah is in. It is a time for celebration.

Now that we have accepted Chanukah as a given, there are additional lessons to be learned.

For instance, take the dreidel. A simple and wonderful game that keeps us occupied for hours.

We know that the dreidel contains the four letters that sort of summarize the entire story of Chanukah. The nun, the gimel, the hey and the shin — representing Nes Gadol Hayah Sham. It says it all in such a short and concise way.

On some letters you win and on some letters you lose, and on one of the letters nothing happens at all.

That in itself is a lesson of life. Depending on how the dreidel of life falls, you can win or lose, or stand still. The dreidel keeps spinning – as life itself keeps moving onward. In case things do not fall right, we just have to make sure we stay long enough to have another chance at the spin.

With a slight twist, we can perhaps see the letters in a slightly different light:

Nun – not just *nes* but *nisyonot.* Not just miracles – but challenges and decision making. That is in fact what life is all about. Our ability to overcome *nisyonot* that occur every day. To use the gift of being alive is to play a winning hand.

Gimel – does not just represent *gadol* – but *gedula.* Our singular actions can change the climate of society, can influence others. How I deal with my ongoing challenges of life can be the badge of courage and glory that I wear.

Hey – not just representing *haya* – was, but *hoveh v'yihyea* – is and will continue to be. It is today's battles and today's triumphs that will make the difference as to the nature of tomorrow. While the beacon of light comes from the past, its light charts a course unto tomorrow.

Shin – not only representing *sham* – there, but to be read *shem* – meaning your name. Our response to the challenges of life, who we are and what we are. Our very *shem* is a result of our ongoing relationship with people, places and things.

Yes, Chanukah and the dreidel teach us that life is more than just a game of chance. Life affords us many chances, and no matter how we land, on the nun or the gimel or the hey or the shin, we can come up a true winner.

It is in our power to turn it around and use each and every one of the stops along the way represented by our dreidel as a building block for the future. Wherever our dreidel of life lands – there is another spin, another turn yet to come. As long as we are truly alive, we will have ample opportunity to get the appropriate and correct spin on the dreidel called life.

Is Chanukah a great holiday? Absolutely! It is the festival of real life, of everyday living, of everyday success. We should celebrate and enjoy our ongoing success. Play some dreidel, eat some latkes, say the blessings and enjoy the lights with the family. This is life. Let the dreidel of life make us each the winners we deserve to be.

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Pope's actions examined

***Hitler's Pope: The Secret History of Pius XII*, by John Cornwell (Viking, $42).**

Books
Bernard Baskin

The author of this attack on Eugenio Pacelli, Pope Pius XII, is a Catholic journalist and a research fellow in history at Cambridge. The assault, however, was not unprecedented. As far back as 1963 Rolf Hochhuth's play *The Deputy* had depicted Pacelli as a ruthless cynic, more interested in the Vatican's stockholding than in the fate of the Jews.

Cornwell was convinced, as a faithful son of the Church, that if the full story was told, Pacelli would be vindicated. In seeking new material for this biography he was granted access to hitherto unseen archives and letters.

Nearing the end of his research, Cornwell found himself in a state of moral shock. His depiction of the Pope's beliefs and actions amounted, not to an exoneration, but to even wider indictment. The Pope, he discovered, was a long-time anti-Semite and a Nazi collaborator, more zealous to obtain favour for the Church and to fight communism than to save lives – especially Jewish ones.

What the author finds especially distasteful – and even monstrous – is that Pacelli is being seriously considered for canonization.

In 1933, as the Vatican's secretary of state, Pacelli negotiated a concordat with Germany which guaranteed the withdrawal of Catholics from social and political action, effectively frustrating anti-Nazi opposition. Hitler exulted that the agreement "created an area of trust which is particularly significant in the developing battle against international Jewry."

The author maintains that Pius XII never condemned either Hitler or the Nazis by name. Even more strikingly, he never mentioned specifically the sufferings of the Jews, though he was perfectly aware of them and though many people, both clergy and lay diplomats, pleaded with him constantly to issue a public condemnation.

A journalist described the situation when, in October 1943, Jews were rounded up in Rome, "the cattle trucks drove past St. Peter's, the tiny shivering hands of the incarcerated children hanging through the slats, so that the SS officers who had been drafted in could see the sights of the Eternal City. The pope, safe in St. Peter's, still said nothing at all."

Jews, when all was said and done, were viewed traditionally as enemies of the Church "reaping worldly and spiritual ruin" from the killing of Jesus.

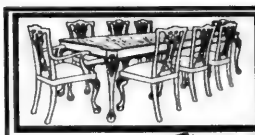
Today, the Vatican in its defence of Pacelli argues that he worked behind the scenes to rescue Jews and that a public protest would only have provoked more vicious Nazi attacks against Jews – and perhaps even against the pope himself.

Pinchas Lapide in his book, *The Last Three Popes and the Jews* (1967), offers an enthusiastic appraisal of Pacelli who he believes indirectly saved the lives of thousands of Jews. Cornwell argues that Lapide was so eager that Israel be recognized by the Vatican that his book "carries the taint of diplomatic self-interest."

The author traces the pope's life from his early years as a brilliant lawyer, to his role as wily diplomatic ambassador to Munich and Berlin during the 1920s, to his status as pope during the war and then to his final 13 years.

The author reveals astonishing facts about Pacelli's eccentricities during his later years. Before public appearances his hands would be doused with antiseptic lotion to avoid transmission of germs. He would ride a mechanical horse in full equestrian gear and Vatican personnel were obliged to take telephone calls from him on their knees.

The wheel of history, undoubtedly, would have turned in a less calamitous direction if a more courageous and less hidebound Pope had served during the tragic wartime years.



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Prof. examines violence against Palestinian women

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — While researching femicide, or the killing of women, Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian found a death certificate citing old age as the cause of death for a 24-year-old woman.

She also found records stating that women had died of high blood pressure, or other medical reasons, when she believes they were victims of murder.

Last week at York University, Kevorkian, a professor in the faculty of law at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, spoke at a talk titled, Breaking the Silence: Violence Against Women in Palestinian Society.

Kevorkian has spent 10 years researching violence against women, and five years ago she introduced the first hotline in the Middle East for abused Palestinian women.

During her talk, Kevorkian spoke about the grotesque killings she discovered while researching femicide and while working at the Women's Centre For Legal Aid and Counselling, a clinic she and a group of women opened in 1993, located between Jerusalem and Ramallah.

In one particularly gruesome example, a woman who was seven months pregnant went to her brother and father for help to escape an abusive husband. They sent her back to her husband who abused her again by pouring acid on her stomach.

The woman went to a friend and a friend's father for help. When her brother, who suspected her of having an extramarital affair, found out about this, he brutally killed her, cutting her unborn baby out of her stomach.

While working at the clinic, Kevorkian discovered that nothing was being done to help or expose the issue of women killing.

"Some people say it doesn't exist," she said in an interview following the talk.

So, Kevorkian began collecting data from formal sources, such as the police, the ministry of health and the attorney general, as well as from informal sources, such as heads of tribes and clans.

This data was the best way to prevent people from denying abuse, she said in the interview.

The statistics she received revealed vast discrepancies. For example, while tribal heads each said they handled between 10 and 15 cases of women killed in Hebron annually, the police said they only handled one case per year.

Kevorkian believes that to prevent femicide, the laws governing Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza which are based on Jordanian laws, French laws and laws from the former Ottoman Empire, must be changed.

One law states that a male who kills or injures a female is exempted if he caught the woman in fornication with another man.

Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian

Another states that murder is justified if the victim dishonored the murderer or his family.

The attitude amongst judges, prosecutors and family members is often that if the victim is dead, why should they defend her instead of the perpetrator of the crime whom they say has a whole life ahead of him, Kevorkian said.

"They try ... to blame the victim – to help the offender get out of court without a sentence," she said.

Kevorkian tries to work with families instead of looking at them as the enemy.

To help women in danger, Kevorkian sometimes asks relatives to sign a contract, which she wrote but admits is not legal, stating they will not change a woman's lifestyle by forbidding her to go to school or take medication, won't abuse or kill her or help her commit suicide.

"It means a lot to victims of abuse that their mother or father acknowledges the pain," she said.

Kevorkian's talk was sponsored by the Toronto chapter of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University (CFHU), Women: An Agenda for Change (a program of the Toronto chapter of the CFHU) and York University's School of Women's Studies.

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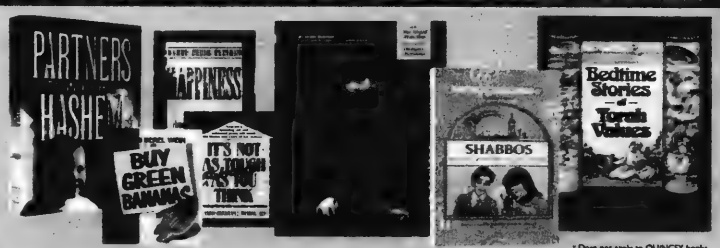

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Children are real victims of family poverty

By NAOMI ROSE

Last week, Canada-wide vigils were held to mark the federal government's failure to eradicate child poverty by the year 2000.

Guest Voices

It has been 10 years since the promise was made, and child poverty not only exists but has dramatically increased.

As Jews and Canadians who care about children, it is important to support these vigils and make our feelings known.

But the real issue is not child poverty, it's family poverty. Children suffer when their families suffer. If parents are unemployed or underemployed, the lack of adequate child care, housing or food affects the whole family.

Research indicates that several factors contribute to family poverty – among them – income, level of education, marital status, and renting vs. owning one's home.

According to other studies, the development of children is severely affected if the essential qualities of a safe, healthy home are not in place.

Early experiences affect their health, self-esteem, ability to learn, and ultimately, their chance of successfully contributing to society. Children who live in poor families are less likely to have the necessary tools to achieve their potential.

Unfortunately, the Jewish community is not immune to poverty. Approximately 4,000 Jewish families in the Greater Toronto Area live below the poverty line as defined by Statistics Canada. Furthermore, nearly half of all Jewish single parent families, headed by females, live in poverty.

At UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, we have identified assisting the vulnerable as one of our top priorities. Impoverished children and their families receive assistance through Jewish Family and Child Service (JF&CS), including counselling, clothing, camp subsidies, and Passover food allowances.

Over 300 children under 18 years old receive assistance from JF&CS because their families live in poverty. Our community also pays for a job training and placement program run by JF & CS in concert with Jewish Vocational Service, to help clients find jobs to improve their lives and those of their families. In addition, significant community funds assist many needy Jewish families in Toronto in the form of day school tuition subsidies.

This year, because of increased annual campaign contributions, UJA Federation has been able to provide a larger allocation to help offset some government cuts to welfare and other programs intended to help needy families.

Since 1989, a government funded think-tank called the National Council of Welfare has recommended ways to erase the scourge of child poverty.

The government of Canada is on record as supporting this vital goal. Now, 10 years later, the Council has released a pre-budget analysis titled Children First, strongly urging the federal government to bring down a budget that emphasizes children's programming and tax benefits for struggling parents.

We in the Jewish community believe that the best solutions support families to raise their children in dignity and health. We encourage Jews across the country to actively promote this objective. In the spirit of tikkun olam, we must act together to heal the world.

Naomi Rose is the chair of social planning and allocations, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

BLOWING THE SHOFAR: From left: Noah Tomlin of Temple Emanu-El, Aaron Rotman of Temple Har Zion, Amanda Schwartz and Mathew Plant of Temple Sinai blow shofars to awaken people to the needs of poor children during a youth poverty rally held last week at Mel Lastman Square.
[Simone Joseph photo]

Women's rights advocate reflects on her successes

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Alice Shalvi, a leading Israeli women's rights advocate, remembers the exact moment she realized something had to be done about women's equality in Israel.

"In 1972, I was not appointed to a top academic post because I was a woman, despite the fact that I was the right person for the job. The very notion of a woman being a dean at a university was unimaginable to the administration."

Things are a lot better now, she says, but "it has required a very active woman's movement."

Shalvi, 73, is rector of the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem, and founding chair of Israel Women's Network, a non-partisan coalition and advocacy group dedicated to advancing the status of women in Israel, and implementing a feminist agenda for justice and equality. She was in Toronto recently to give a talk sponsored by UJA Federation and Women's Campaign.

"With due modesty, I have played an active role in making Israeli society aware of the inequalities, and having them corrected," she said in an interview before the lecture.

Shalvi, known as the mother of Israeli feminism, says that women now hold 14 seats in the Knesset, out of a total of 120 seats. "It is not a significant representation, but it is more than we've ever had. There are also two ministers; I think we're making progress. The half-empty glass is filling, but it is still not full."

The mother of six and grandmother of 18, was brought up as an Orthodox Jew, but now prays at an egalitarian minyan. "I haven't changed my lifestyle; I am no less observant. I've just changed where I worship.

"I accept the Conservative attitude to Halachah. We need to keep reinterpreting things in light of societal norms. Judaism must enable us to accept the new reality of the changing status of women."

It is totally illogical, she said, that "women can be on the Supreme Court, yet even with the proper knowledge, cannot sit on a [bet din]. You cannot close a whole important area of life to a woman.

"I am quite happy now to participate in services as fully as any man. It was an overwhelming experience to have my first aliyah. I was 53, and it was the first time I had seen a Torah scroll up front and inside.

"I then became angry that I had to wait 40 years for what a male does when he is 13, even if it is a meaningless experience for him," she says.

Alice Shalvi

She wants to be fully involved in the religion, and wants all other women to have the same opportunity. "Jewish women and girls should be able to study Torah, in order to be fully aware and equipped to practise their religion.

"For years, I didn't go to synagogue because I felt so marginalized. The more I knew, and the more I felt I was able to contribute something [to the religion], the more marginalized I felt."

She urges women of all ages to study and be knowledgeable. "Knowledge – both formal and self-taught – is the key to everything. A woman needs to be able to stand up for her position, and she has to come up with the facts. Knowledge is power."

Even in Orthodox circles, she says, women can have separate study groups and take part in such things as Rosh Chodesh rituals. "Orthodox women are being influenced by the Conservative and Reform movements. A lot is happening."

As women, she says, "we need to ask ourselves if we are equal members of society whose contributions are valued as equal to men, or if we are just support.

"I am asking women to ensure that we have an equal place at the table – that we have equal say and equal-representation."

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ORT helping to bring technology around the globe

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A pilot project launched two months ago by the World ORT Union introduced senior citizens in London, England, to the wonders of technology.

Within a short time, Robert Singer, director general of the World ORT Union, was watching 75- and 80-year-olds working on computers in ORT labs, some e-mailing grandchildren as young as five year olds.

"After a week, suddenly you see that their fear is not there anymore. For them, it's a new life. Suddenly, the world is open," he said.

Singer spoke recently at the North York home of the national president of ORT Canada, as part of an international tour to provide information about the worldwide activities of ORT, an organization that provides technological and vocational training programs.

Singer, who worked in the Prime Minister's Office in Israel for 12 years, was appointed director general of the World ORT Union, the governing and planning arm of ORT, in April.

Robert Singer

During the talk, Singer referred to several ORT initiatives including a new curriculum for studying technology, called Technology For All (TFA).

TFA, developed in Israel and now being implemented in Great Britain and Russia, integrates technology into every subject, instead of having students learn about technology in isolation, such as in a separate class, he said.

"Many people are afraid of technology. In this way, it becomes part of their everyday thinking," Singer said.

If the program succeeds, ORT may expand it to as many as 80 schools in Great Britain, he said.

Another high-tech initiative is an English as a Second Language learning program launched in London two weeks ago.

A teacher there runs classes for students all over the world via the Internet. It took two years to develop and now receives about 6,000 hits per day, Singer said.

He also discussed a pilot project that trains Chassidim for different professions.

"They spend all their time in yeshivas and suddenly have to work." ORT wants to introduce this program without damaging their way of life, Singer said.

It is important for ORT to become more active in developed countries, he said. ORT has traditionally helped "distressed" communities, but now "people want to see that ORT is providing knowledge and advantages in their communities."

In its efforts to provide local programs, Toronto ORT is sponsoring an intitiative to help 24 under-achieving students from grades 6 to 9 improve their study and computer skills.

The program, which began at the end of October at Jewish Vocational Services of Greater Toronto's (JVS) head office, is being offered in partnership with Jewish Campus Services, Jewish Family and Child Service, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services and JVS.

To involve more countries in its decision-making process, the organization will be changing the criteria for representation on the World ORT Union board, Singer said.

Under a new formula, each country's representation will be determined according to the size of its Jewish population, the number of students attending ORT schools and the amount fund-raised in that country.

While ORT is reaching out to other countries, Israel and the Former Soviet Union (FSU) are still its main priority, he said.

Forty percent of ORT's students are in Israel, where highly skilled ORT graduates are needed even more than in the past, he said.

In the former Soviet Union, many citizens who used to work for the government need to be trained in new professions because of the changing market, and people emigrating to other countries also need requalification.

ORT has four schools and one college in the FSU and plans to open four more centres to train people in technical skills, Singer said.

Latin America is third on ORT's list of priority countries, because due to the economic situation there, many students cannot pay their tuition, he said.

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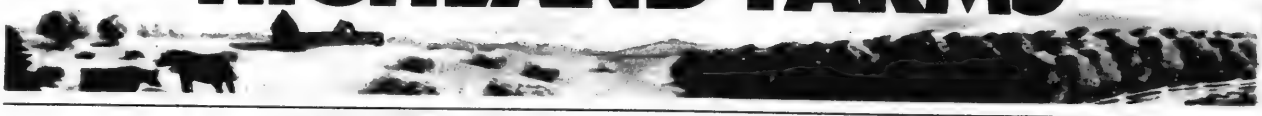

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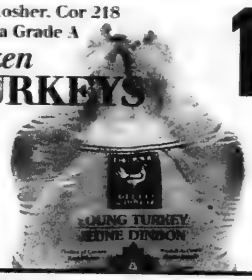

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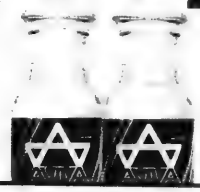

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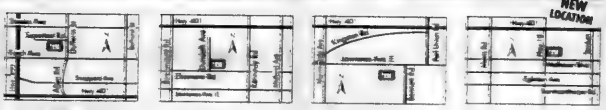

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Lastman stresses city's need for funding at UJA meet

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Being Jewish has helped, not hurt his political career, Mayor Mel Lastman said last week.

"I haven't felt anti-Semitism in the city of Toronto at all," but being Jewish means you have to work harder to prove yourself, he said.

Lastman was speaking at Outlook 2000, an event sponsored by the professional and business divisions of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

While the event was a good networking opportunity for the professionals who attended, it also provided a means of heightening the profile of the UJA campaign, said Andrew Freedman, co-chair of Outlook 2000.

Toronto has the fastest growing Jewish population in North America, and with that growth, the number of elderly and frail Torontonians is increasing, said David Engel, co-chair of UJA Federation's Campaign 2000. Thousands of Jews live below the poverty line, he said.

In his speech, Lastman complained because Toronto pays for its own social services, housing and welfare.

That should be the responsibility of the provincial and federal governments, he said, adding that Toronto also receives no money for transit.

During the question and answer period, an audience member said driving around Toronto has become difficult and asked why no new roads are being built.

"If you added more streets, all you'd have is more traffic," Lastman responded.

The solution, he said, is to build more north-south subway lines.

The Gardiner Expressway will eventually come down because it is falling apart. When it does, streets like Lakeshore Boulevard and Front Street will be widened, he said.

Asked how he would ensure that Toronto is not saddled with the same type of debt Montreal incurred after the 1976 Olympics, Lastman said the federal and provincial government, together with the International Olympic Committee (IOC), will help fund the Olympics. In addition, he said, Toronto will try to use existing facilities instead of building new ones.

Planned projects, such as the revitalization of the Yonge and Dundas area and the development of the waterfront, will make it difficult for the IOC to turn down Toronto's bid for the Olympics, he said.

"Yonge and Dundas will be bigger and brighter than Times Square in New York City," he said, speaking of the planned public square, entertainment complex and economic development.

Toronto Mayor Mel Lastman (centre) with Outlook 2000 co-chairs Andrew Freedman (left) and Benjamin Zarnett.

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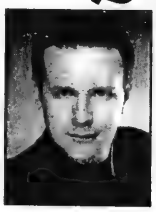

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New organization launched for Holocaust survivors

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The mission of the newly formed Jewish Holocaust Survivors of Canada is to represent survivors and speak on their behalf with a unified voice.

At a recent meeting, Gerda Frieberg, president, said the independent organization has been formed in order to gather information, inform and assist aging Canadian Holocaust survivors.

Another mandate of the organization, she said, is to seek representation at the Jewish Claims Conference and United Restitution Organization on behalf of Canadian Holocaust survivors.

"Survivors cannot reclaim what was taken from them, and their losses cannot be measured. We do, however, seek acknowledgement for lost family, lost property, stolen art and valuables, wages for slave labour and unclaimed insurance claims.

"Many survivors live in poverty, and have no knowledge of how to fill out an application for things that are owed to them. We understand their needs and their pain. We, too, have the nightmares. It is time that survivors began to make decisions and help other survivors," she said.

Frieberg, who has been chair of the founding committee, Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto UJA Federation, chair of the National Holocaust Remembrance Committee, and chair of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, said that CJC has been "very supportive. An independent organization is necessary, however, because survivors need other survivors to speak for them. We can answer their needs, help them and advise them."

Michael Rosenberg, vice-president, said there are financial issues behind forming the organization, but it is not solely financial. "We have no one to speak on our behalf. Our country absorbed the third largest number of survivors, and we merit representation."

It is time to discover where survivors live, how many survivors there are, and then have them registered, Rosenberg said. "If we have a central office from which we can accumulate information, we will be able to help more people."

Many survivors do not know what to put on the application forms, said Elsa Chandler, secretary of the organization, who initiated the development of the Holocaust curriculum unit at the North York Board of Education. "Memories are hard to put on paper, and many survivors do not want to recall what happened. I think that we are sensitive to their needs because we share a great deal.

"It is not about money. For most of us, money will not change our lifestyle. It is more about a feeling that we are not being heard."

Survivors are frustrated, said Hank Rosenbaum, treasurer. There is no central point for them to turn to get information. It would benefit us to run our own affairs. We have to help fellow survivors in any way we can."

Arnold Friedman, an executive member at large, said "we all belong to various organizations, and we are involved in all areas of the community, yet when we seek a common denominator, we are confused.

"There is no organized information dissemination program. It is time we started taking issues with these matters. In another five or 10 years, our children will have to deal with our memories."

The organization is just getting off the ground, said Chandler, "and our only promise is to represent survivors where there is a need. We are taking our first step today."

A press release from Canadian Jewish Congress announced that it has approved the transfer of $10,000 to the Jewish Holocaust Survivors of Canada. The funds were generated from the 1985 conference, Gathering of Canadian Holocaust Survivors and Their Children, held in Ottawa. CJC has been holding the funds in trust for Holocaust remembrance and education.

Other members of the executive include Robert Engel, Nate Leipciger and Ralph Snow. There are also board members from Vancouver, Calgary, Ottawa, Winnipeg, and Montreal. Legal counsel is Sydney Gangbar.

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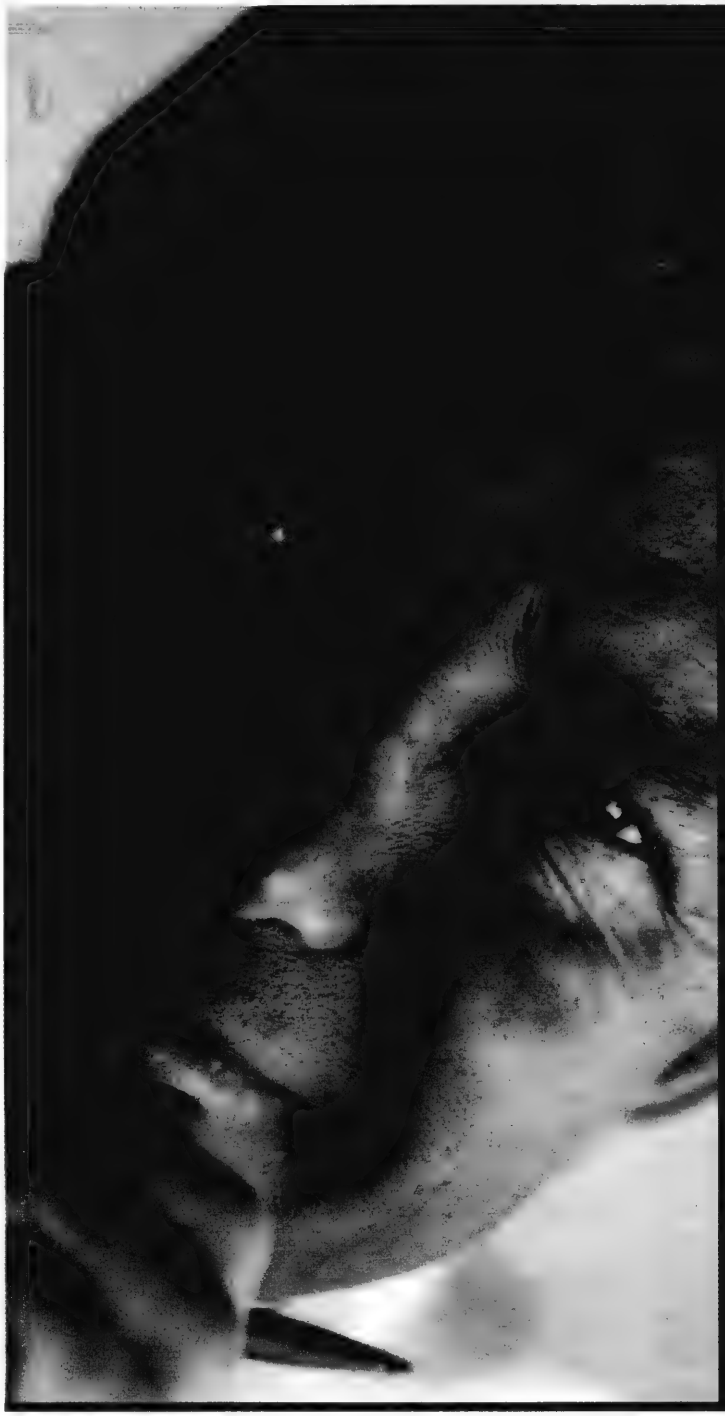

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Federal government studying UN ruling

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Harris Tories were considering cutting $800 million from education.

In the meantime, the federal government is studying the UN ruling, deputy prime minister Herb Gray told *The CJN* in a telephone interview.

The government "will not be able to provide a public response until the decision is studied and consultation is undertaken with the government of Ontario," Gray said.

Education, he stressed, "is clearly a provincial matter under the constitution. The federal government has no legislative or oversight authority over any provincial government on matters of education. But we have said the federal government will be engaging in consultation with the Ontario government."

Legally, the ruling is not binding on Canada. Gray said he's not aware of any punitive measures the UN could impose on Canada should the decision be ignored or inadequately addressed.

But as far as Keith Landy, chair of Canadian Jewish Congress' Ontario region is concerned, the decision is binding "in the sense that Canada has contracted to abide by UN conventions and agreements.

"On one level," Landy told *The CJN*, "Canada is thumbing its nose at the treaty it contracted to abide by [through Ontario's current stance]. How does that lend credence to Canada holding its head high on human rights?"

And Landy dismissed arguments that Canada's hands are tied on education.

"There are so many checks and balances available, like transfer payments [to provinces]. If the federal government really wanted to bring Ontario into line, it has ample resources."

His views were echoed by Toronto MP Joe Volpe, who has been the only member of the federal government to raise the UN ruling within the Liberal caucus.

"I have a large Orthodox constituency and they incur huge [education] costs," Volpe, the MP for Eglinton-Lawrence, told *The CJN*. "They deserve a break."

Volpe says he has received over 100 letters and calls urging Canada to comply with the UN's findings.

That's not as easy as it sounds, he noted.

Education, he too explained, falls under provincial jurisdiction.

MP cites surplus

However, there is some "leeway" the federal government can exercise, mainly in income tax guidelines that may offer relief for parents of children in private schools.

Volpe dismissed the argument that Ontario can't afford to fund private and independent schools.

He said the large federal surplus in the last budget allowed Ottawa to immediately hand over to Ontario a lump sum of $1.4 billion for health and education, as well as up to $400 million a year in extra transfer payments.

"The financial issue can't be a problem anymore."

As for the constitutionally mandated control of education by the provinces, Ontario could, if it wanted, ask Ottawa to amend the constitution to allow the province to change the way it funds schools, Volpe said.

Ottawa, he said, has already done that twice before: once for Newfoundland, where control over education was shifted away from the Catholic church; and in Quebec, where school boards were changed from being run along religious lines, to linguistic ones.

Volpe said he's in favor of a voucher system over the awarding of straight government grants to school boards. Vouchers, he said, would allow parents to spend public funds no matter what school their child attends.

That means the money is portable, and follows the child even if he or she changes schools.

Ultimately, Canada must respond to the UN in some way, Volpe said, even though the onus is on Ontario.

"We're defending something that has nothing to do with us jurisdictionally."

Also last week, Canadian Jewish Congress president Moshe Ronen, wrote to Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy and Justice Minister Anne McLellan, noting that when Canada was found to have violated international agreements in the past, it moved quickly to remedy the situation.

Congress adds it would be "unfortunate" if Ontario's funding policy tarnishes Canada's image.

As well, Landy wrote to Ontario Premier Mike Harris, pointing out that Canada signed the relevant international treaty on civil and political rights in accord with the 10 provinces, and thus "has both the legal and ethical obligation to abide by the ruling of the UN."

Landy called on Harris to work with Ottawa to ensure compliance with the UN's decision.

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Conservative Judaism urged to adapt to change

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Young people in Conservative congregations who are "turned on" by Camp Ramah or a youth program must be seen as an asset, not as kids who don't fit in any more, says the vice-president of Mercaz USA, the American Conservative Zionist organization.

In a recent lecture at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, Saul Shapiro told a group of about 65 people that the same factors that keep Conservative youngsters from intermarrying, also cause them to move into Orthodox synagogues.

"If the kids need a separate minyan, the kind of minyan they get at Ramah, that has to be given to them," said Shapiro, a market research specialist who co-authored the 1979 report *The Future of Conservative Judaism*, and who is also a board member of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

The future of Conservative Judaism is "in our hands," said Shapiro.

The differences between Canada and the United States are greater than Shapiro had anticipated, he said.

Based variously on 1990 and 1995 statistics, the most recent available, the differences he noted include:

• About one third of Jews in the United States have been to Israel, compared to two thirds of their Canadian counterparts.

• 67 percent of Jews in Canada belong to a synagogue, compared to only 50 percent in the U.S.

• Although Conservative-affiliated Jews in both countries represent an equivalent population segment (45 percent in the United States, 43 percent in Canada), the United States has a larger Reform sector compared to the Orthodox sector. In Canada, the reverse is true.

• Canadian Jews have a lower intermarriage rate than their American counterparts. Shapiro noted, however, that attitudes toward intermarriage have become more accepting, and that the rate here has risen from seven percent in 1961 to 25 percent today.

• No Canadian Conservative synagogues have parties with music on Shabbat. In the United States, depending on geographic region, from 21 percent (East Coast) to 53 percent (West Coast) do.

• Fewer than half of the Conservative congregations in Canada count women in a minyan (according to a 1995-96 survey). In the United States the vast majority do – 96 percent on the West Coast, 83 percent on the more traditional East Coast.

With Conservative Judaism moving to the left, ideologically, and Reform becoming more traditional, the boundaries of the two denominations are approaching one another, Shapiro noted.

He declined to predict, however, whether Conservative Judaism would retain a distinctive identity in the future.

Conservative synagogue members tend to be "less ritually observant" than their parents, Shapiro said. "What that means is, if the children of Conservative members see that their parents are less committed than their grandparents, there's a message that it's okay for [them] to be a little less committed."

What happens at home influences whether children will intermarry, and what type of connection they will have to Judaism, he noted.

Canada does "uniformly better," he said, citing higher incidences here of Seder attendance, fasting on Yom Kippur, lighting Shabbat candles and keeping two sets of dishes – among all denominations.

"You have to put priority on Jewish family and Jewish education," Shapiro advised, including youth groups and Camp Ramah in the latter category.

To get "more bang for the buck," focus should be put on the years when children are at home, he added.

If there's any place the strategy can work, it's Canada, he said. "You have advantages we never had."

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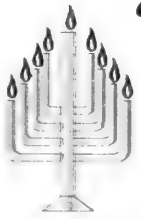

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Three Jewish youth win in Amadeus Choir contest

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Three musically talented Jewish youngsters have proven that they are not one-hit-wonders.

Cassandra Luftspring, 11, Aaron Schwebel, 11 and Laura Silberberg, 13, have won once again in the Amadeus Choir's annual Christmas Carol and Chanukah Song Writing Competition.

Cassandra and Laura tied in the Chanukah, Harmony, Accompanied, child 14 and under category. Cassandra wrote a new song, *Hanukah Lights,* while Laura won for composing new music for the traditional Chanukah song *Mi Y'Malel.*

Aaron won an honourable mention in the Unison, Accompanied, child 14 and under category for his composition *A Chanukah Song for the Millenium.* He was also presented with the Special Conductor's Award for Best Original Text.

Their compositions, along with those of the other winners, will be presented at the choir's Celebrate with Brass! concert, at the George Weston Recital Hall of the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts on Dec. 5, at 3 p.m.

The 115-voice choir is under the direction of Lydia Adams. Special guest at the concert is The Bach Children's Chorus.

Cassandra is in the special arts elementary program at Baythorn Public School in Thornhill. She also studies piano, composition, music theory and voice. She won first place in her class at this year's Kiwanis Festival for playing piano.

Laura is in Grade 8 at the Claude Watson School for the Arts. She studies piano, electone guitar, violin and percussion, and has performed original compositions in London, Winnipeg, Boston, San Diego, and Tokyo, as well as Toronto.

She has also won awards at the Kiwanis and York Region music festivals. She is a competitive dancer with TNT Danceforce.

A Grade 6 student at Bialik Hebrew Day School, Aaron has been playing violin since he was seven. He is still studying violin, as well as voice. He was in the a cappella choir of the Toronto Children's Chorus.

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Women's Chanukah Concert: Richmond Hill Country Shul is presenting opera singer Rinat Orr at the City Playhouse Theatre, 1000 New Westminster (at Bathurst St.), Thornhill, Ont., as part of a Women's Chanukah Concert and social evening. Orr made her debut in the Jewish community at the Hachnosas Kallah Concert last February at the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts. Other performers will be 17-year-old Russian dancer Ilana Shfir, the Hershkop Family trio (mother Alyssa with her two young daughters), and students from Eitz Chaim School and Bais Yaakov Binos. Dec.5, 7:30 p.m. Space is limited. $20. 905-780-0554.

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UJA Campaign 2000 Races Toward Close

The Chanukah tradition of spreading light to Jews in need is keeping UJA Federation's Campaign 2000 momentum going strong as the community-wide fundraising drive enters its final phase. The Campaign officially ends on December 31.

Campaign 2000 has passed the $30 million mark, two million dollars ahead of last year's early December total, thanks to contributions from 20,000 donors and gift increases averaging 7%.

The steady progress has been taking place amidst a flurry of activity including Outlook 2000, a Women's Campaign event featuring Dr. Alice Shalvi and a special pre-Raptors game reception held for UJA Federation campaigners.

"The response from the community has been amazing," says Abe Glowinsky, who is Vice-Chair of this year's UJA Federation campaign with Debbie Kimel and Howard Price. "But there's still a lot of work to be done to make sure our beneficiary agencies can provide those in need with the services they deserve."

UJA Federation's Outlook 2000 event featuring Mayor Mel Lastman drew a crowd of close to 400. (l-r) Bert Raphael Q.C., Morris Manning Q.C. and Harold Stein.
Photo: Randy Zelcer

To that end, UJA Federation's final series of Answer the Call telethons will be held during Chanukah, December 5th, 7th and 8th. To register as a volunteer campaigner, please call (416) 635-2883 ext. 184. "Our volunteers tend to feel even more committed to the cause around this time of year," explains Rosanne Ain, who has been chairing Campaign 2000 telethons with Judy Engel and Dov Altman.

"Making calls is a wonderful way to celebrate Chanukah and help make miracles happen," adds Glowinsky.

But raising funds isn't the only way UJA Federation volunteers are marking the holidays. Dozens of Hands On Toronto (H.O.T) participants are pitching in to make sure some of the community's most vulnerable members partake in Chanukah celebrations. In partnership with Jewish Family and Child Service, a UJA Federation beneficiary agency, H.O.T volunteers will be visiting three nursing homes, together with students from Greater Toronto Area Jewish day schools and over 150 JF&CS Chaplaincy Services volunteers.

"The seniors love interacting with younger people," says Lori Winch, who chairs H.O.T.'s nursing home program which has been helping run Chanukah parties for three years. "You can tell how much it means to them to know that people care."

H.O.T. volunteers will also be coordinating a Chanukah party at the Bathurst Jewish Centre for JF&CS Bigs and Littles clients. "It's our third year doing the Chanukah party and the volunteers now look as forward to the event as the kids do," explains Elyza Litwin, who chairs H.O.T.'s Bigs and Littles program.

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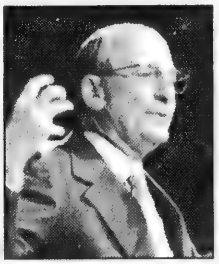

United Jewish Communities Chair, Charles Bronfman speaking at the GA.

Toronto's Jewish community sent a 66-person delegation to this year's recent General Assembly (GA) of the United Jewish Communities-The Federations of North America, in Atlanta and virtually everyone considered the GA a valuable learning experience. Here's a sampling of community viewpoints.

"I learned about an impressive program in Miami, sponsored by the Jewish Federation, the Board of Rabbis and the synagogues, that offered free High holiday tickets to those who had not recently attended synagogue. That's something for us to look at."
Sandra Brown, Past President, UJA Federation

"I agree with the appraisal of Michael Steinhart (philanthropist and Birthright Israel co-founder) that communities should focus on young people from bar mitzvah age until marriage. That's something I think our community needs to do."
Janice Langer, President, Jewish Women's Federation

"The session sponsored by the Israel Democracy Institute was especially stimulating because it dealt with secular-religious relationships."
Joseph Steiner, Immediate Past President, UJA Federation

"Our whole existence as Jews is shared experience. Attending the GA allows us to share an experience to make our work in communal life much more meaningful."
Dov Altman, Co-chair, UJA Federation Telethon Steering Committee

Shalvi Shines

World renowned feminist, author and lecturer Dr. Alice Shalvi drew a crowd of over 300 when she recently spoke at a UJA Federation Women's Campaign sponsored event. Shalvi, known as Israel's mother of feminism, is shown here (middle) with event chairs Marlene Rochwerg (l) and Maura Cooperberg.

Photo: Randy Zelcer

UJA's Newest Tzedakah All-Star

Michael Kurin recently became a UJA Federation Tzedakah All-Star when he donated the sporty centrepieces from his bar mitzvah celebration to Jewish Family and Child Service. The contents of the centrepieces will be distributed to children who are clients of JF&CS just in time for Chanukah. To find out how you can become a Tzedakah All-Star team member, call Naomi Cohen at (416) 631-5698.

Judaism is a religion of redemption, says rabbi

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It will not take a miracle for the Messiah to come, says Rabbi Irving Greenberg, president of Chaverim Kol Israel, Jewish Life Network.

"In order to bring the Messiah, we need to have an upsurge of good; we have to restore the value of human life and overcome such things as poverty, oppression and sexism. If we can pull that off, there will be a Messiah."

Rabbi Greenberg was a speaker at the four-part Gerald Schwartz/Heather Reisman lecture series being held at Holy Blossom Temple.

Judaism's central claim, he said, is that it is a religion of redemption. "We don't just teach that there is a God, but rather, because of God, the world has a goal, a direction and a good outcome."

Judaism has had more influence on the world than any other religion, he said. "That influence came out of the teaching of the redemption. The implication is that the world now is not a satisfactory place, but that there will be a happy ending."

We are living in a world that is moving from chaos to order, and from non-life to life, said Rabbi Greenberg. "We have to think in the long term. For billions of years, there was no life, and then there was an incredible profusion of life.

"There is a hidden power that sustains life; that power is God. If we just look at the surface, we will not see that life itself is, becoming more like God. The powers humans have are so developed, they are God-like," he said.

The climax of this process, he said, is the emergence of humans in the image of God. "Being in the image of God, means that, like God, the human life has infinite value. As well, every image of God is equal and unique. Human images cannot be replicated."

Torah insists we not settle for status quo

There is a contradiction however, because every person is not equal and valued, he said. "In our world, for instance, women are worth less than men."

Judaism teaches, though, not to accept the status quo, said Rabbi Greenberg. "Jewish tradition teaches that the status quo is not legitimate from a long-term point of view.

"We have a promise from God that the world will be perfect. Before we are done, there will be no hunger, no killing, no war."

The Torah insists that we not settle for the status quo, he said. "As soon as people [refuse to] settle for the status quo, there will be a revolution in our thinking."

Observing Shabbat, said Rabbi Greenberg, is one way of moving toward a perfect world. "When we observe Shabbat, we move out of the world [as we know it], and into a perfect world of peace, equality and justice – a world where there is nothing to do but think, grow and be.

"Once we experience Shabbat, we will not surrender to the idea of the status quo," he said.

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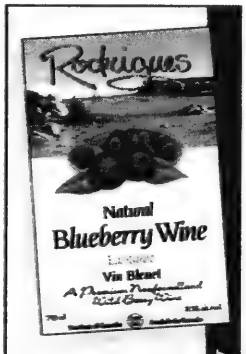

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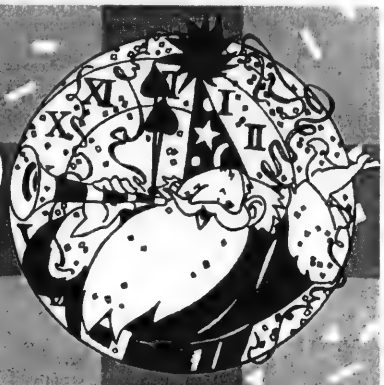

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שכחת לציין שגם לאה רבין נחקרה בקשר לחשבון הדולרים, כ20- אלף שנשאר פתוח בארה"ב והיא שלמה קנס על כך. ובעלה יצחק רבין ז"ל התפטר מראשות הממשלה. כך שגם ללאה רבין העזו לעשות זאת.
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"Don't tell anyone, but every night of Chanukah I still get a kick out of choosing which colored candles to place in the menorah!"

Coast to Coast

Marrus named to Vatican panel

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1939 to 1945. The data was published between 1965 and 1981.

The historians will be free to raise relevant issues should they feel that they have not been satisfactorily resolved by existing documentation.

If questions still remain, they will seek further clarification, said Cardinal Edward Cassidy, president of the Vatican commission, and Seymour Reich, chair of the IJCIC.

"We will begin with published Vatican documents," said Marrus in an interview. "If there are further questions, we'll see. I'm for full public disclosure."

Marrus dismissed a comment by Lord Janner, a Jewish community official in Britain, that the historians' panel was, in effect, a waste of time because the Vatican had no intention of revealing "anything of value."

"When people are open to dialogue, they should be met halfway," said Marrus, a member of the Canadian War Museum's Holocaust advisory council and a member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's academic advisory committee.

Explaining that he had accepted the position because he sought "a deeper, richer historical understanding" of Vatican attitudes and policies in the period under review, Marrus denied he was being used by the Vatican in a public relations campaign.

"There has been extraordinary progress in Catholic-Jewish relations over the past 35 years, since Vatican II in the early 1960s, and that progress will continue," he said. "That's why exercises like this are worth undertaking."

Marrus pointed out that a sophisticated analysis of the Vatican can only be reached if historians gain access to its documents.

He disclosed that his fellow historians will meet in New York City early this month to discuss their mandate. A report will be issued, but Marrus does not know when.

His Jewish colleagues are Bernard Suchecky, research director at the Free University of Brussels in Belgium, and Robert Wistrich, professor of history at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Their Catholic counterparts are Eva Fleischner, author of *Auschwitz: Beginning of a New Era?* and professor emerita, Montclair State University, New Jersey; Gerald Fogarty, professor of religious studies at the University of Virginia; and John Morley, professor of Holocaust studies at Seton Hall University, New Jersey.

Marrus suggested that they will bring a balanced view to their deliberations.

By his estimate, a number of questions have yet to be answered regarding Vatican motivations and policies as it juggled humanitarian concerns with the need to safeguard its integrity.

Two of these questions are: To what extent did the Jewish issue register with the Holy See? How did the Vatican treat Jewish converts to Christianity during the Holocaust?

The Vatican's stance toward Jews, he said, can best be understood if it is compared to the way it responded to a host of other issues, ranging from the civil war in Spain to Italy's racial laws.

In *The Holocaust in History*, Marrus writes: "The Holy See turned a deaf ear to anguished calls from Polish bishops to denounce the Nazis' atrocities in Poland; issued no explicit call to stop the… euthanasia (program in Germany); deeply offended many by receiving the Croatian dictator Ante Pavelic, whose men butchered an estimated 700,000 Orthodox Serbs; and refused to denounce Italian aggression in Greece."

Historical context matters, observed Marrus.

The Vatican, he said, had an exaggerated view of its diplomatic clout and, like most Jewish leaders, underestimated the demonic power of Nazi Germany.

Asked what he thought of Cornwell's scalding biography, Marrus replied that, though flawed and "highly polemical," it nevertheless contained information of value.

In *The Holocaust in History*, Marrus offers a blistering appraisal of the Vatican under Pope Pius XII and his predecessor, Pope Pius XI.

The Vatican, he writes, quarrelled with both Hitler and Mussolini on race, "but hardly out of concern to Jews."

During the 1930s and 1940s, he adds, "the church seldom opposed anti-Jewish persecutions and rarely denounced governments for discriminatory practices; when it did so, it usually admonished governments to act with 'justice and charity,' disapproving only of violent excesses or the most extravagant forms of oppression."

Although Pope Pius XII was aware of the Holocaust, he refused to issue "explicit denunciations of the murder of Jews or call upon the Nazis directly to stop the killing."

Pius XII, Marrus says, hewed to a policy of neutrality and declined to associate himself with Allied declarations against Nazi war crimes.

The pope, he concludes, "remained reluctant to speak out almost until the very end."

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Artist helps to restore Parliament Hill gates

By DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

WESTPORT, Ont. — The little town of Westport, not far from Perth, is an unlikely spot to find three artists producing Judaica.

Daniel Kerem, the son of retired Israeli consul Michael Kerem, settled in Westport 10 years ago, following his brother Raphael who had arrived seven years before him.

The brothers grew up in a small village in Israel inhabited mainly by Yemenite Jews.

Influenced by the work of the Yemenite silversmiths he knew as a child, Daniel decided to follow his artistic inclinations.

"When I decided to become a craftsman," he says, "I first took up carrying – the branch of smithing that shoes horses.

"After several years, I went to Germany and Austria and learned art smithing, making functional things such as doors and chandeliers out of brass, iron or bronze. I was there for about three years, but it is a lifelong endeavour, a vast science.

"I still go back every few years," he says.

The objects produced by Kerem cannot be considered modern art. Rather, he attempts to emulate the great masters of the late 15th and 16th centuries.

Kerem was recruited by a restoration company to replace approximately 3,000 damaged or missing parts of the Parliament Hill gates as part of a major restoration of the Parliament Buildings.

"These are the largest and most elaborate pieces of ironwork in Canada, Neo-Gothic in style," he says.

"The weather here is very hard on iron; the ice and snow in winter and humidity in summer. In winter, they get a constant spray of salt and melting snow. On top of that, tourists have picked off pieces for souvenirs."

Of the 3,000 pieces, the largest category was flowers made out of sheet metal in a gothic floral patterns.

"I had to take the original and make a template," says Kerem. "For quite a few, I had to make the tools. The challenge is to think like someone else and to come up with the same tool that was used before."

There were also hundreds of fasteners, such as bolts, to be created.

Kerem has recently presented a work of art to the Beth Israel synagogue in Kingston in memory of his late mother who died a year and a half ago.

The six-foot tall iron and brass chanukiyah was recreated in the style of the late 15th century.

"No chanukiyot of the medieval period have survived," he says. "This is based on drawings and research which I have done for many years."

Kerem's partner, Judith Forbes, who was initially a fashion designer, does medieval style embroidery, including biblical scenes and tallit bags.

His brother, Raphael, does woodwork and painting, also creating objects of Judaica.

"The whole family is committed to excellence in ancient craftsmanship," says Kerem, "and is trying to promote Jewish craftsmanship."

Scene in Ottawa

By G.K. SIMCOE

Every political leader wants to leave a legacy. At first, people thought Prime Minister Jean Chrétien would be satisfied with the semi-secular trinity: being the prime minister at the turn of the millennium, eliminating the deficit, and defeating the separatists in Quebec.

But Jean Chrétien, ever the fiery partisan, has a much more focused vision. He wants to be the Liberal leader that permanently establishes his party as the only federal option.

The calculation goes like this. Chrétien could retire and Paul Martin would be a shoo-in to replace him.

And almost as likely, Martin would win a third consecutive Liberal mandate. However, by then Martin would have been in or near the spotlight for more than a decade – about as long as Canadians can stomach any political leader.

Since he would never agree to step down after only one term as leader/prime minister, the Liberals would most assuredly go down to defeat the next time around.

The new scenario, however, would create an entirely new-fangled dynamic. Jean Chrétien sticks around and wins one more majority government (itself a record!).

He toys around for a year to 18 months and then gracefully steps aside to allow a whole new generation of leadership candidates to put a new and fresh face on the Liberal party.

Canadians would feel comfortable parking their votes with a "new and improved" version of the Liberal party and the cement establishing the Grits as the truly natural governing party will have had time to set.

When school children study modern Canadian history, this scenario guarantees that Jean Chrétien will stand apart from all others as the founder of a dynasty that renders the Big Blue Machine of Ontario as nothing greater than a student council election and the Duplessis years as little more than kinderspiel!

Despite the inherent cynicism of this script, its brilliance cannot be disputed. One strategy that obliterates all opposition – Paul Martin from within and the two-headed rightwing hydra of the Reform and Conservative parties from without.

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Coast to Coast

Bouchard, Parizeau launch libel suit

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Premier Lucien Bouchard and former premier Jacques Parizeau are suing for libel an investment counsellor, who more than six years ago, likened their political tactics to those of Adolf Hitler, in a confidential newsletter to his clients.

The separatist leaders are seeking $300,000 in damages from Richard Lafferty, a senior partner in the stock brokerage Lafferty, Harwood & Partners Ltd. The case is scheduled to be heard Dec. 6.

B'nai Brith Canada, which sharply denounced Lafferty's analogy at the time, has been asked by Bouchard and Parizeau's legal team to testify for them, but the organization says it will not do so voluntarily.

In early 1993, when ailing Liberal Robert Bourassa was still premier, and the defeat of the Charlottetown constitutional accord was fresh, the firm sent out a political analysis to its clients. The word "confidential" appears on top.

The newsletter was apparently leaked to *Le Devoir*, which ran a front-page story focusing on Lafferty's references to Hitler. Parizeau, who was then leader of the Parti Québécois, and Bouchard, then leader of the Bloc Québécois in Ottawa, filed their claim in court Feb. 22, 1993, arguing that the article was "incendiary, injurious, and defamatory."

The PQ, the newsletter stated, is "based on demoguery[sic] which has, as its fountain of political rhetoric, the dominating theme of nationalism," and nationalism is "the equivalent of tribalism and is amongst the most primitive forms of human society."

The key offending paragraph follows: "Jacques Parizeau, the leader of the [PQ] at the provincial level, and Lucien Bouchard, the leader of the [BQ] at the federal level, aim their appeal entirely at nationalism. It is a classic form of demoguery [sic] and is no different from what Hitler did, although Hitler at the time was operating in a greater political vacuum than that which presently prevails in Quebec or Canada, although with the financial pressures developing, both constituencies are coming into a political inoperative environment."

Both Bouchard and Parizeau objected to the comparison with Hitler.

Bouchard responded at the time: "This was absolutely unacceptable, almost surreal. I know that in politics there are some things which you have to accept, but you also have to draw the line."

Lafferty's lawyer, Mark Bantey, said the defence will be based on the constitutionally guaranteed freedom of expression.

"That guarantee exists not only to protect the opinions we agree with, but, more importantly, also those that we disagree with," Bantey said.

"The plaintiffs did not suffer any damages. No one is accusing Bouchard or Parizeau of advocating genocide, just that they are demagogues and that Hitler was one, too, and that they also use the tactics of fear."

Whether Lafferty's invoking the name of Hitler was appropriate, Bantey believes should not be matter for the courts to decide.

When the story was headlined in 1993, B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights issued a press release that "categorically rejected the analogy" Lafferty drew.

Stephen Scheinberg, League national chair at the time, added that the PQ and BQ are "not racists, not hatemongers, not murderers, not dictators. Adolf Hitler was."

Today however, Scheinberg says he finds it "curious" that Bouchard and Parizeau are resorting to suing for libel when they themselves "use their own words so loosely. It seems they can dish it out but they can't take it."

Scheinberg, a Concordia University history professor, said those in public life have to expect being attacked, even viciously, and that is especially true here in Quebec where an intense debate on the country's future has been going on for years.

"I still think the analogy was inappropriate, but I don't see it as a matter to be settled in the courts," Scheinberg said.

McGill University history professor Gil Troy, a member of the academic council of the Canadian Institute for Jewish Research, says that as offensive as he may find careless comparisons to Hitler or the Holocaust, "I find it more offensive that government officials would use the power of the courts to squelch freedom of speech—any comment, let alone when the comments were confidential."

Lafferty's words have to be put into context, he thinks. Bouchard and Parizeau, he said, are controversial politicians and have resorted to provocative speech themselves. The arguments on all sides over the future of the province have been vigorous in tone, and rightly so, given the seriousness of what is at stake.

"A lawsuit has the effect of chilling the atmosphere, and that is very dangerous," Troy said.

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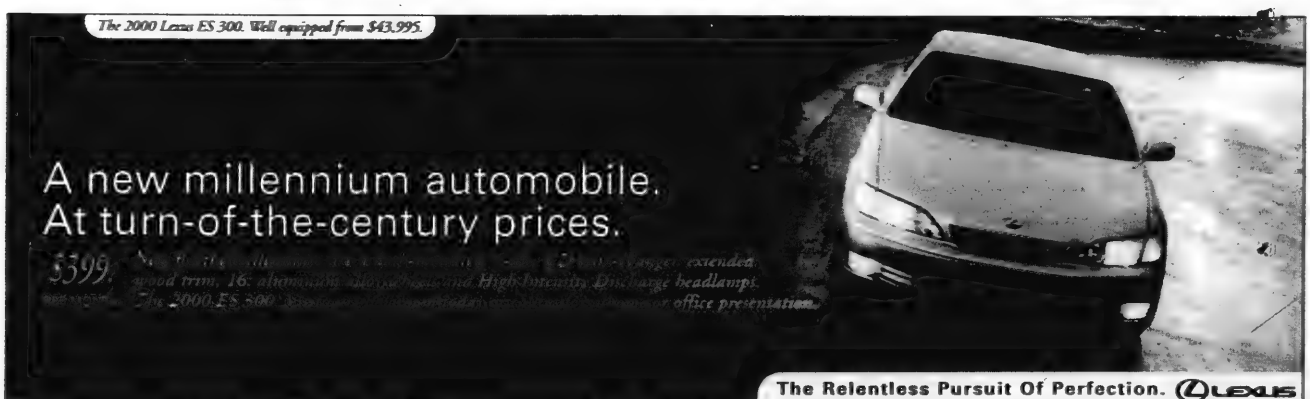

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By Miriam Herman

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What's New and About People deadlines: Monday, Dec. 6, is deadline for Dec. 16 issue, and Monday, Dec. 13, is deadline for Dec. 23.

Please note: As there will be no issue Dec. 30, all items that would ordinarily have appeared Dec. 30 will be included in the Dec. 23 column (deadline Dec. 13). Also, due to the holiday season, the deadline for the Jan. 6 column is Dec. 20.

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Saturday, Dec. 4

FAMILY CELEBRATION

Chabad Lubavitch of Richmond Hill Chanukah family celebration, 6:30 p.m. at Pleasantville School on Mill Street featuring arts and crafts, entertainment by **Stuart** the juggler, nosh bags for all kids; followed by outdoor menorah lighting at corner of Mill and Bathurst, latkes, music, raffle. 905-731-7000, ext. 26.

Sunday, Dec. 5

CHILDREN'S EVENT

My Jewish Discovery Place Children's Museum Chanukah event, Maccabee scavenger hunt, holiday treats, shamash candle, dreidel games, Chanukah music, prizes, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bathurst Jewish Centre. 636-1880, ext. 456.

THE GIFT OF LIGHT

Winchevsky Centre Chanukah celebration, Who Needs the Gift of Light?, Toronto Jewish Folk Choir, children of Morris Winchevsky School, Camp Naivelt Klezmer Band, 10:30 a.m., Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave.

VARIETY SHOW

Adath Israel Brotherhood and Congregational School Chanukah Variety Show with **Dan** the Music Man, juggler **Johnny Toronto**, ventriloquist and dummy team **Philip** and **Henry**, 10:30 a.m.

ASHKENAZ & BLOOR JCC

Ashkenaz: A Festival of New Yiddish Culture and the Bloor Jewish Community Centre celebration, Winter Night, Chanukah Light, readings, animated stories, **Anne Barber, Elisa Kukla, Dave Wall, Nicky Berkowitz, David Buchbinder**, 6:30 p.m., Bloor JCC.

Also, Growing the Light, an afternoon event for families, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

THE LATKES ARE COMING

All the latkes you can eat while dancing to the music of **Ron Wiseman**, the king of Jewish Reggae and his band Kedusha, 6 p.m. Anshe Minsk Synagogue, 10 St. Andrews St., Kensington Market. 595-5723.

HABONIM BREAKFAST

Congregation Habonim presents lawyer **David Matas** talking about Whatever Happened to Raoul Wallenberg, 10 a.m., Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave.

CHANUKAH PARTY

You're invited to a Chanukah party, fun, latkes, entertainment 3-6 p.m. at the Kiever Synagogue, 25 Bellevue Ave. (Kensington Market). **David Pinkus** 593-9956.

CHAT DEDICATION

Baila Lubek, president of CHAT and **Alan Sandler**, president of UJA Federation, invite all CHAT alumni, their families, CHAT parents and students to celebrate the Dedication, Chanukat Habayit, of the new Anne and Max Tanenbaum Education Centre at CHAT, 1-3 p.m. Ceremony and presentation at 2 p.m. RSVP 636-5984, ext. 502.

CUMMER LODGE

At the Chanukah celebration for residents of Cummer Lodge 2:30 p.m., the Mitzvah Volunteers serve latkes and refreshments; entertainment by **Paul Mathew**.

JEWISH STORYTELLING

At Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave., 7:30 p.m., hosted by **Alec Gelcer**. All welcome to listen or tell. Presented by Jewish Storytelling Arts. 699-8914.

INFANT/CHILD CPR

At Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reserve. **Rhonda** 905-731-9441.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Behind the Scenes at the Museum by **Kate Atkinson** discussed by Feminist Book Discussion Group of North York chapter, Older Women's Network, 2 p.m., Barbara Frum Library. **Ruth Goldsmith** 782-6414.

Monday, Dec. 6

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Cantilena Gospel Choir and the Renanim Children's Chorus, under the direction of **Cantor Benjamin Maissner** and conductor **Wayne Gilpin,** 7:30 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre. 636-1880, ext. 0.

BEING JEWISH

Symposium on Being Jewish series with **Henry Alkin** continues with Intermarriage, 8 p.m. Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

KABBALAH CENTRE

Confronting Your Tikkune Workshop – learn about your personal mindset and style in confronting issues and people, with **Ron Mandel,** 7-10:30 p.m., Kabbalah Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W. 631-9395.

Tuesday, Dec. 7

BROADWAY TO KLEZMER

From Broadway to Klezmer, a celebration of Jewish music with the Paul Mathew Orchestra, 8 p.m., Beth Torah Synagogue, 47 Glenbrook Ave. Sponsored by Friends of Beth Torah. **Mollie** 733-3634.

MOTHERS IN THE BIBLE

Mothers in the Bible series with **Prof. Ruby Newman** continues with Ruth: The First Surrogate Mother 7:30 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation. 781-3511.

Wednesday, Dec. 8

THE JEWISH LANGUAGES

At Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University (Toronto) annual general meeting **Prof. Paul Wexler** of Tel Aviv University speaks on The Jewish Languages: Are They Jewish? Are They Languages? Lecture at 8 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue. Business meeting 6:45 p.m. CFTAU 787-9930.

CHILD SURVIVOR

Child Survivor/Hidden Group presents **Marian Domanski** who shares his personal testimony 7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Building, 4th floor, 4600 Bathurst St.

QUILTING

Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles focuses on Quilting, Quilting, Quilting, with **Penny Berens.** 8 p.m., Lodzer Holocaust Centre, 12 Heaton St. 402-7189.

Thursday, Dec. 9

MOVING TO ISRAEL?

Thinking about moving to Israel or planning an extended visit? Open House, information meeting with **Offer Isseroff,** regional director, Israel Aliyah Centre, the Jewish Agency for Israel and and the staff of the Israel Aliyah Centre, 8 p.m., Room 420 Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. 633-4766.

DR. W. FILDERMAN LODGE

Dr. W. Filderman Lodge, B'nai Brith, Chanukah party, 6:30 p.m., B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St. Traditional dinner, musical entertainment. 905-771-1351 or 733-2593 or 512-1799.

JEWISH WOMEN

Prof. Sara Horowitz lectures on Do Nice Girls Lay Tfillin? as part of Beth Tikvah Sisterhood series, Jewish Women in the Next Millennium, 8 p.m. at the synagogue.

And What Else Is New

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SHABBATON

The Shabbat Experience – Creating Holiness, Dec. 10 and 11 at Beth Tzedec Congregation, with artist-in-residence **Danny Maseng.** Shabbat dinner, Shabbat services, luncheon, study, seudah-shlishit, havdalah, programming for children. For details, **Marlene** 781-3514, ext. 34.

KHANUKE HULIANKE

Friends of Yiddish Chanukah celebration, **Allan Merovitz,** vocalist, with the Simcha Klezmer Ensemble; **Martin van de Ven,** clarinet; **Anne Lederman,** violin; **Sasha Luminsky,** accordion; candlelighting, singing, dancing, Saturday, Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m., Adath Sholom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. Reserve. **Sandy Bokser** 736-8073 by Dec. 3.

SUNDAY CAFE

Featuring **Faye Kellerstein,** Sunday, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m., at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Sponsored by Beth Tikvah Sisterhood. RSVP to Beth Tikvah 221-3433, ext. 353.

FAMILY EXPERIENCE

Shabbat family experience at Aish HaTorah Thornhill, 949 Clark Ave. W. for parents and children ages 5-9. A fun and interactive Shabbat learning program offered every Shabbat at 10:30 a.m. beginning Dec. 4. 905-764-1818.

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BB COUPLES LODGE

Thornhill Couples Lodge, B'nai Brith, Chanukah party, a fun-filled evening of latkes, donuts and snacks, Saturday, Dec. 11. **Susan** 667-2762, days.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

A post-Chanukah Family Bingo Night, prizes, snacks, door prizes, gift for kids under 13, sponsored by Aish HaTorah Saturday, Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. at Westmount Collegiate Institute (New Westminster/Bathurst). 905-764-1818, ext. 309.

CANADIAN YIDDISH

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood presents **Adam Fuerstenberg** speaking on Canadian Yiddish, the humour of it, it's alive and kicking, Tuesday, Dec. 14, 8 p.m. 633-5500.

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FOR SENIORS

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Chanukah dance Saturday, Dec. 4, with Teddy Band. Call **Malka Colla** 630-5771 for tickets. **Jerry Bengall,** president, 905-707-7334.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club: Israel trip planned for the spring. **Lena** 785-5773. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Dec. 19, Sunday dance; Jan 2, Year 2000 celebration dinner dance; Jan. 4, trip to Niagara Falls, Niagara Casino, receive $10 in vouchers. 395-7881.

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BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 225-2112.

Art Appreciation, Great Museums of the World, **Edith Altschuler,** Tuesday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m.

Information session on Specialized Low Vision Aids, **Laurie McArthur,** occupational therapist, Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1:15-2:15 p.m.

Shake Your Aches – The Truth About Arthritis, **Ann Levin,** physiotherapist, Thursday, Dec. 9.

Israeli Club Etrog meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays for movies, lectures, dances, sing-alongs, bingo. Dec. 7, Chanukah party; Dec. 14, movie; Dec. 21, political lecture, **Yaen Vered;** Dec. 28, New Year's party, Hava Nagillah Club. **Anna** [illegible]110

Movie, *Midsummer Night's Dream,* Sunday, Dec. 5, 2:30 p.m.

BLOOR JCC

Bloor Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 924-6211.

Chanukah event presented with Ashkenaz Sunday, Dec. 5. Check details in What's New section under the date.

Wednesday Wellness Night series talk on heart disease with nutritionist **Suzi Singer** including discussion of scientific research on the causes of atherosclerosis, key dietary strategies, special beneficial foods, vitamins, minerals, herbs, Dec. 8, 7 p.m. Pre-register.

Seniors Club: Thursday, Dec. 2, 2 p.m. Avoiding Heart Attacks and Strokes; Thursday, Dec. 9, 12:30 p.m., Chanukah party, songs and dances of **Tanya Ganovski** accompanied by **Paul Mathew,** light lunch, deadline for tickets Dec. 7.

BATHURST JC

Bathurst Jewish Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. 636-1880.

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Chanukah celebration luncheon, Tuesday, Dec. 7, 12:30-2:30 p.m. with singer/entertainer **Marvin Rosenshein.**

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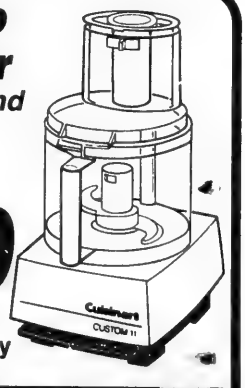

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Richler entertains UofT students

By GREGORY LEVEY
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — "I've prepared absolutely nothing," Mordecai Richler said from behind the podium. "So if you have some questions, I will answer them. Otherwise, we can all go to lunch."

Mordecai Richler speaks to U of T students during a question and answer session he hosted on Nov. 18. [Gregory Levey photo]

Richler, author of *Barney's Version*, as well as such classics as *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz, Oh Canada! Oh Quebec!, and Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang*, was speaking at an informal question and answer period held recently at the University of Toronto.

The forum, sponsored by the U of T Jewish Student Union, the English Student Union, and Trinity College, drew some 60 students. The questions posed ranged from those about his work to those about the future of Quebec.

"When did you decide to become a writer?" was the first question from the audience.

"Very early on," Richler replied. "I've never had a real job. I dropped out of university when I was 19 to go to Paris, and I've never done anything else."

Asked about his inspiration for writing, he quipped that he only had to "go through his bills." He cannot wait for inspiration, he told the gathering. He just has to "get to work" each day to do his three hours of writing.

"What happens after the three hours?" someone asked, and the audience laughed. Richler responded, "I have lunch, go for a walk, read, or have a few drinks."

When asked about his thoughts on Toronto, he said that the city was far more sophisticated than 30 years ago, when it was still a "closed Presbyterian fest."

However, he said he still prefers life in Montreal, even though it is a "diminished city."

In response to a statement that some of his books have an anti-Semitic tone, Richler said that he had once been confronted by a Jewish man who said to him, "Everything you wrote in *Duddy Kravitz* was true, but why couldn't you give him an Italian name?"

His only responsibility, Richler told the students, is "to be true to his craft and as honest as possible." He said that he writes about "people as they are, not as he wants them to be."

Asked by one student what to make of teachers and professors who read too deeply into books, Richler said, "Tell them to leave you alone."

While answering a question about Quebec nationalism, which he said was rooted in anti-Semitism, he suddenly took out a cigarillo and lit it.

Casually smoking the little cigar, he said that "to say that Bouchard is anti-Semitic is wrong," but he felt that the premier harbours resentment towards the Jewish community because Quebec Jews have sided with English Montreal.

Someone in the audience asked if Richler had thought of going into politics.

Exhaling smoke through his nose, he answered simply and with a smile, "No."

The last questions were about Israel, and Richler told the audience that he had been there twice. He said that he was much more hopeful about the country's prospects now than when Benjamin Netanyahu was in office.

The only solution to Israel's problems, he said, was a Palestinian State. He added that the "haredim have too much influence for their numbers," and that while Jews outside of Israel depend on a separation of church and state, in Israel they are "too dangerously intertwined."

"OK," he said after the hour was over. "I think I'm done. Thank you very much."

When he left, the room emptied quickly, but the smell of smoke lingered on for a while.

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Health

New hope for arthritis sufferers

By DIANE KOVEN
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — A new drug has brought about a dramatic improvement in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, recent studies show.

The results of a number of studies presented at the 63rd Annual Scientific Meeting of the American College of Rheumatology in Boston indicate that the release of the drug Enbrel (etanercept) has significantly changed the lives of patients in the United States. It will soon be available in Canada.

The only drug therapy to be approved in the United States for the treatment of both adult and juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, Enbrel "has had a very consistent profile," says Dr. Barbara Finck of Seattle. "It has revolutionized the care of arthritis patients" in the year since its U.S. launch.

"New data shows that it actually prevents the progression of disease," Finck says. "The early results are incredible. [It has] changed the course of the disease and changed the face of rheumatology."

Enbrel must be administered by injection twice a week. "Patients like the autonomy of being able to take Enbrel themselves," Finck says.

To date, the only significant complications from the drug have been injection-site inflammation or infection.

When it is released, however, the cost will inhibit many patients. It is estimated that the cost of the drug, for each patient, will be approximately $1,600 (Cdn) per month.

This is of great concern to physicians. "Enbrel is a very good, effective drug and offers patients an opportunity to get the best results available," but the cost is "a big, big, big problem," says Dr. Rachel Shupak of Toronto.

Dr. Leo Picard of Moncton, N.B., agrees. "I have at least 20 patients who could benefit from it, but it is not available because it is too expensive," he says.

Other new drugs recently released in Canada are Celebrex (celcoxib) and Vioxx (rofecoxib).

Alan Gibson, of Merck Frosst Canada, says the release of Vioxx this week is a proud moment for Canadians.

The drug was developed in Montreal by Dr. Robert Young, head of the Department of Research at the Merck Frosst Centre for Therapeutics.

"We are a small country to develop an international product," says Gibson.

Vioxx is taken orally, and is far less expensive than either Celebrex (which cannot be taken by anyone with an allergy to sulfa) or Enbrel, and it is safe for the stomach, he says.

Picard is looking forward to using the new drugs which, he says, "are not better [than traditional, anti-inflammatory drugs], but are safer. I have patients who have died because of anti-inflammatory drugs, so Celebrex and Vioxx will be welcome." (Traditional anti-inflammatory drugs have a number of possible side effects and may affect the intestines.)

"Vioxx and Enbrel are new drugs that will help a lot of people, especially those with stomach problems," says Dr. Jacob Karsh of Ottawa.

"There are many people suffering from ulcers, and this will be a big help. These are two very important new drugs that offer hope to rheumatologists as much as to patients."

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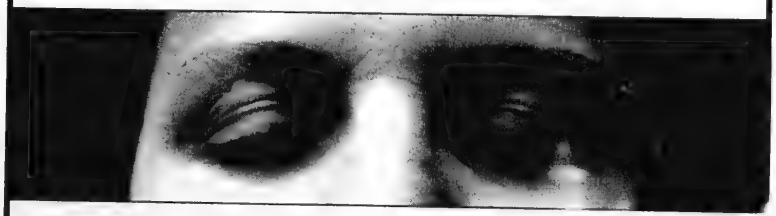

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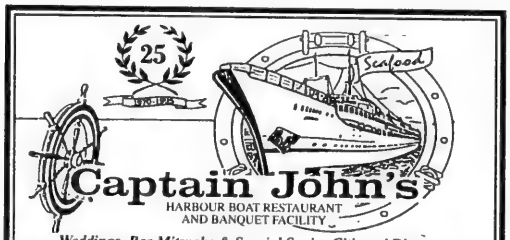

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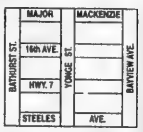

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Israeli-Vatican tensions increase

By RUTH E. GRUBER
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

ROME — Israel's attempt to defuse a Christian-Muslim conflict in Nazareth has soured its relations with the Vatican and called into question a visit to the town by the pope during his millennium pilgrimage to the Holy Land next March.

Nazareth is revered by Christians as the childhood home of Jesus, but today it is Israel's largest Arab town and some 60 percent of its 65,000 residents are Muslim.

The conflict centres on plans to construct a mosque in Nazareth near the Basilica of the Annunciation, believed by Christians to be the spot where the archangel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would bear the son of God.

Israel granted the go-ahead for the mosque after two years of mounting tensions and violent clashes over the issue between local Christians and Muslims.

Muslims laid the cornerstone for the mosque on Nov. 23, although Israeli sources said actual construction would not begin until 2001.

Churches throughout the Holy Land shut their doors for two days, Nov. 22 and 23, in protest, and the Vatican lashed out at Israel for allowing construction.

"The decision of the Israeli government seems to lay the groundwork for future contrasts and tensions between the two religious communities, Christian and Islamic," the Vatican's chief spokesman, Joaquin Navarro-Valls, said in an unusually strongly worded statement that coincided with the laying of the mosque's cornerstone.

"I believe that political authorities in this case have a great responsibility, because instead of favouring unity, they create the foundation to foment division," he said.

Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy reacted strongly to the Vatican's criticism.

The Vatican statement, he told Israel Radio, is "very grave," adding, "We reject it."

The Anti-Defamation League, too, took the Vatican to task. In a statement, it said it was "shocked and saddened at the Vatican pronouncements laying blame on Israel for tensions between Muslims and Christians in Nazareth."

The statement said that while both sides may not be satisfied, "no one should question Israel's good faith efforts in this matter."

The conflict erupted two years ago, when municipal authorities in Nazareth unveiled plans to build a large plaza near the Basilica of the Annunciation to accommodate the millions of pilgrims expected during the year 2000 – a Holy Year for the Catholic Church.

Local Muslims protested this plan, saying the planned plaza would damage the tomb of Shehab el-Din, nephew of the 12th-century Muslim hero, Saladin. They set up an illegal protest tent and demanded that a mosque be built. Violent clashes over the issue erupted last spring.

The Israeli government was forced to step in and take action after local authorities failed to agree on a solution and the conflict spread to involve broader Christian and Muslim interests. Each side put pressure on the government and accused the other side of using threats.

Jerusalem's Higher Islamic Committee and the Palestinian Authority opposed the construction of the mosque, and Yasser Arafat even sent emissaries who tried, unsuccessfully, to mediate.

On Friday, Israel's ambassador to the Vatican, Aharon Lopez, told reporters that Israel's decision to allow construction of the mosque is an attempt to reach a compromise and avoid bloodshed.

"If there was any purpose to the government decision, it was the opposite of fomenting division," he said.

Lopez said the issue had been blown out of proportion, and that the mosque would not encroach on Christian property nor hinder access to the Basilica.

Most of the plaza intended for pilgrims would remain open, he said, and the mosque itself would be much smaller than Muslims had demanded originally.

The Vatican announced Nov. 18 that Pope John Paul II would fulfil his long-held dream and make a pilgrimage to biblical sites in the Holy Land in the last 10 days of March.

Sources said the pope might skip Nazareth if the situation remains tense.

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Rome Jews concerned

By RUTH E. GRUBER
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

ROME — Authorities have stepped up surveillance at public locations that are considered potential targets for anti-Semitic attacks, following two bombing incidents linked to neo-Nazis.

Security was also increased last Sunday at soccer stadiums, where extremist fans often wave banners with anti-Semitic slogans.

Last week, on Tuesday night, a rudimentary bomb damaged the entrance to Rome's Liberation Museum, which is dedicated to the World War II Resistance movement.

Three days later, police defused a similar homemade bomb planted at the entrance of a Rome movie theatre, just around the corner from Parliament. The cinema had presented a special screening of a documentary on Adolf Eichmann, *A Specialist – Portrait of a Modern Criminal*, made by Israeli director Eyal Sivan.

Anonymous callers saying they represent a group called the Anti-Zionist Movement claimed responsibility for both bombs. Police said they had not known of the group before.

No one was injured in either incident, but the two events rang alarm bells among both political and Jewish community leaders, and focused attention on neo-Nazi skinhead and other right-wing extremist groups, as well as on soccer hooligans.

"This concerns not only us Jews, but all civil and democratic forces in the country," said Amos Luzzatto, president of the Italian Jewish community. He urged that authorities halt play in soccer games where fans are seen displaying racist or anti-Semitic banners.

Politicians from all parts of the political spectrum condemned the recent attacks and warned of possible further incidents.

Even before police discovered the bomb at the Nuovo Olimpia movie theatre, Interior Minister Rosa Russo Jervolino said, "The government does not consider the bomb [at the museum] as an isolated event, but considers it to be part of a neo-Nazi, anti-Semitic strategy."

The cinema had hosted a gala preview screening Tuesday night of the film about the 1961 Eichmann trial in Jerusalem. Rome's Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff and other dignitaries had attended.

Police last weekend interrogated dozens of youths known to belong to skinhead and other extremist groups, including militant soccer fan clubs.

Maurizio Boccacci, Rome's most notorious right-wing extremist leader, denied involvement in the bombings but said he supported the actions.

Reports said the homemade bombs resembled explosive devices set off in the stands by militant soccer fans during matches.

"The racist tension in the stadiums, as it is tolerated, has created an incubator for the bombs which some people still prefer to call 'firecrackers,'" said Claudio Fano, former president of the Rome Jewish community. "The soccer world is an accomplice in all this."

Jewish leaders have been trying for years to get soccer authorities to crack down on racist and anti-Semitic slogans used by militant fans, to little avail.

Hard-line fans often use anti-Semitic slogans to direct abuse against rival teams.

The Week in Israel

Nov 22

• Israeli police arrested a newspaper publisher who has been under investigation for allegedly plotting to have two rival publishers and a detective killed. The charges against Ofer Nimrodi, publisher of the daily *Ma'ariv*, were not specified.

• Prime Minister Ehud Barak said the Palestinians could issue their own currency as part of a final peace settlement.

Nov 23

• The Palestinian Authority presented Israel with a report on the confiscation by its security forces of dozens of illegal weapons and explosives.

• Jewish settlers voluntarily abandoned a West Bank enclave they staked out overnight. The move came after Deputy Defence Minister Ephraim Sneh warned they could be evicted forcibly.

Nov. 24

• Israel criticized a sharply worded Vatican statement that allowing construction of a mosque near the main Christian shrine in Nazareth was intended to aggravate tensions between Muslims and Christians.

• An Israeli cabinet minister said he would support legislation by an Arab Knesset member to remove the PLO and Fatah from a list of terrorist organizations. Haim Ramon said it is illogical for the group to continue to be included on the list in light of the Oslo accords.

Nov. 25

• Israel's High Court of Justice ordered the release of six Iraqi nationals who have been jailed without trial for more than six years. The court rejected the argument of security forces that at least three of the Iraqis were dispatched to Israel to spy on the Jewish state.

Nov. 26

• Li Peng, a former prime minister of China and now the number two official in the Chinese Communist Party, arrived in Israel for a six-day visit. He began with a tour of Kibbutz Zora to examine Israel's agricultural technology.

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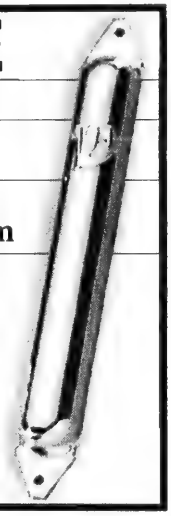

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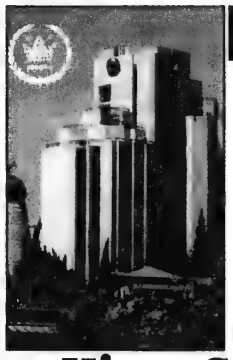

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Peace with Syria still uncertain

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Ehud Barak is fond of saying that he and Hafez Assad could wrap up the terms of a peace treaty if only they could have a face-to-face meeting. Wishful thinking though it may be,

Mideast Analysis

Barak's observation is probably a function of frustration. Five months after succeeding Benjamin Netanyahu as prime minister, Barak has been unable to coax Syria into resuming direct negotiations with Israel.

And although reports suggest that Israel and Syria have conducted secret discussions via an unnamed third party, there are no concrete signs as yet that a renewal of face-to-face talks is imminent. If anything, there is less cause for optimism today than last summer, when Barak and Assad complemented each other through the media and a resumption of talks seemed inevitable.

The situation these days is such that Barak and Assad cannot even agree on the conditions for restarting negotiations. They were suspended by Israel in the winter of 1996 after Syria declined to send condolences following a series of Palestinian suicide attacks which claimed the lives of 60 civilians in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

Syria insists that talks must resume from the point where they were broken off. Israel has, in theory, accepted this formula, but Barak and Assad disagree where in fact the negotiations ended. This is not merely a procedural problem, but a substantive issue of great importance which may yet wreck any opportunity for an historic rapprochement.

Syria contends that Yitzhak Rabin, as well as Shimon Peres, promised to withdraw to the June 4, 1967 lines on the Golan Heights, and that President Bill Clinton confirmed this pledge in writing in June 1995. Future negotiations, the Syrians say, should be based on this approach.

Israel maintains that no such pledge was made. By Israel's account, Rabin, through the good offices of the United States, hypothetically asked Assad in 1993 what concessions he would make if Israel agreed to return to the June 1967 lines. This is now a moot matter, however, because Barak opposes a withdrawal that would give the Syrians a foothold perilously close to the eastern shores of the Sea of Galilee.

Barak, though, is amenable to "very painful concessions" on the Golan, provided that other key issues can be settled. He appears to be ready to withdraw to the 1923 international line, under which Israel would retain the lower slopes of the Golan, water resources there, and the land around the Sea of Galilee.

Syria is holding out for the maximum – the June 1967 lines, which encompass the pre-Six Day War demilitarized zones. These enclaves, consisting of 66 square miles, were established in the wake of Syria's seizure of territory west of the international line during the 1948 Arab-Israeli war. By all accounts, Syria is now trying to place these demilitarized zones on the table again, a position Israel rejects.

Apart from this disagreement, the two sides remain deadlocked over another integral question. Syria wants a prior commitment from Israel that it will give up the Golan in its entirety, but Israel is resisting this demand. The depth of Israel's withdrawal depends on the depth of peace, Barak has said. Israel's foreign minister, David Levy, contends that negotiations should be opened "without preconditions," a stance Syria contemptuously dismisses.

As a result of these fundamental differences, Israel and Syria are, once again, bogged down in a bitter war of words. Last week, Syria accused Israel of "blocking the path to a just and honorable peace." Israel, for its part, accuses Syria of being unreasonable.

Further dimming the picture is the health of Syria's top two decision makers. Assad is said to be ailing and reportedly is not always alert, while his foreign minister, Farouk al-Shaara, is still recovering from heart surgery.

The United States, meanwhile, awaits Assad's reply to a list of questions on security arrangements and normalization Barak and Clinton put to Shaara last September. Clearly, no diplomatic breakthroughs are in the offing. On the Syrian front, progress is glacial.

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Community leaders, students network at GA

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

ATLANTA, Ga. — What's a guy who deals with endowments and bequests doing attending spirituality sessions at the General Assembly?

Dov Harris, director of planned giving at UIA Federations Canada, asked that question rhetorically, reflecting on why he's drawn to the Jewish Renaissance and Renewal theme that has become one of the four areas of focus, or "pillars," for Jewish communities in North America.

For Harris, who became aware of a new focus on Jewish learning at the annual GA about five years ago, Jewish values are instrinsically linked with his work.

He's not alone. "Renaissance" has become the latest buzzword in the organized Jewish community: In fact, the opening Renaissance forum at the General Assembly of United Jewish Communities, held recently in Atlanta, drew the largest attendance of any of the four focus sessions.

The others were campaign/finance resource development, human services and social policy, and Israel and overseas.

United Jewish Communities (UJC), which became a legal entity at this year's GA, was formed as a merger of three American organizations: United Jewish Appeal, the Council of Jewish Federations and United Israel Appeal of America.

The UJC represents 189 North American federations and 400 unfederated Jewish communities.

All Canadian federations are members of UJC through their ties with UIA Federations Canada.

Canadian federations are actually "much tighter" than their American counterparts because of UIA Federations Canada, said Joel Miller, executive director of the Calgary Jewish Community Council.

"[In Canada] you can get all ten federated communities sitting around the table. Collective national responsibility was a Canadian thing long before it was an American thing," he said.

The UJC merger is "long overdue," according to Malcolm Weinstein, a past president of Vancouver's federation, who works professionally in the area of organizational change.

"The organizations have been struggling over turf and territory and scarce professional resources, and spending a lot of money that could be spent in a single organization," he said.

Weinstein expects it will take about five years before the UJC becomes truly federation-owned, as is being touted. "They're working on it."

Montrealer Harvey Wolfe, immediate past president of UIA Federations Canada, is a veteran of the system, having attended 27 GAs.

This year's event – which ran from Nov. 17 to 20 and attracted over 5,000 delegates, including about 150 Canadians – was "excellent, in that it targeted the general attendance. You didn't have to be all that knowledgeable to enjoy the program," he said.

A couple of other community leaders told *The CJN* privately that the agenda lacked depth, but Wolfe believes many of the sessions were directed at the younger generation rather than his own peers.

"We [the older generation] network, we talk business," Wolfe said. The conference also provides an opportunity to meet with Jewish community leaders from Israel, he added.

"Even if you come away with one or two ideas, it's enough to keep you focusing and sort of propelled for the next year," said Lorraine Sandler, who will lead this year's Toronto contingent for March of the Living.

Arts major Lisa Rubin, a 22-year-old Montrealer, said the GA sparked her interest in politics. She felt "comfortable" and "inspired."

The presence of 225 North American students – among them at least 60 Canadians, mostly from Toronto and Montreal – represents the "future of the community and the future of the Jewish people," said Jay Rubin, executive vice-president of Hillel, The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life.

'Future of the Jewish people'

The students also networked with speakers, delegates and potential employers.

Justin Korda of Montreal called Ariel Sharon, leader of Israel's opposition Likud party, and arranged a private meeting with him for a group of students.

Hillel has been sending students to the GA for the past decade. "In the '60s, noted Rubin, they had to fight their way in.

For first-timers, the GA could be overwhelming, with a staggering choice of sessions – over three dozen in an average day.

Among the speakers were numerous community leaders and luminaries of the Jewish world, including Israeli prime minister Ehud Barak, whose scheduled live talk was changed to a satellite appearance after his plane was damaged in England. (see *CJN*, Nov. 25)

But probably, the speaker who struck the most resonant chord – or at least one of the most resonant – was Rabbi Michael Melchior, Israel's minister for Israeli Society and World Jewish Communities,

Rabbi Michael Melchior

who directly addressed the issue of pluralism, and reinforced the concept of Jewish unity, an underlying theme of the GA.

The Danish-born rabbi, whose manner reflects both dignity and affability, said in an address at the opening plenary that he often "longed for the multi-faceted Jewish life in Scandinavia" after making aliyah with his family in 1986.

Referring to the homogeneity of his own Orthodox community in Israel, the rabbi said, "I often think that is a little sad. I did not realize that it could also be dangerous."

The assassination of Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin by an Orthodox student was a turning point for Rabbi Melchior, who assumed the leadership of Meimad – an organization of moderate Orthodox rabbis in Israel – to show that there is no contradiction between Judaism and democracy, modernity, peace or justice, he said.

He invited the North American delegates to "consider my office your representation around the table of the Israeli cabinet."

Richard Chartash of downtown Toronto's Danforth Jewish Circle said Melchior's talk, and his inclusive approach, provided "a tremendous boost." The Danforth Jewish Circle receives grant money through the New York-based Jewish Outreach Institute, a group involved with research on unaffiliated and intermarried Jews.

Several others said they were "blown away" by Rabbi Melchior's talk. The rabbi himself said at a press conference he was "quite overwhelmed" by the response. "I didn't say anything except what I believe."

While he left the GA encouraged by the "will to work together," Rabbi Melchior expressed concern about a lack of desire on the part of young people to enter the rabbinate or the field of Jewish education.

"We have to work together to turn it into the in thing... That has to express itself in the salaries and the place in society we give our teachers."

Other issues with which Rabbi Melchior is dealing include conversion, and nascent religious dialogue with Islamic leaders over the peace process – a key, he believes, to successful resolution.

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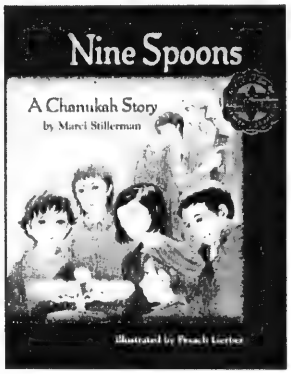
Great Chanukah books...

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

Chanukah is most people's favourite holiday. Latkes, jelly doughnuts, presents, parties, and, most of all, the beautiful menorah, with its brightly shining candles – it all seems just about perfect.

This time of year, though, always makes us remember times past, when things were not always as wonderful.

In *By the Hanukkah Light*, by Sheldon Oberman, illustrated by Neil Waldman (Boyd Mills Press, 1997), Grandpa tells his grandchildren about Chanukah when he was a boy. In a lot of ways, the holiday was just as much fun as their Chanukah. The family ate latkes, sang, spun dreidels and gave the children Chanukah gelt. But there was one big difference.



The Chanukah menorah was lit behind drawn curtains. A truly evil man, Adolf Hitler, had come with soldiers to destroy the Jews.

"We were afraid to put our Hanukkiah in the window, afraid to bless it and light it, afraid someone would see it and say we were Jews," Grandpa explains.

Luckily, the family was able to leave Europe, leaving everything behind – even the menorah.

Years later, Grandpa became a soldier in the army that defeated Hitler. He returned to his home town, and cried over everything that was gone. Everything but one thing. Can you guess what that was?

The grandmother in *Nine Spoons*, by Marci Stillerman, illustrated by Pesach Gerber (Hachai Publishing, 1998), also tells about Chanukah when she was a young girl. But her story is about one very special Chanukah.

She was in a concentration camp, a terrible place where the Nazis put Jews during World War II. Life was very hard there. They were always cold, always hungry, always tired. Yet, in spite of everything, the women decided that the children should have a menorah.

One of the women, Raizel, had been an artist. She promised that if people would bring her nine spoons, she would make a menorah.

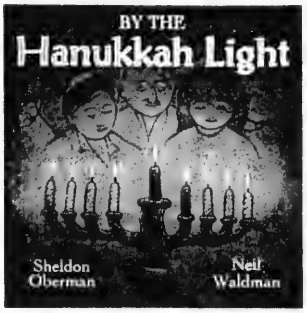
That may sound like a simple thing, but in the concentration camp, the people were given one spoon when they arrived, and that was that. If they lost it, they could not get another one, and they would have no way to eat.

Yet, somehow, Raizel got nine spoons and fashioned a beautiful menorah. And that year, the children of the camp celebrated Chanukah.

Nine Spoons is a beautiful book, that tells a wonderful story of hope and caring and miracles. In fact, it won the Sydney Taylor Award of the Association of Jewish Libraries, a very important award.

You will enjoy both *By the Hanukkah Light* and *Nine Spoons* very much. You might ask your family, your grandparents, parents and aunts and uncles what Chanukah was like when they were growing up. You might be very surprised.

By the way, Sheldon Oberman, who wrote *By the Hanukkah Light*, also wrote a wonderful book called *The Always Prayer Shawl*, about a tallit that was passed down through the generations. If you haven't read that book, try to get it.



...and some new CDs

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

One of the best things about Chanukah is the singing. You will really enjoy two new CDs that have just come out.

Paul Zim has a wonderful new Chanukah CD, *Chanukah Is Tops!* It is a mixture of traditional songs like *S'Vivon* and *Maoz Tzur*, songs that Zim wrote especially for the CD, and others where he thought up new words and tunes for familiar songs.

The Singing Dreidelettes are back, too, to make this CD really special. You can also get *Chanukah is Tops* on cassette.

Temple Har Zion in Thornhill was the birthplace of *Chanukah With a Twist*, by Eleanor, Dawn and Dr. Dave. It features new lyrics for familiar songs, and Chanukah lyrics set to ordinary music. Elvis Presley's *You Ain't Nothing but a Hound Dog* has become *You Ain't Nothing But a Dreydel* and *I've Been Working on the Railroad* has become *I've Been Searching for Some Oil*.

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A musical journey through Jewish history

By CAROLAN HALPERN
CJN Staff

Roots and Wings, a concert by the Toronto Children's Chorus and their guests, the Syracuse Children's Chorus, provided a journey through Jewish history.

The choirs carried the audience from freedom, through despair in the valley of the shadow of death, to hope, ending with a message of peace for today's world.

Their vehicle was music by North American Jewish composers.

The concert, which was held recently at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, began with a new work, the North American premiere of Srul Irving Glick's *Psalm Trilogy*, and concluded with familiar medleys by George Gershwin and Aaron Copland, whose 99th birthday was the day of the concert.

Psalm Trilogy, a libretto in Hebrew and in English, created from the text of three psalms, was commissioned by Ian Epstein and his wife, Kathy Kacer, to honour the bat mitzvah of their daughter Gabi, a member of the Toronto Children's Chorus.

The trilogy began with seven choristers walking through the halls of Beth Tikvah, each holding a lit Shabbat candle and singing, "Mizmor shir l'yom Shabbat." (Let us sing a song for the Sabbath day.)

Combined choirs were 200 young voices

"The seven candles are for the seven days of creation," said Jennie Morgan, 14, a member of the Toronto chorus.

The combined choirs, some 200 young voices, accompanied by a small string orchestra comprised of Toronto Symphony Orchestra musicians, took up the theme, affirming the roots of Judaism – honouring the Sabbath and praising the greatness of God.

The music, especially for the 23rd Psalm, "was peaceful, calming," reflecting what the psalms were about, said Heather Wilkie, also 13, and a choir member.

The Syracuse Children's Chorus then sang of the Jewish people's redemption from slavery in *V'Higad'ta l'vincha* (And you shall tell your children), by American composer Gerald Cohen.

"Avadim Hayinu – We were slaves unto Pharaoh in Egypt, and HaShem brought us forth with a mighty hand," the piece begins.

But the Jewish journey to freedom was not peaceful, and centuries of persecution ultimately led to the Holocaust.

The Toronto Children's Chorus alternately sang and recited poetry from *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*, poems written by children interned at Terezin.

The narration and the oboe accompaniment by Gillian Howard served as a counterpoint to the music, emphasizing the disorientation of the children in the concentration camp.

Jennie, who was one of the narrators, said doing the narration was more moving than singing, because "I was doing it alone, not with the whole choir." She felt this gave her a responsibility to express the emotion of the poetry.

Heather, who is not Jewish, said the Holocaust "is part of everybody's history. It affected everybody."

The music for *I Never Saw Another Butterfly* was "like the children's lives – cut short," Heather said, pointing out that several of the pieces end abruptly.

Parts of the piece "are dissonant," Jennie said, "which adds to the effect."

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Heather Wilkie (left) and Jennie Morgan, of the Toronto Children's Chorus, performed at Beth Tikvah. [Anna Turkienicz photo]

Liberty Heights deals with Jewish issues

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Barry Levinson, in *Liberty Heights*, returns to a perennial topic – his youth in Baltimore. Judging by three of his previous films, notably *Diner*, *Tin Men* and *Avalon*, Levinson has practically made a career out of conjuring up gauzy memories of his adolescence.

In these movies, he touched on his Jewishness rather glancingly. But in *Liberty Heights*, which opens here next week, he deals with the issue head on. Indeed, the film is suffused with Levinson's remembrances of things Jewish.

Liberty Heights, which takes its name from a Jewish neighbourhood in which Levinson was raised, is set in 1954 and 1955, at a time when American society was in transition. It was a period when sharp religious, race and class distinctions were on the cusp of eroding.

But even as these changes were gradually taking hold and inexorably transforming attitudes and opinions, Levinson's old neighbourhood seemed impervious to change.

As the film opens, Ben Kurtzman, the central character, sets the stage with a nostalgic voiceover. Viewing America through the narrow prism of his home turf, Ben (Ben Foster) intones that "the whole world" appeared to be Jewish.

This is followed by two amusing scenes which establish Ben's Jewish heritage, as well as the Jewish character of Liberty Heights. In the first, young Ben is aghast when a non-Jewish friend's mother plops a plain white, untoasted sandwich on the kitchen table. In the second, a teacher takes attendance, calling out a succession of Cohens without batting an eyelash.

And in a nod to Ben's father's level of religiosity, Levinson sets up a revealing scene in which Nate Kurtzman (Joe Mantegna), a sleazy businessman, sneaks out of synagogue on Rosh Hashanah to inspect

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BY BILL GLADSTONE

A SPIRITUAL GUIDEBOOK TO ISRAEL

Most travel guidebooks focus upon some part of the external, physical world. As a traveller, I've relied upon scores of guidebooks to enhance my understanding of scores of localities. But one book I came across recently seems distinctly different than most of the others.

What sets *Israel: A Spiritual Travel Guide apart?* Largely, it's the orientation of its author, Rabbi Lawrence A. Hoffman, whose focus is the inner, spiritual world of the traveller rather than the outer, physical world through which the traveller moves.

The book isn't an encyclopedia of information about religious sites, as one might expect. Rather, it's a handbook for the religiously inclined to experience the Promised Land as spiritual pilgrims.

The author notes, for instance, that Jewish pilgrims in previous centuries reached Jerusalem "only after trekking through the wilderness first, not at all unlike the Israelites who journeyed from Egypt."

By comparison, he says, the quick flight and taxi-ride from Ben Gurion Airport that puts us in the heart of Jerusalem can undercut our appreciation of the Holy City.

"Before plane travel ... Jerusalem (was) the end of the journey, not the beginning," he writes. "We lose something by starting out where we really ought to end up."

Hoffman's recipe for getting the most from a trip to Israel is "Anticipate, Approach, Acknowledge. Afterthought." He provides readings, prayers, poems, psalms, meditations and blessings to put the traveller in the correct frame of mind to "Know Before Whom (or What) You Are Standing."

Localities treated include Deganya, the Jezreel Valley, Safed, the Dead Sea, Sodom, Ein Gedi, Masad, the Allenby Bridge, the Jaffa Gate, Har Herzl, the Knesset, the Kotel, Temple Mount, Mount Scopus, Hebron, Bethlehem, Haifa, Beit Hat'futsot (Tel Aviv) and Mount Nebo (Jordan).

Published by Jewish Lights Publishing, Vermont, and available in select bookstores. 802-457-4000.

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Algonquin Reveries: Tucked into the urban streetscape of W. 44th St. in Manhattan, the Algonquin Hotel has been graced in recent years by the addition of a historic brass plaque to its exterior.

The plaque explains that in its heyday in the 1920s the hotel was home to the famed Round Table, and thus a favoured watering hole for the likes of Dorothy Parker, Robert Benchley, Alexander Woollcott, Robert Sherwood, Edna Ferber, Harold Ross, Harpo Marx and George S. Kaufman.

Because I admire the works of many of these personalities, I've always been attracted to The Algonquin. It's still a haunt for less-established writers, who come for a weekend stay (or at least drinks with live entertainment in the Oak Room) in hopes of becoming witty or famous by osmosis.

Oh, well: at least the hotel is quiet, clean, and has a convenient midtown location. Also, its wallpaper, which features clever cartoons from *The New Yorker*, keeps one happily amused while waiting for an elevator.

Despite its grand reputation, the Algonquin, it must be said, is not a grand hotel. It's built on a human scale and has only two elevators. Its rooms and corridors are of modest dimensions.

Still, as Dorothy Parker famously quipped one rainy afternoon, it was her favourite place to "get out of my wet things and into a dry martini." It's a place with great character, and even a lobby cat. 59 W. 44th St. (212) 840-6800.

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For Armchair Travellers: The Oxford Press has produced an inviting book for readers interested in geography, history, travel and the age of the explorers.

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Film filled with good intentions

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the latest model Cadillac in a showroom.

Liberty Heights turns on three separate but ultimately related dramas which affect Ben, his brother Van (Adrien Brody) and their father: Ben's platonic fling with Sylvia (Rebekah Johnson), the only black girl in his newly-desegregated high school; Van's infatuation with a Christian girl, the blonde, beautiful, preppy Dubbie (Carolyn Murphy); and Nate's uneasy and disastrous relationship with Little Melvin (Orlando Jones), an anti-Semitic black drug dealer given to mouthing the loathsome phrase, "Are you trying to Jew me out of my money?"

As Levinson demonstrates, Baltimore in the mid-1950s was rife with covert anti-Semitism and racial stereotypes.

When Ben and his friends intrude upon an exclusive country club, they bump into a sign that reads "No Jews, Dogs or Coloreds Allowed."

At a Halloween party, one of Van's companions touches off a fist fight when he is pointedly asked whether he is Jewish.

This touchiness about being Jewish can lead to self-hatred, as when Yussel (David Krumholtz), Van's college friend, dyes his hair blond, anglicizes his name on the fly and passes himself off as a Scandinavian.

Clearly, *Liberty Heights* has a knack for recreating the racial animus which pervaded Baltimore 45 years ago. To cite but two examples: Ben's mother (Bebe Neuwirth) is less than thrilled by his harmless dalliance with the demure Sylvia, while Sylvia's father, a wealthy doctor, forbids her to date white boys, claiming it is unrespectable.

Levinson's portrait of racially divided Baltimore is sociologically sound and interesting. But is it dramatically compelling? The answer is no. The script, written by Levinson, is too predictable and pat. Even scenes meant to heighten the adrenaline are, at best, somewhat limp. And while the performances are workmanlike, they are far from memorable.

Take *Liberty Heights* for what it is: a middling film larded with good intentions.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

CHANUKAH CELEBRATIONS

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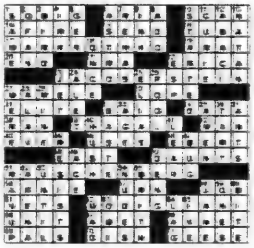
The multifaceted event includes storytelling, candle lighting, latkes, masks, puppets, sing-alongs and music by klezmer artists. Sunday Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m. Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave. Adults $6, children $2.

Growing the Light, a pre-event family workshop, involves songs and stories, and the building of a chanukiyah. Bloor JCC, Dec. 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults $2, or $4 for the whole family. 416-924-6211.

ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



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Winchevsky Celebration: Hear Chanukah music with the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir, the children of the Morris Winchevsky School and the Camp Naivelt Klezmer Band at the Winchevsky Centre's community Chanukah celebration, Who Needs the Gift of Light?

The program includes a secular candle-lighting ceremony, a telling of the story of the holiday, musical performances, dreidel games and craft activities for children, and latkes and drinks. Members, $3 per person, $15 maximum per family. Non-members, $7 per person, $18 maximum per family (plus a contribution for the pot-luck lunch).

Winchevsky Centre, 585 Crawbrooke Ave. Sunday Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m. 416-789-5502.

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Friends of Yiddish: Khanuke Hulianke is an "evening of great fun and good food in the Khanuke tradition," presented by the Friends of Yiddish. Featuring **Allan Merovitz** with the **Simcha Klezmer Ensemble**, **Martin van de Ven**, **Anne Lederman**, and **Sasha Luminsky**. There will also be candle lighting, a sing-along, dancing, latkes and more.

Adath Sholom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. Saturday Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. Members $5, guests $15. Reservations required. Sandy, 416-736-8073.

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Koffler Celebration: The Koffler Centre of the Arts presents a Holiday Celebration of Song, an evening of choral music with the **Lachan Chamber Chorus**, the **Cantilena Gospel Choir** and the **Rananim Childrens Chorus**. The choirs perform seasonal and traditional selections under the direction of **Cantor Benjamin Maissner** and **Wayne Gilpin**.

Highlights are Handel's *Glory of the Lord* and the *Judas Maccabeus* /*Hallelujah* from the *Messiah*.

Leah Posluns Theatre, Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m. Adults $10. 416-636-1880, ext. 0.

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Strike Up the Band: Although in the midst of a labour dispute, musicians of the **Toronto Symphony Orchestra** present *Tea and Symphony*, an afternoon of musical treasures, tea and delicacies. TSO members perform Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*, featuring **Jacques Israelievitch** as soloist and leader, and excerpts from Handel's *Judas Maccabeus* featuring the Temple Emmanu-el Choir, cantor **Anna Trubashnik** and soprano **Renee Bouthot**.

Temple Emmanu-el, 120 Old Colony Rd. Dec. 5, 3 p.m. $50. 416-449-3880.

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Donny Maseng at Beth Tzedec: Born in Israel to American parents, **Donny Maseng** appears on stage with a guitar and countless stories that he learned from his grandfather. His one-man show, *Wasting Time with Harry Davidovitz*, interweaves folk-tales, personal stories and Shabbat songs in Hebrew, Yiddish, English and Ladino.

Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., Dec. 11, 8 p.m. Adults $15 in advance, $18 at the door. 416-781-3511. Web site www.bethtzedec.org.

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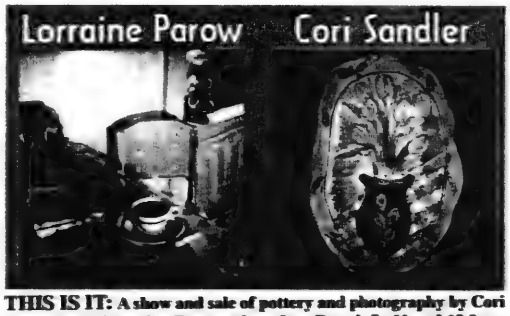
Music and Drama

•**From Broadway to Klezmer:** A Celebration of Jewish Music features the **Paul Mathew Orchestra**. Dec. 7, 8 p.m. Beth Torah, 47 Glenbrook Ave. Free admission; refreshments. Mollie, 416-733-3634.

•**Anne Ptasznik** reads from *No Posthumous Victory: Growing Up in the Shadow of Horror*, which details the journey of a daughter of a Holocaust survivor seeking to develop a relationship with God, her father, a man and herself. The hour-long piece, which began as a short monologue, explores the impact of trauma on the next generation.

The Space, 489 Dupont St., second floor. Dec. 1, 2 and 4 at 8 p.m. Psychotherapist **David Schatzky** moderates a post-reading discussion, Dec. 4. $10. 416-251-9292.

• The international hit comedy *ART* continues at the Royal Alexandra Theatre through Dec. 19. $66.50-$26.50. 416-872-1212 or 1-800-461-3333.



THIS IS IT: A show and sale of pottery and photography by Cori Sandler and Lorraine Parow takes place Dec. 4 ,5 , 11 and 12 from noon to 8 p.m. at The Mac's Milk Mansion, 471 Jarvis St., Toronto. Sandler is a potter who had a one-woman show at the George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art – the only all ceramic museum of its kind in North America. Parow is a photographer/painter who's been published in *Time*, *Forbes*, *Fortune* and *Maclean's*.

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Travel Talk

By Bill Gladstone

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Offering many good maps and rare illustrations, the *Oxford Atlas of Exploration* is a colourful compendium detailing hundreds of voyages and expeditions that increased our knowledge of the world.

The book stretches from pre-Roman to modern times. The final sections focus on remaining exploratory challenges: the ocean depths, the mountain heights, the tropical forests, the scorching deserts, the polar regions. Makes a good gift for students and armchair travellers.

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Israel Notes

•*In the Heart of the Atlas — Jews of Rural Morocco* is a new exhibition of rare photographs taken by Elias Harrus between 1940 and 1960. At the Beth Hatfutsoth Museum, Tel Aviv.

• A facility exists to help families with handicapped children to visit Israel. The Alyn Children's Hospital & Rehabilitation Centre, located in Jerusalem, can accommodate children with various physical disabilities (up to age 21) on vacation in Israel with their parents.

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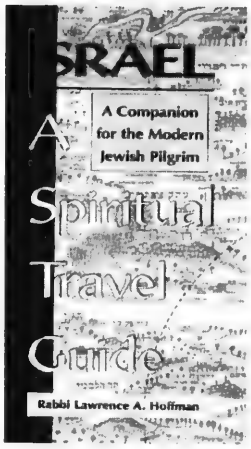

A musical journey

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But even in death there is hope, and the Syracuse chorus performed *Inscription of Hope* by Z. Randall Stroope, based on words found in in the cellar of a house in Cologne, Germany, where Jews had lived. The inscription reads, in part, "Hope held firm will eventually reign."

The hope that the Jewish people will live has been realized. The journey has taken many to North America, where different cultures live side by side. So the concert included an excerpt from *Mass*, by Leonard Bernstein, and *Keewaydin*, by Canadian composer Harry Freedman.

Keewaydin is, Jennie explained, a list of native Canadian names, which may each mean something, although the piece has no overall message.

It is heard as a series of sounds that convey a feeling of being in the wilderness, ending with the echoing call of a loon.

Following the medleys by Gershwin and Copland, with which the young choristers clearly had fun, the concert concluded with a message of peace – and not just for the Jewish people.

The combined choirs sang, in Hebrew, *Al Shlosha D'varim*, by a young composer, Allan E. Naplan: "The world is sustained by three things, by truth, by justice, and by peace."

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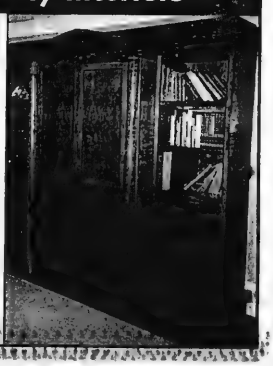

Business Profile

Three young entrepreneurs make kids happy

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Ask Anton Rabie, president of Spin Master Toys, the three top reasons why a toy company succeeds, and he'll tell you – selection, selection, selection.

Rabie, 27, who owns the company along with Ronnen Harary, 27, CEO, and Ben Varadi, 28, executive vice-president, says the toy selection process is critical. "We're all about finding great products. If someone comes to us with an idea that we think is special, we'll develop it."

Rabie and Harary, who met at camp Northland when they were 10 years old, produced and marketed a university poster called Campus Faces in 1991, while attending business school at the University of Western Ontario.

Just days after graduation, they were joined in business by Varadi, and with $10,000 in start-up capital, introduced the Earth Buddy. This novelty item, which grows grass of out its head when watered,had taken off in Israel.

"The success of our business – then called the Earth Buddy Partnership – was a complete and total surprise. There are no words to describe that first year. We had bumped into an item that catapulted the company," Rabie said.

"It was more of a project than a business. We just produced the Earth Buddy, and then sold it. We were focusing on maximizing our opportunity."

Six months after its launch more than 1.5 million units had been produced and sold, 200 employees were employed in the factory, and Earth Buddy had Canada-wide distribution, he says.

"The magic of the product is that it is like a pet; it had an interactive component. People would wake up and water it – they nurtured it. It was the Pet Rock phenomenon."

Subsequently, the trio introduced Spin Master Devil Sticks, a three-piece juggling set that quickly became the country's number one, non-promoted toy, he says.

It was Air Hogs, however, a line of toy planes powered solely by air pressure, requiring no gas and batteries, that took the company soaring.

When the three partners saw a prototype of the Air Hog in 1996, other toy companies, including Mattel and Hasbro, had already passed on the idea. They had a vision, however, "of it flying far – of doing huge loops. We just felt we had to do it."

The planes took 2½ years to develop, at a cost of $500,000, but the biggest risk was the uncertainty that revolved around the project, he says. "There was no existing category for air-powered planes, no engineering model to follow, and most of all, there were many warnings from industry experts about the dangers of the flying category; after all, whatever goes up, has to come down."

[From left] Ronnen Harary, Anton Rabie and Ben Varadi along with a collection of Spin Master Toys.

Risks aside, however, Spin Master was able to set up the Air Hog line in the Orient, manage production, apply quality control procedures and mass manufacture the product.

In 1998, the Air Hog, which Rabie describes as "the world's farthest flying air pressure plane," which had an ability to fly more than 100 yards, the length of a football field, was one of the holiday season's best-selling toys.

Popular Science magazine featured Air Hogs on its December 1998 cover as one of the year's top achievements in science and technology. By June 1999, the company had produced its one millionth unit.

The beauty of the plane, which Rabie considers a "high-ticket toy" at about $40, is that it is safe and easy to use, he says. "The propeller is plastic and has a large foam nose cone that keeps fingers away from the blades, and allows kids to stop rotation easily and safely."

As well, "the plastic is strong, the wings were designed to absorb crashes, no maintenance is required, and it has real sound and real flight. It is much easier to start and fly than gas-powered planes. Boys and girls as young as eight years old can conquer flight."

Since its inception, says Rabie, Spin Master has become a different company. "The greatest thrill, is that we've developed worldwide distribution. It is powerful to know that we have toys in every first- and second-world country.

"The company is no longer related to an item," says Rabie, "but rather, it is related to who we are. We've built a team, and we've made a difficult transition from an entrepreneurial company to one that enjoys global leadership."

There are more than 50 people working at the company's Toronto head office, and an office has also been opened in Hong Kong to oversee manufacturing. There are also showrooms in New York and Dallas.

"We have, however, maintained the entrepreneurial spirit," says Rabie. "Creativity, passion and ingenuity is the personality of the company.

"We still get very excited when we take a product from a to z. It is after we select an item, that we do what we do best – coming up with packaging, which is awesome, and developing a marketing strategy."

Afterwards, he says, "Ben [Varadi] oversees operations – what it looks like and what it works like. We see a product through from the very beginning to the very end."

Currently, Rabie says, the company is seeking a general manager in the Orient. "We're taking the company to the next level. We need to have engineers there to do quality control. It is a major step.

"In the next year, we should have 50 people working in Hong Kong. On simpler projects, all the work will be able to be done there."

Spin Master's latest products include the Flick Trix finger bikes, finger-play bikes that sell for about $10. "There is a boiling going on in the marketplace because of these bikes – there is such a demand," says Rabie.

The partners were so impressed when they first saw the bikes, he says, "that we took the whole thing to market in 75 days. That is an example of our entrepreneurial ability."

The bikes are made from sturdy, die-cast materials, have working front and back brakes, interchangeable mag and spoked wheels, and are complete with a metal wrench, real-working crank and working U-lock, Rabie says. "The bikes are anything but a toy. Collectors, enthusiasts, and even riders themselves are into them. It is a true trend, there seems to be no age limit, and people of all ages are getting into them."

The best thing about the bikes, says Harary "is all the tricks you can do. Since everything on the finger bikes work, kids can practise and perform all the tricks that the pros do. That's the kind of interactivity that makes a toy great."

Extreme sports, such as snowboarding and downhill mountain biking have become the rage, and these bikes are at the heart of extreme sports, says Rabie. "There is also a trend towards finger-play toys, so we've piggy-backed a lot of trends."

The prediction for Chanukah, he says, is that "consumers will be lucky to get a bike. Mastermind has had so many requests that they've asked us to air freight 5,000 pieces. If a store is willing to air freight in a product, there is serious reason for it."

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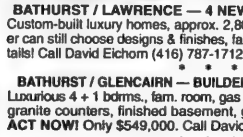

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Arts & Travel

Play director shares his love of Broadway melodies

By KATHRYN KATES
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Actor, director and teacher Allan Price has been sharing his love of the musical stage in a program he runs called Broadway Melody.

"Broadway Melody is a singing class for people that enjoy singing," he says. "It is not a vocal class, it is just an enjoyment of the music."

Participants do 10 to 15 songs a night, all taken from Broadway. The 10-week fall program concludes with a concert on Dec. 6.

Price's passion for the theatre began at University of Toronto in the play *The Brothers Karamazov*. This experience not only introduced him to theatre, but to his future wife Liz, now a computer programmer. The couple has since had two sons, Matthew 29 and Jonathan 24.

After college, Price picked up some roles in TV and theatre. Many may remember Price on the television series, *The Hart* and *Lorne Terrific Hour*.

To supplement his acting income, Price taught drama in North York. "I used to get acting jobs during the summer holidays, one of these jobs, I tried to keep secret from my students. It was a lead part in Ivan Reitman's first feature film called *Cannibal Girls*, starring Andrea Martin and Eugene Levy.

"It was a comedy/horror flick, which had a bit of nudity. I was seen in bed with one of the girls just before getting cannibilized. Needless to say, some of my students saw the film, by sneaking into the theatre, pretending to be 18. It caused a bit of a stir with my principal!"

After being out of touch with the theatre community for a decade, in the mid-80s Price auditioned for a part in *Guys and Dolls* at The Leah Posluns Theatre in Toronto. It was the first of 18 shows he was cast for at the theatre.

"Reva Stern, who was the artistic director and directed me in a number of the productions was a mentor, encouraged me and gave me confidence," he says.

"I like the stage because it is fresh every night. On stage you can feel the audience. I feel theatre is a combination of you as the performer, the writer who is giving you the words and situation and the audience, who mean an awful lot. You get an immediate response from the audience, which you don't get from a technician behind a camera. I don't feel as comfortable in film work. It's all acting but in some ways it is a different discipline and skill."

Of late, the thespian has been in great demand, just wrapping a beer commercial and a small part in the film *Piano Man's Daughter*.

He has been teaching kids at CharActors and helped form a theatre company out of Thornhill for which he directed *Annie*, *Wizard of Oz* and co-directed *Alice in Wonderland*.

His next offering as a director will be *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat* at Leah Posluns in March.

Price just finished a successful run playing Ivan in the Norm Foster play, *Drinking Alone*, for Tribal Productions, held at the Studio Theatre at the Ford Centre. So pleased with his work in *Drinking Alone* and last year's production of *Office Hours*, Tribal has already cast the actor in their next two Studio Theatre plays. He'll portray "The Old Man" in *Prelude to a Kiss*, running Feb. 23 - March 12 and "The Father" in *Broadway Bound* from April 25 - May 14.

Music lovers with a penchant to sing can book a seat for the Dec. 6 Broadway Melody at 8:30 p.m. at CharActors Theatre Troupe at 11 Glencameron Rd. Unit #4 in Thornhill. There is no charge and it is open to anyone interested in taking the 12-week winter class. Call 905-764-5695.

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By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

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In the background there is lively klezmer music, including accordion pieces by Michael Spudic, a non-Jewish active Yiddishist.

Lerer appears again in the half-hour presentation *NO SHMALTZ! My Yiddisheh Cooking Video* as the bubbie who gives low-fat, dairy-free recipes for nine dishes, mock liver, egg-free matzah-balls, knishes, broth, babaganoush, Armenian tomato soup, and chickpea cutlets, among them.

She freely gives advice that *knobel* (garlic) is good for high blood pressure, and smacking her lips, after a delicious dish, says her enemies should not enjoy such good taste.

Lerer claims that the term *mameloshen* is derived from men losing their tongues after their wives begin to speak.

A neophyte at making videos, producer Roland Millman says some of the actors have still not been paid.

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THOUGHTFUL
Single Jewish male, sincere, fit, slender, established, professional, mid 40's, honest, intelligent, down to earth, variety of interests, traditional values, devoted, part time dad, enjoy life. Seeking a Jewish female, fit, professional, mom, 40's. AD#1712

EUROPEAN BORN
Single male, late 50's, 5'9", 76kg, financially established, good health, non smoker, handsome, active, romantic, passionate, strong Jewish values, enjoy dancing, travelling, cooking. Seeking a female, in her 40's, non smoker, not overweight, with Jewish values. AD#1541

STARTING OVER
Single male, Real Estate Broker and writer, divorced, no children, good natured, volunteer once a week, jog regularly, adventurous. Seeking a female, preferably Jewish, who wants to start a family, if not, that is fine as well. AD#1519

Sports

Ethiopian runners give Israel Olympic hope

By WENDY ELLIMAN
WZPS

TEL AVIV — The concept is wholly east European, and sure enough, it is fathered by a Russian. But the place is Israel and, although it wasn't planned that way, the youngsters are all Ethiopian.

In 1997, with the blessing of the country's Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport, Israel's Russian-born national trainer Arkady Sklar set out to identify gifted young Israeli runners, nurture and train them to international standards and, hopefully, carry off a gold medal in the next Olympics.

"It wasn't conceived of as a program for Ethiopian youngsters," says Sklar. "But, quite simply, that's where the talent lies. Of the 15 boys selected for this first group, all were born in Ethiopia."

Salamon Elias, 16, is one of them. "I'd been in Israel for four years, and had been running seriously for three," he says. "I knew I was good because I always won, but I never thought of doing anything with it."

An only child, Elias lost his mother in infancy. His father is a truck driver and is often away from their Haifa home. The invitation to move to a residential high school as part of a special training program couldn't have been more welcome.

For 15-year-old Amir Getz, his selection was like "a gift from heaven." Although devoted to his family, it was extremely crowded in the tiny pre-fab Hadera apartment. "Sure I miss my mom and my dad, my brothers and my sisters," he says. "But I see them every few weeks, and here at the youth village I have my own bed, my own worktable and my own space."

Ethiopian-born Israeli youngsters in training at their home in the Hadassah Neurim Youth Village near Netanya. [WZPS photo]

The Hadassah Neurim youth village, situated on the seashore north of Netanya, is where Getz, Elias and the others now live and study. Part of Israel's unique Youth Aliya network of residential schools designed, in part, for young newcomers to Israel, it is supported by Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, and the Jewish Agency for Israel. During its 51 years, Hadassah Neurim has run a range of experimental and national-level projects for the thousands of youngsters educated and cared for on its pastoral campus.

"We were more than happy to take this one on," says Avi Ohayon, sports project co-ordinator at Hadassah Neurim. "We're experienced, we have two stadiums, we're close to the Wingate Physical Culture Institute, which designed and supervises the training program, and we're right on the beach, so the boys can run for miles along the shore."

But the youth village took the project on with some very explicit strictures. "First," says Ohayon, "the boys are part and parcel of the school. Although their training and even their diet set them apart, they are expected to apply themselves to the regular high school curriculum, study together with the general student body, and play a full part in the life of the village.

"Second, we stress that classroom study is as important to their future as their running, and we're happy that most are very strong in math, physics, chemistry and geography as well as on the track."

Uri Saalo, 15, Israel's 3,000-metre youth champion, has just added electronics to his study load.

"When the running is over, I'll have a good alternate career option," he says.

Elias's plans for the future, however, are focused on the track. "I guess I'll have to stop running when I get to 30," he says (which, from his perspective is still half a lifetime away). "Then I think I'd like to be a trainer. Perhaps Israel's national trainer like Arkady."

The 15 young runners stand out among the 800 teenagers at Hadassah Neurim – the Israelis, the Russians, even the 200 Ethiopians.

"Yes, I guess we are a kind of elite," says Saalo. "We have different food from the others – high-calorie, high-vitamin. We go to Wingate twice a week for training, we get up earlier than the others to run before breakfast every morning, and then again all afternoon, and, of course, we travel all over Israel, and sometimes abroad, for contests."

Saalo recently took second place in the 3,000 metres in the European youth championships half-marathon, and came seventh in the world championship in China.

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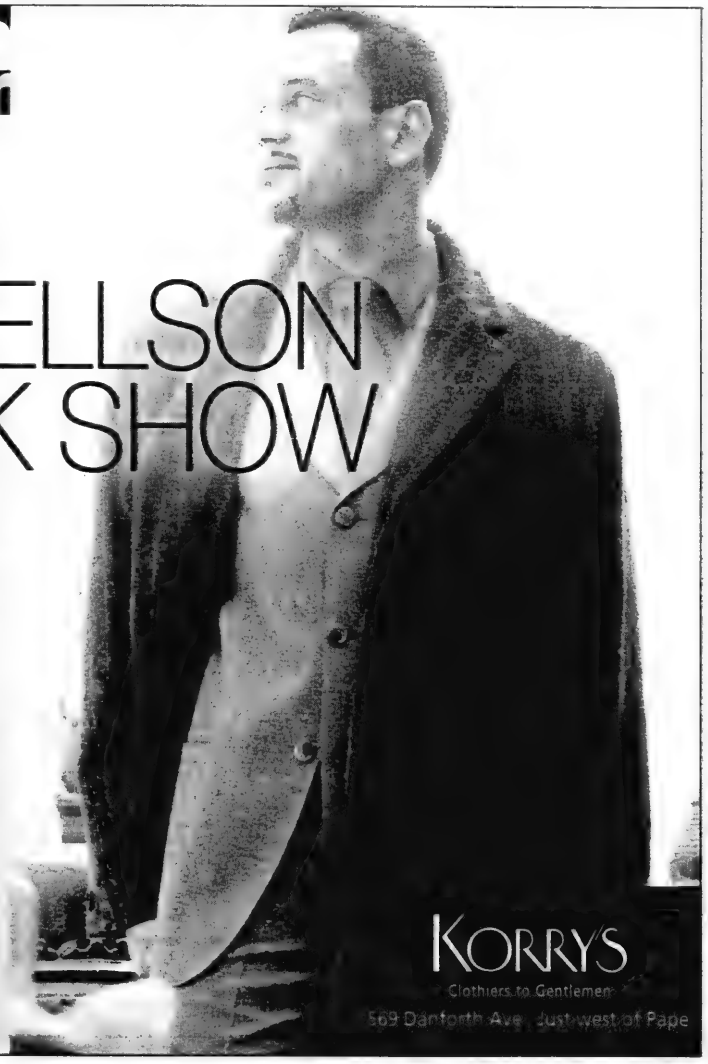

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The Inside Back

Time to say goodbye

By JONATHAN SHIFF

Since this is the last time this column will appear, I thought I would take the opportunity to share some general thoughts about the Israeli legal system. Trying to summarize such a complex topic in a few words is destined to failure, but I believe it is important enough to try.

As anyone who follows Israeli society and politics will know, the courts have taken an increasingly important role in shaping the nature of the country. From its hesitant start in the early days of the State, the Supreme Court has created civil rights, and established norms of behaviour which apply to the various branches of government.

This activity has evolved from simply protecting the citizen from capricious acts of bureaucrats, to highly developed doctrines of civil liberties that in many ways do not fall below those of countries like the United States and Canada.

This is not to say there isn't room for criticism. In my opinion, the courts have sometimes overstepped the boundary, substituting their views for those of the elected officials, even when there was no legal basis to do so.

Thus, for example, court decisions preventing ministers from appointing certain people to the civil service, or even telling the prime minister he may not appoint someone to the cabinet, while helping to establish proper norms of behavior, may lead to a situation where actions can be pronounced illegal simply because the judges don't like them.

Furthermore, court intervention in some social issues involving, for example, religion and the state, smacks of policy-making on the part of the judges. In effect, the judges seem to forget sometimes that there are some social or political ills they cannot solve.

The real danger is that this overextension may in fact undermine the very real and important roles the court does play. If the Knesset should react to a legally problematic judgment, for example, by curtailing the court's power to overturn legislation, we will have lost an important bastion of democracy in Israel. If you will excuse the pun, the court's powers are best used judiciously.

At the same time, there has been neglect of another part of the legal system. Whether you believe it stems from lack of budgets, from the fact that the current leadership of the court is uninterested, or that Israeli society is simply too litigious, the fact remains that the courts are terribly clogged, and it can take years for even simple cases to wind their way through the system.

The old cliché that justice delayed is justice denied is very true, and if the courts cannot fulfil the basic role of judging disputes, the rule of law will suffer enormous damage. Whatever the root causes, the leaders of the legal establishment must put their rivalries aside and solve this problem before the courts become irrelevant to most citizens, with the disastrous results we have seen elsewhere.

In other words, it is not easy to sum up the state of the Israeli legal system on the verge of the millennium. We have certainly come a long way in 50 years, from the remnants of non-democratic systems left by the Ottomans and the British, to a modern system protecting civil rights and creating the infrastructure required for a vibrant economy. At the same time there are things, which need to be repaired, and we ignore them at our peril.

In any case, I hope that this column has been helpful in illustrating some of these points. Even more so, I hope that readers will continue to follow legal developments in Israel, which are an essential component of the social and political changes our country is undergoing.

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1/2 tsp salt	1/2 cup cinnamon + 1 tsp sugar for garnish

Insert metal blade into processor bowl. Add egg, sugar, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and water. Process about 5 seconeds, until well mixed.

Add half apples to egg mixture in processor bowl. Pulse 2 or 3 times. Add remaining apples and flour. Pulse several times then process 15 seconds.

Heat vegetable oil in pan. Spoon 1/4 tblsp of batter for each pancake, into frying pan. Fry until edges are brown. Turn with slotted spatula and brown the other side. Remove and drain on paper towels. Sprinkle cinnamon/sugar mixture over warm latkes. Yield: 4 to 6

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About Life

Dear Ella,

I have been invited to my neighbour's wedding, and my husband and I are arguing about how much the gift should be.

I think that these days you don't give anything less than $200 per couple. He says I'm nuts. He thinks because we don't know these people very well, we are in no way obligated to spend that kind of money.

I have to see these people every day. I would be totally embarrassed giving them anything less than $200, which I believe to be the going rate. I can't bear the thought of being called a "schnorer" behind my back.

What do you feel is the appropriate amount that should be given for a wedding, or even for a bar or bat mitzvah? I know that if you agree with me, it will put an end to our arguing and my husband will just go with it.

How much is too much

Dear How much is too much

It's an interesting question you are asking. What is appropriate to give at a wedding or a bar or bat mitzvah? As I am not an expert in this field, I decided to poll some folks who either attend many of these functions or are in the process of making a simchah.

The answers I got were varied. I heard anything from $36 for a bar mitzvah to $300 for a wedding. The rationales I got for those answers were everything from "I can't afford too much, I am invited to too many affairs" to "That doesn't even pay for the meal." Many of the answers also hinged on how well people knew the couple or family.

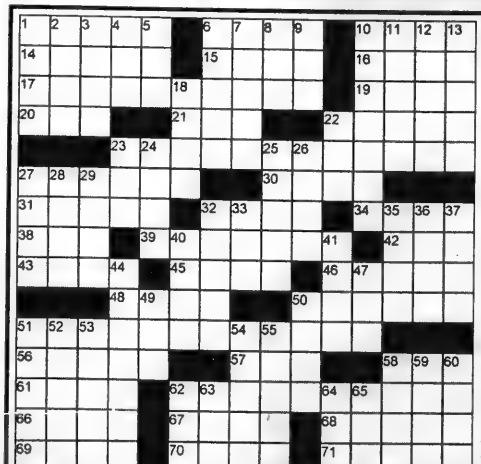
Here is the bottom line:

The majority of people asked said for a wedding or night affair bar or bat mitzvah, the appropriate amount is $200 per couple. For an afternoon affair, the amount is $150 per couple.

I would be interested to hear from you, our readers, what you think the proper gift should be. Is it really appropriate to expect your guest to pay for the equivalent of their meal? Does the gift always have to be monetary? Does it really matter if the people are neighbours, acquaintances or relatives? I was at a wedding recently where a few people gave no gift at all.

I always thought a simchah was just that. A gathering of one's closest friends and relatives all coming together to celebrate your happiness. How idealistic!!

Readers may submit their questions to Ella at The CJN. *But Ella is not a professional counsellor. She brings to the questions posed by readers her unique brand of earthy wisdom. Her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, consult a professional.*



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Paging Bezalel...

By Matt Gaffney and David Bianco
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(This week's answers are on page 46.)

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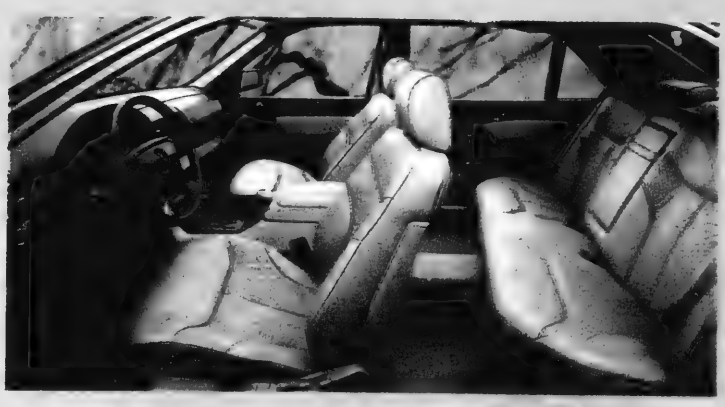

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Old City Jerusalem [Michel Ohayon photo]

At the Castle Fortress [Carolyn Ruben photo]

Jerusalem: *The capital for secular and religious Jews*

By GIL TROY
Special to The CJN

About 15 years ago, I had Shabbat dinner in Jerusalem with a retired radio reporter. He had spent three decades covering Israel for America's old Mutual Broadcasting network. I forget his name – but I will never forget his story.

His was a typical Israeli apartment, a bit too small, overflowing with a few too many books. The furniture was simple but not shabby, with a picture of an officer in uniform dominating the living room wall-unit.

And he was a typical journalist, well educated, wide-ranging, brimming with great stories.

"What was his greatest moment in journalism," I asked him, whereupon he left the table, cued up an old reel-to-reel tape machine on his wall-unit, and said, "Listen."

The tape was from the morning of June 7, 1967. My host had set out early that morning, and ended up at an Israeli command post on Rechov Strauss, in the centre of Jerusalem, with a good view of the ancient walled city. As my friend set the scene, I tried to picture tanks and soldiers, half-tracks and stretchers, amid the tacky souvenir shops and pungent schwarma stands of today's Jerusalem. The tape began with a description of the efforts of Mota Gur's paratrooper brigade to reach the Old City.

The reporter's dispassionate, descriptive, professional tone sounded to the ears of this spoiled American like the play-by-play of a well-paced basketball or hockey game. Only this time, the roar of ammunition replaced the roar of the crowds.

Then, from his perch, the reporter saw the paratroopers pierce Lion's Gate and enter the Old City. All of sudden, he burst out: "After 2,000 years, the Jewish people have liberated Jerusalem! Jerusalem is ours once again!"

Hearing this man shift from objective reporter to proud Jew, gave me goose bumps. His sense of history, the way he felt the past in the present, instinctively echoed the stirring battle orders handed to the troops that morning, which read: "Final objective: the Temple Mount, the Western Wall, the Old City. For 2,000 years our people have prayed for this moment. Kadimah [Let us go forward] – to victory."

As my host turned off the tape recorder, I asked about the picture on the wall-unit.

"That," he said, "is my son. He died in Lebanon two years ago."

This journalist was a true Yerushalmi, a Jerusalemite, infected by the spirit of the city. Mesmerized by the city's past, he could not simply sit on the sidelines. Despite his professional training, he had to get involved, he had to be passionate, he had to commit his soul, and his family's future, to the Jewish people's eternal city. He had paid an exorbitant price, but he had no regrets.

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Happy Chanukah

HONOURABLE MENTION: "Peace and happiness" [Machtesh Ramon photo]

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHERS: For the second year in a row, *The CJN* is delighted to publish the winners of the Israel Experience Photo Contest. Last year's winning photos appeared in our Rosh Hashanah Greetings Supplement. This year we are publishing them in our Chanukah Greetings supplement. They cast their own special form of light, and through its bright, blue summertime glow, we are able to catch a glimpse of our children's life-altering encounters last summer in Israel. All the photos in this supplement, except for the photos by Jen Arron, were submitted by Canadian teenagers who visited Israel under the auspices of the Canada Israel Experience Centre. The sponsors of the contest were: Canada-Israel Experience Centre, The Canadian Jewish News, El Al Airlines, Roots Canada and UIA Federations Canada.

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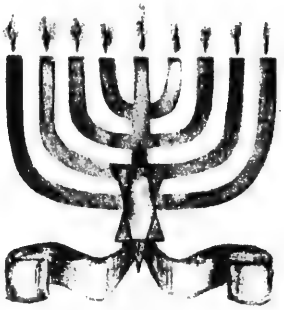

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Peace prevails on Israeli version of Sesame Street

By VIVA PRESS
Israel CJN Bureau

JERUSALEM — Carrying a bag of falafel, Dafi surprises Haneen when she shows up for lunch. Haneen looks to her mentor Adel, who is preparing hummus, for reassurance.

With Adel's nod of approval, Haneen welcomes Dafi and the two quickly fall into animated conversation.

They shriek and giggle as they repeat the names of the food they're eating. "Falafel, hummus," they screech.

Haneen is a Palestinian orange Muppet with a mop of pink hair. She lives on Shara'a Simsim. Dafi, purple with blue pigtails, is an Israeli Muppet from Rehov Sumsum.

They are two of the stars of an Israeli-Palestinian co-production of *Sesame Street*, where Arabs and Jews are on friendly terms despite living on separate streets.

This friendliness is more a myth than the reality of the mutual distrust still prevalent between Israelis and Palestinians today. However, liberal educators on both sides of the conflict are hoping this joint *Sesame Street* – showing similarities in language and culture – will prevent further prejudices from taking root at an early age.

At a symposium recently held in Jerusalem, Children's Television Workshop (CTW), which produces the American *Sesame Street* series, Al-Quds University's Institute of Modern Media, and Israel Education Television (IETV) officials met to discuss and evaluate the effectiveness of the new program.

"The show is having an impact. Israeli and Palestinian kids are saying nicer things about each other," said Gary Knell, president and CEO-elect of CTW.

Rehov Sumsum/Sharu'a Simsim (Sesame Street in Hebrew/Arabic) was created because of a belief that television could be used to inspire a new generation of Israeli and Palestinian children to learn about each other. Now, 70 half-hour programs later, research shows that it has done just that.

"After four month's exposure, kids were more likely to say positive things [about one another]," said Charlotte Cole, vice president of international research at CTW in New York.

She said Israeli and Palestinian kids who had negative images of one another – Israeli kids seeing Palestinians as dirty, and Palestinians seeing Israelis as violent – now had more positive images of the other group.

Citing the hummus-falafel skit, Cole said that "when kids see someone eating the same foods, it is very powerful to them."

Einat Yanai believed TV could influence children, so much so that she contacted IETV and had them build a Sesame Street in her kindergarten.

"In my seven years as a teacher, I never saw anything like it," she said referring to how her class of 35 kids reacted to the street. "The kids really loved the street. Their ad-

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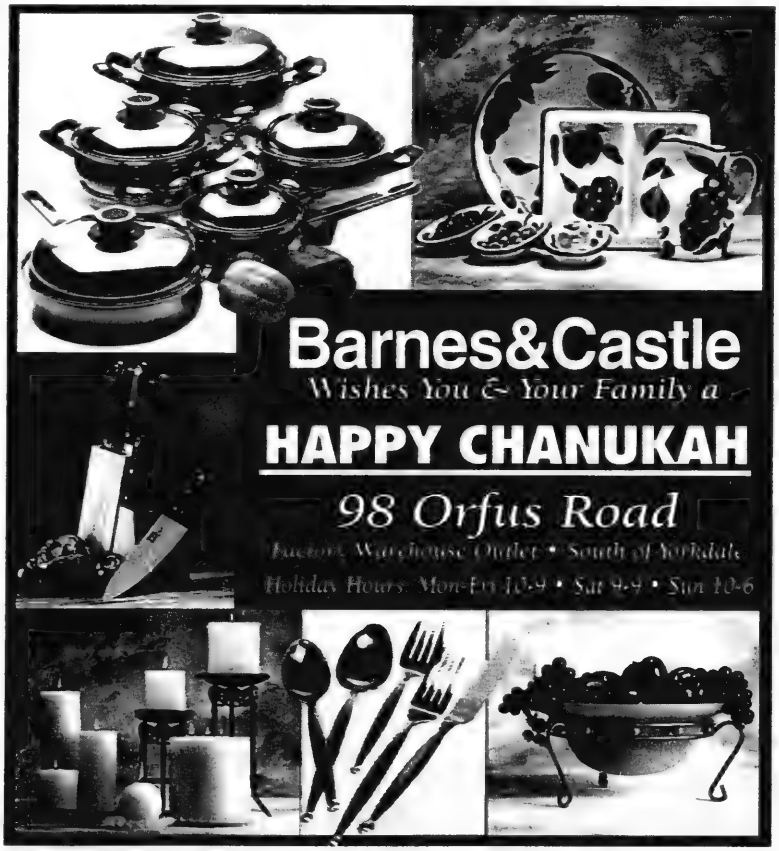
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Kids learn to accept others

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vancement was incredible."

The children learned how to count from the show, how to say some words in Arabic, and most of all, learned to accept others different from themselves, said Yanai, whose kindergarten was in Ramat Gan, just north of Tel Aviv.

The co-production was inspired by the 1993 handshake on the White House lawn between late Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

"When we saw the handshake, we knew that was an opportunity," said Lewis Bernstein, CTW's vice-president for international special projects, on a recent visit to Jerusalem.

"That was a beginning," he said.

The program is the first foreign co-production by two national groups.

It is also the first Palestinian rendition of the *Sesame Street* concept. An Israeli version of the show, ran from 1981 till 1998.

In the Israeli-Palestinian production, the Arab puppets and characters speak Arabic, and their Israeli counterparts speak Hebrew.

Bilingual Adel and Amal, human characters on the show, serve as interpreters.

The program began airing 18 months ago. Both series are taped in Israel Television's studios in Tel Aviv.

Rehov Sumsum is broadcast on IETV, while *Shara'a Simsim* is broadcast on Al-Quds Educational Television. Each show has its own producers and writers.

On *Rehov Sumsum/Shara'a Simsim* the characters don't all live on the same street. Instead, they visit one another.

Two years ago when the show was still in its early stages, Daoud Kuttab, Palestinian executive producer of the show, and Dolly Wolbrum, the Israeli executive producer, were stumped as to how the characters would meet each other.

The teams settled on "cross-over" segments in which characters who inhabit the Israeli street visit the Palestinian street and vice versa.

The Israeli characters – including Kippi, a pink porcupine who embodies the Israeli spirit of being prickly on the outside but sweet on the inside, and Dafi, a three-year-old girl puppet – live on a boardwalk with a view of the Mediterranean.

The Palestinians – including Karim, a rooster who exemplifies pride in Palestinian culture, and Haneen, a three-year-old Palestinian girl Muppet full of curiosity – live on a street surrounded by arid hills and olive trees.

The cross-over sections "show the different cultures. The idea is to see the other, to recognize the other, and to accept them," said Wolbrum.

The show, intended to promote tolerance and respect for others, is itself a unique production partnership among Israelis and Palestinians.

"I didn't think a joint program would work," said Kuttab. "I feel satisfied [with the program]. We were able to keep to the goals that we had."

The Palestinian and Israeli creators succeeded in working together despite the political unrest they faced – including the assassination of Rabin, bus bombings in Israel, and riots in the West Bank and Gaza.

According to research, of the households with children under eight who watch television, 55 percent watch the program. Amongst Arab-Israelis, 67 percent of their children watch the program; 41 percent of Israeli children watch; and 57 percent of Palestinian children tune in.

Ironically, just as the program has proved fruitful, production of new episodes has ceased.

Despite the positive climate at the symposium recently, the project's leaders are still undecided whether to go ahead with a new season and a new fund-raising campaign.

However, Wolbrum is optimistic about the future. "It was a mission impossible back then and with the outcome we now have, I believe it will continue," she said.

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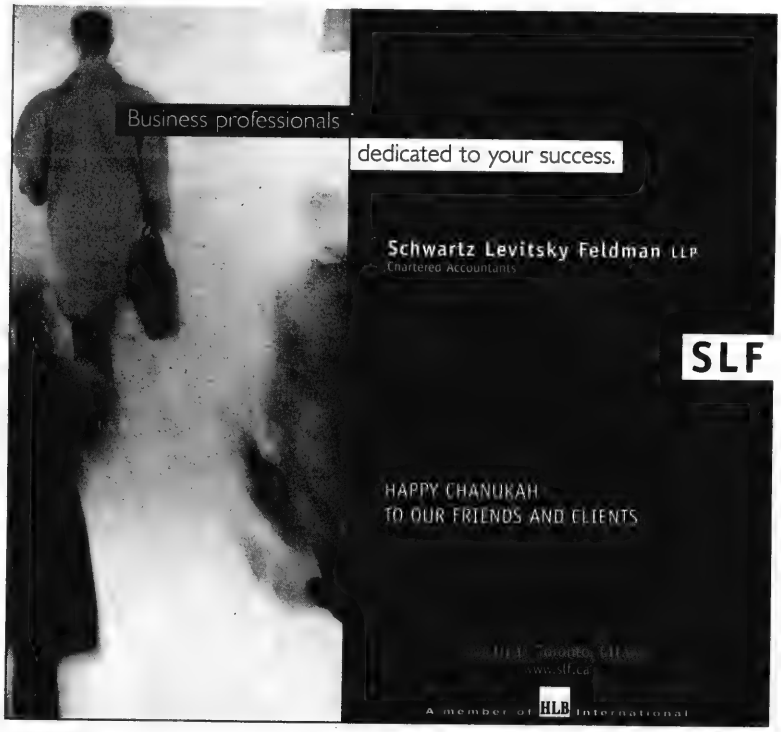

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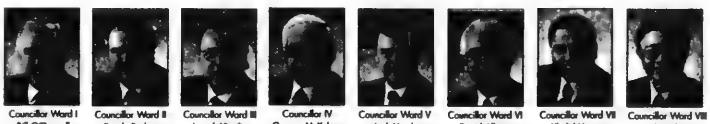

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City for secular & religious

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The power of Jerusalem reminds us that Zionism is a passionate, romantic movement – even if you are secular! A typical Israeli, this man did not think twice about flipping on a tape recorder during his Shabbat meal, but to call him "secular" is to ignore how deeply Jewish, how profoundly religious, he and so many of his actions were.

Zionism is a characteristically schizophrenic product of the characteristically schizophrenic 19th century, a century of rationalism and romanticism. Zionism was a product of the Enlightenment. It was rationalist, liberal, scientific and nationalist. But it also sought to compensate for the failures of the Enlightenment with a fundamentalist, romantic, spiritual and religious movement.

Theodor Herzl, whose political Zionism is now remembered as overwhelmingly pragmatic, secular and unromantic, did promise that with a Jewish state: "We shall live at last as free men on our own soil, and in our own homes peacefully die." But his imagination also soared when he envisioned the Switzerland-in-the-sand, the "Altneuland," old-new land, he hoped to build.

"The world will be liberated by our freedom, enriched by our wealth, magnified by our greatness," Herzl gushed. "And whatever we attempt there for our own benefit will redound mightily and beneficially to the good of all mankind."

Herzl learned the hard way just how profoundly religious his supposedly secular nationalist movement was. When he considered the British offer to establish a Jewish homeland in Uganda (actually the Kenyan highlands), his followers rebelled. Most understood that Zionism would not survive without Zion.

In synagogues throughout the world, when taking the Torah out of the Ark, Jews sing, "*Kee mi Tzion tezeh Torah, U davar Adoshem me'Yerushalayim*," the Torah will come forth from Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Zion, the biblical name for Jerusalem, is not just the 3,000-year-old capital of the Jewish people. It is the intellectual, cultural and spiritual centre of Jewish gravity.

Mentioned more than 800 times in the Bible, it was the city of David the heroic, who conquered it, and of Solomon the wise, who built the first of the two Holy Temples there.

During the many centuries of exile, Jerusalem symbolized both the glorious past of the Jewish people and their hopes for the future. Much of Jewish prayer, in fact, entailed reflecting on what there once was in Jerusalem as a way of conceptualizing what might again be there.

The fate of the Jewish people seemed tied directly to the fate of Jerusalem. As the great philosopher Martin Buber noted in 1934, "When Jerusalem ceased to be a Jewish city, when the Jew was no longer permitted to be at home in his own country, it is then that he was hurtled into the abyss of the world. Ever since, he has represented to the world the insecure man."

Most Zionists understood that only if Jerusalem was redeemed could the Jews be redeemed as well.

Jerusalem was such a vital symbol during the exile that it both inspired and repelled early Zionists. In the early throes of the Zionist revolution against rabbinic casuistry, some zealots discounted the centrality of Jerusalem. Hoping to build a new Europe in their ancient homeland, some young rebels felt compelled to reject the way Jerusalem had been used to anesthetize the Jews. To them, the Jerusalemite was a hostage to fate, awaiting the Messiah in prayerful silence while relying, in the meantime, on the next best thing – a handout from abroad.

Labour Zionists, in particular, sought a Nietzschean, "transvaluation of values," to transcend the passivity, the scholasticism, the excessive rationalism of the Diaspora Jew and the pious Jerusalemite.

Micah Joseph Berdicheviski rejected the rabbinic teaching that "Whoever walks by the way and interrupts his study to remark, 'How fine is that tree, how fine is that field,' forfeits his life!"

Berdicheviski believed that "Judah and Israel will be saved when another teaching is given unto us, namely: 'Whoever walks by the way and sees a fine tree and a fine field and leaves them to think on other thoughts, that man is like one who forfeits his life!' Give us back our fine trees and fine fields!" he cried at the turn of the century.

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HONOURABLE MENTION: "Something smells funky in the Army"

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The capital for all Jews

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"Give us back the universe!"

Ultimately, however, Jerusalem was such a central part of the Zionist's material and spiritual world that the idea had to be updated and reconfigured, but not rejected.

Even in 1882, a decade before Herzl, the gruff pioneers of Bilu (a group of young Jews fleeing the Russian pogroms) remembered being "a nation possessing a wise religion, a law, a constitution, a celestial Temple, whose wall [the Western wall] is still a silent witness to the glories of the past."

Establishing a modern, international movement, they chose an ancient city for their head office – Jerusalem. Conflating seemingly religious and secular symbols, they amended the Shema, the most fundamental of Jewish prayers to read: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one, and our land, Zion, is our one hope."

Four decades and two aliyot (waves of immigration) later, the great poet Chaim Nachman Bialik reconciled the rationalism and the passion, the nationalism and the spirituality, the modernism and the traditionalism, pulsating through Zionism.

The founding of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem on Jan. 4, 1925, marked a great moment in the development of the fledgling nation-state. The opening of this university testified to the rationalist, scientific side of Zionism, and also to a certain comfort level – if you can stop draining swamps and toiling in the fields to study, you are well on your way to building a sophisticated nation-state.

Bialik, who made his reputation with his poetry of oppression, of misery, of exile, now offered some prose of liberation.

Standing on Mount Scopus with its breathtaking view of Jerusalem's cobblestone alleyways and ancient walls, Bialik played on the notion of this new university joining a long line of "nationalist schools in all their forms" – the cheder, a one-room Torah school for young eastern European boys; the yeshivah, a grand institution of Torah study; the beit midrash, a smaller study house, often linked with a synagogue.

The enlightened poet used biblical language to celebrate this modern "festival" and to synthesize the rough-hewn pioneers with their pale, intellectual cousins, to link the secular workers with the religious dreamers.

Speaking of the pioneers and invoking the traditional Jewish concept of Yerushalayim shel Lemalah and Yerushalayim shel Lematah, the Jerusalem on high and the Jerusalem below, he cried: "Let those youths build the earthly Jerusalem with fire and let them who work within these walls build the Heavenly Jerusalem with fire, and between them let them build and establish our House of Life, 'for thou, O Lord, didst consume it with fire, and with fire Thou wilt rebuild it.'"

Unfortunately, when the state

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Secular and religious mourned Old City's fall

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was finally launched, in May 1948, war tore apart the city of peace. David Ben-Gurion, who had expediently but broken-heartedly accepted the United Nations' 1947 partition plan, read the Declaration of Independence from Tel Aviv.

Many "secular" Zionists preferred Tel Aviv, a refreshing city of the future, a Zionist city lacking the historical baggage of Jerusalem. But two weeks later, when the Old City fell, the secular and the religious mourned together.

How odd it was. After 2,000 years, the Jews had a state. They controlled most of the city of Jerusalem. But without Har HaBayit, the most purely religious part of the city, without the site of the Holy Temple and the Jewish quarter, the State of Israel was not whole. The divided city came to symbolize the great costs of maintaining a state – while also becoming a potent national-cultural symbol for secular Zionists.

In 1949, when the United Nations voted to internationalize the city, Prime Minister Ben-Gurion, the secular Zionist prophet governing from Tel Aviv, told his colleagues: "Pack up. We're all moving to Jerusalem tomorrow."

On Jan. 23, 1950, the Israeli Parliament, the Knesset, proclaimed Jerusalem would "always" be "the capital of the Jewish nation." Since July 1950, diplomats have presented their credentials to Israel's president in Jerusalem.

During those frustrating 19 years, as the Jordanians desecrated synagogues and cemeteries, turning sanctuaries into stables and headstones into cobblestones, Jews throughout the world learned just how important Jerusalem was to them.

By 1967, the songwriter Naomi Shemer had captured the profound Jewish longing for a united capital in her stirring *Yerushalayim Shel Zahav*. Shemer's Jerusalem is a golden city that delights the senses, stirs the soul, fills the heart and engages the mind. It is an eternal city, a city deeply tied to the Jewish people, where time stands still, where ancient markets still bustle, where 20th-century moderns become time-travellers wandering from reminders of one milestone in Jewish history to another.

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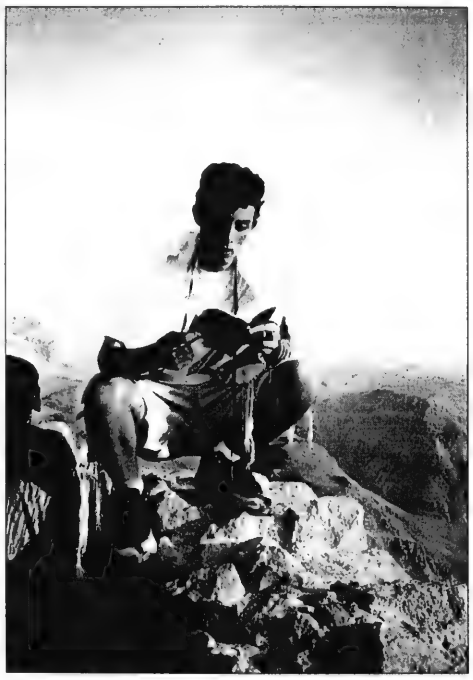

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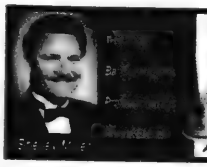

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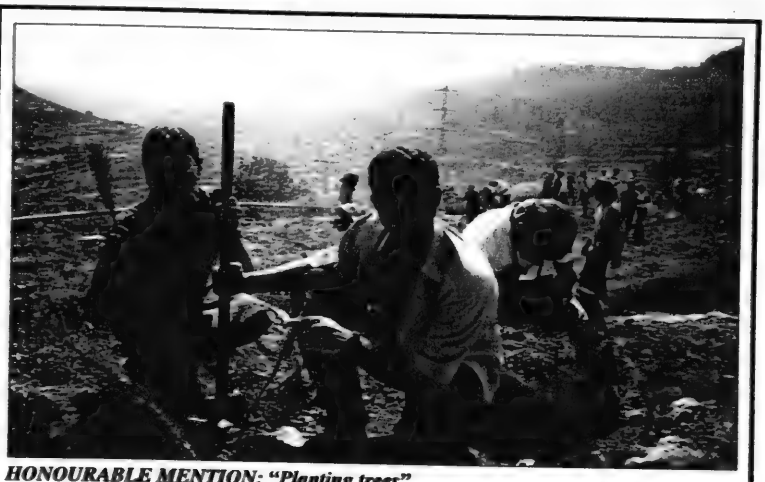
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1967 initiated Golden era

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The 1967 victory – secured by modern weaponry but appropriately celebrated with the blowing of the shofar, the venerable ram's horn – initiated modern Jerusalem's golden era. The battle-hardened, deeply secular kibbutznik soldiers who wept unashamedly at the newly liberated Western Wall underscored the nationalist significance of the Holy Temple's ruins.

With that rumpled genius, Teddy Kollek, at the helm, the city banked its future on preserving its past. Putting millions of Diaspora dollars to good use, Kollek and his Jerusalem Foundation polished one architectural diamond after another, creating a dazzling tiara of old-new beauty in the reunited capital of Herzl's "Altneuland."

Developers built upward, transforming the venerable skyline, balancing gleaming skyscrapers against golden towers. At the same time, an army of archeologists burrowed deep into the city's core, adding new dimensions, literally and figuratively, to the Jews' relationship with their capital as they uncovered material proof of the Jews' time-honoured love for the city.

The result is a magical mix of the Kotel and the Knesset, the old and the new, the east and the west. To the east, in the Old City, a museum with remnants from Second Temple times displays the earliest representation of a menorah, the seven-handed candelabra. To the west, in the New City, a large menorah stands sentry outside Israel's parliament, testifying to the modern sovereign state's ancient but vital roots.

To the east, the refurbished Cardo, the ancient shopping arcade, once again hums with merchants

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City is an example of Arab-Jewish co-operation

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and shoppers, while to the west a huge new mall boasts that it is the largest shopping complex in the Middle East.

To the east, donkeys, cars and pedestrians crowd the narrow cobblestoned alleys, while to the west, sporty sedans whiz across the superhighway.

To the east, Muezzins chant, rabbis pray, mystics meditate, artists paint, vagrants beg, merchants haggle, while to the west, rock stars perform, politicians posture, scholars study, computer scientists program, pedestrians jaywalk, and businessmen haggle.

As the Jerusalem of earth and stones thrived, so, too, did its inhabitants. For nearly 20 years – until the outbreak of the intifadah in 1987 – Jerusalem, the city of peace, offered a remarkable example of Arab-Jewish co-operation. Yes, there were tensions lingering and traumas aplenty, but there were also business arrangements formed and lasting friendships made.

Jews wandered the back alleys of the Old City freely, respectfully, relishing the exotic warmth of the Arab casbah, relishing the Middle Eastern character of their modern state. Many Arabs, despite their frustrations, enjoyed the relative autonomy Mayor Kollek had secured for them. True, their land was occupied, but they were freer in Kollek's Jerusalem than were almost all of their brethren in the rest of the Arab world.

Today, alas, many secular Israelis and many North American Jews have allowed themselves to overlook the centrality of this city to our people. Now that we have it all, too many of us take it for granted.

References to Jerusalem are so ubiquitous in Jewish lore and liturgy that we become momentarily inured to the potency of the symbol. We may sing "Next year in Jerusalem" at our seders, we may even participate in a community march to Jerusalem every year, but we often fail to take that extra moment to savour our connection to the city.

Even more disturbing, as many Palestinians demand that Jerusalem serve as the capital of their independent state, too many Jews blithely cede Jerusalem to them. Some secular Israelis, overreacting to the supposed haredi "takeover" of Jerusalem, have simply decided to abandon the city to the anti-Zionists, be they Jews or Arabs.

To the extent that this abdication reflects a desperate yearning for peace, it is at least well-meaning; to the extent that it reflects the dry, clinical, excessively rationalistic approach too many sophisticated Jews take to contemporary Judaism and Zionism, it is pathetic. A century after the Zionist revolution began against the rabbis' dry, clinical, excessively rationalistic approach, we have come full circle. It is the modernizers who now risk deforming the Jewish soul.

During the recent election campaign, both Ehud Barak and Benjamin Netanyahu agreed that Jerusalem must remain united. Hopefully, some diplomatic mirage will be able to satisfy the Palestinian desire for Jerusalem while protecting the Jewish stake in the city. But no one should underestimate how important a Jewish Jerusalem is to the Jewish people and the Jewish state.

Forgetting the unhappy experiences when Jordan ruled, overlooking the practical difficulties of sharing the same territories, neglecting the Jewish people's unique and enduring relationship to the city, is foolhardy and dangerous.

We already learned in the 1950s and 1960s how central Jerusalem is to the Zionist enterprise. Jerusalem is not simply a piece of real estate that can be subdivided easily; it is the touchstone of Zionism and the state of Israel.

A cosmic element

"There is a cosmic element in nationality which is its basic ingredient," the Zionist thinker Nahum Syrkin explained. "That cosmic element may best be described as the blending of the natural landscape of the Homeland with the spirit of the people inhabiting it. This is the mainspring of a people's vitality and creativity, of its spiritual and cultural values. Any conglomeration of individuals may form a society in the mechanical sense, one that moves and acts, but only the presence of the cosmic element makes for an organic national entity with creative vitality."

"Eem eshcachech Yerushalayim, tishkach yemeini:" If I forget, if I forsake you, O Jerusalem, may my right hand lose its cunning, may my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth. If we abandon Jerusalem, we betray the essence of our being, that which makes us human, our hands and our mouths, our bodies and our souls. Jerusalem reminds us of the passion Zionism should evoke; Jerusalem transcends today's false and increasingly overstated dichotomy between the religious and the secular in our Zionism in our Judaism; Jerusalem should not be so easily abandoned.

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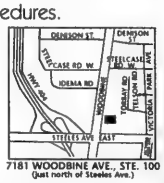

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But what is an Israel Experience?

Was it Shabbat at the Kotel? Or was it driving badly while talking on a cellphone and drinking Macabee beer?

Whatever it was, we took off with three eager *madrichim*, a medic and a slick bus driver. My initial shock came when the medic entered the bus with a large-scale piece of ammunition strapped to his back.

I was stunned and pondered its necessity. I was told two things: First, everyone in Israel has a gun and is properly trained, this is their way of life; secondly, the weapon in question was probably better off in a museum since it apparently hadn't been fired since the War of Independence.

As the weeks went on, this and other qualms of mine were no longer an issue. Soldiers and guns became as common as cellphones and falafel stands.

Even the language no longer stood in my way since I had mastered the most important phrase in the Hebrew language: *Slicha, eifo hasherutim? (Excuse me, where is the bathroom?)*

So what have I learned on this trip other than never to eat at a Bedouin tent and not to stand too close to the back of a camel?

That a trip, any trip, even one to Eretz Yisrael is not necessarily about a 3000 year-old wall or a large mountain with an ancient city on top; but to experience these moments with people who motivate you to see more, who challenge your ideas, whom you can agree with, and often disagree with, all the while remembering that they are all the same as you – young, vibrant, human beings.

Even more, I have learned tolerance on this trip. Tolerance not only of those who snore on the bus, enjoy loud music or are chronically late, but tolerance of all people who have different political views and tolerance of those who have different values…

This trip introduced me not only to the facts and numbers about political affiliations and spiritual beliefs, but has forced me to confront the differences on a first-hand basis, through interaction with both invited guests and talkative shwarma vendors. It has also allowed me to compare my reactions and understandings with my Canadian peers.

By being here I have come to understand that Israel is not the land of constant bombs and gunfire, as it is so often misrepresented by our media, but more of a vibrant multicultural society that is grappling with its formative years.

Just like us young adults, it is searching for a clear identity, to understand its role in society. And just like us, Israel has to deal with its good times and its bad, its bouts with bullies and peer pressure and its struggle for independence.

I hope that the tolerance which has been so profoundly instilled in me merely by being here can be applied on a much larger scale by all members of this society, and by all members of the larger community living beyond these walls and beyond these borders.

Let us all mature alongside Israel and may we grow old together, prospering each in our own right.

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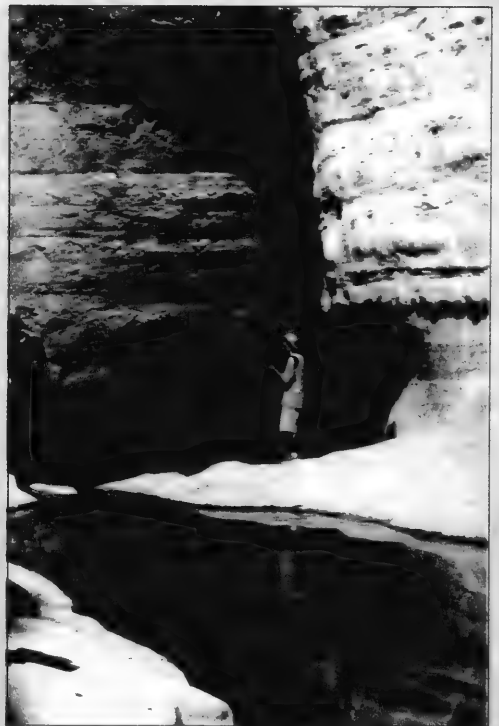
FIRST RUNNER UP: Boy in Tzfat [Michael Dacks photo]

SECOND RUNNER UP: "Where Rabin was assassinated" [Michael Astrug photo]



THIRD RUNNER UP: Solo meditation on the water
[Anna Stevenson photo]

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God blesses children and fools

By ANDREW FAINER
Special to The CJN

I meet her outside of shul. "Excuse me Sir. Could you take me to the Young Israel? The driver left me off at the wrong shul. I didn't think to look..."

This is Canada. Late November. The snow is here early. The sidewalks though plowed are icy.

I offer her my arm and my scarf. She left her coat and her cane in the car.

"I'll be all right. The sun is strong. It will keep the back of my head warm."

In the real world she'd be a lost lady out in the cold. I'd be too busy to stop, or simply not want to get involved.

But this is Jewish suburbia on Shabbat. I have a yarmulke on my head and a tallis bag in my arms. So she asks. I agree to help. Who could I pray to if I didn't?

We begin to walk.

She is short, though not shrunken. She is clothed and adorned and coiffed in quietly expensive taste.

"May I ask your name?"

"Mrs. Stein," she begins to smile, "and yours?"

"Andrew." I don't know why I don't say my last name.

"Julie," she's thinking that maybe that's the way young people introduce themselves these days. "It's not far? A lady told me it was just five minutes."

"I think it'll take us 10 to 15 minutes."

"That's OK."

"You sure you don't want my scarf?"

"Really, no. I am going to sweat." She sweats. She wipes her brow. "It's a good thing I left my fur coat in the car. It would be too heavy."

Illustration by Edward Dunbar

If she collapses somewhere between the two synagogues, who will I ask for help? How do I explain this to the authorities, to the others walking by?

"You're going to a bar mitzvah?"

"Yes, my nephew. My husband passed away last year."

"I'm very sorry."

"He was my third husband," as if to say again, it's OK. "He was 87 years old. Cancer. My first husband was murdered by the Nazis. We were Hungarian. They killed my whole family. I am the only one left. My second husband died in 1957, here in Montreal. I was married to my third husband for 28 years."

"Will the car come back to get you after services?"

"The car. My husband gave my nephew the car. The car and $10,000. To my nephew's sons he left $20,000."

"He was very generous."

"No he was stingy, never spent a penny. He left me the money, I gave it to them."

We stop to rest, catch our breath. It is only a five-minute walk for the people passing us in both directions. They're asking how could he let his grandmother not wear a coat. Jews ask lots of questions. Just to annoy God. We start again.

"So this is your nephew's bar mitzvah?"

"No, my husband's nephew's son." She looks to me so I'll understand a nephew's son's bar mitzvah means it's the nephew's bar mitzvah. She tells me she's not crazy.

Mrs. Stein continues to perspire. "I told you I sweat. I sweat all the time. It's only my face though. I'm only worried about the stairs. Are there a lot of stairs?"

There are a lot of stairs for someone who worries about stairs. She holds on to my arm a little more tightly. We walk upstairs to a door that's locked. She takes a deep breath before we start down. There are many stairs down to get inside the building. There are many more steps up to the sanctuary. We pass the teenage fugitives from the services on the way to the door.

We've made it.

"You could be my grandson, except they killed everyone. You're an angel." And she kisses me. I open the door for her.

A bar mitzvah boy, in skullcap and blindingly white tallit is reading from the Torah scroll. She finds her way to a seat. Walking through Nazis, three husbands and Canadian winters, she must be an angel. God tells her a nephew's son's bar mitzvah is her simchah too.

Everyone knows God blesses children and fools. Bless also the old people like Mrs. Stein. Why do you have her walking in the cold, without a coat?

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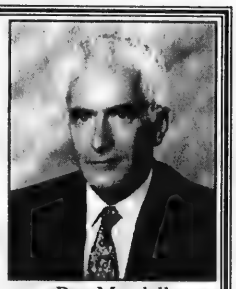

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European Jewry redefines itself 10 years after the Cold War ends

By RUTH E. GRUBER
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

A decade ago, Jewish communities in Communist-dominated Eastern and Central Europe were generally written off as dying remnants of the pre-Holocaust past.

Forty years of communist restrictions had compounded the devastation of the Shoah.

Most who openly identified themselves as Jews were elderly. Many Jews chose to conceal or deny their Jewish identity. Others, particularly in the former Soviet Union, faced active persecution. To many observers, the Jewish chapter in this part of Europe was virtually closed.

The collapse of communism 10 years ago changed everything. Religious freedom and the disintegration of communist-era taboos triggered social, cultural and religious Jewish revival.

Exact figures have not been compiled, but throughout Eastern and Central Europe, thousands of Jews, particularly younger people, have discovered or reclaimed long-buried Jewish roots and openly declared a Jewish identity.

It has happened in Poland, in the Czech Republic and Slovakia, in Hungary, in Bulgaria – even in the countries of the former Yugoslavia.

While hundreds of thousands have immigrated to Israel and elsewhere from the former Soviet Union, hundreds of thousands have also stayed in Russia, Ukraine and other countries, and have reopened synagogues and schools and rebuilt communal structures.

"Jewish communities in the region are throwing off the mantle of 'remnant' like a garment that no longer fits," says Edward Serotta, an American photographer and writer who has documented Jewish communities in Eastern and Central Europe since the mid-1980s.

The impact of these changes has extended beyond the former communist states.

The emergence of newly active Jewish communities in the East, combined with the development of a new vision of a pluralistic Europe freed of artificial East-West frontiers, has created new opportunities, conditions and challenges for European Jewry in general.

The new freedoms have opened up a world of choices. And the outcome of these choices is still far from clear.

Jews in former communist states may be throwing off the mantle of remnant, but it is still too early to predict whether the momentum of what many call a Jewish Renaissance will carry through into the 21st century.

Optimistic vision of Jewish future

Indeed, much of the support and infrastructure for Jewish revival in former communist states has been, and still is, funded by foreign institutions such as the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and Chabad Lubavitch.

Not only that.

"Jews in Europe today are, first and foremost, voluntary Jews, their continued presence in European societies demonstrates a conscious personal commitment," says Paris-based historian Diana Pinto.

"They could just as easily disappear into anonymity, stop being Jews. And they are of course free to do so; it is one of their rights in a pluralistic democracy."

Pinto, in fact, espouses an optimistic vision of a Jewish future in Europe, one that links Jewish development with the development of post-Cold War civil society across the continent.

In this construct, the new European framework is seen as the

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TOP TEN HONOURABLE MENTION: "Jerusalem on the Night of Tisha B'av" [Aaron Wenner photo]

Judaism in post cold war Europe

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basis for the potential emergence of a strengthened and self-confident European Jewry that can take its place both as a positive, creative force in Europe and as a "third pillar" alongside the Jews of America and Israel in global Jewish affairs.

This vision was celebrated at the end of May, when nearly 600 Jews from 39 countries converged on Nice, France, for the first General Assembly of the European Council of Jewish Communities.

"We are here to celebrate the pride and optimism of being Jews in Europe and being European Jews," council chair, Ruth Zilkha told the meeting.

"We are committed to building an exciting Jewish life as part of a new democratic and pluralistic Europe," she said. "We are at a very special moment of creation and vision."

Looming in the background, however, were dire predictions from pessimists like British Jewish scholar Bernard Wasserstein, who articulated his negative vision of the European Jewish future in a controversial book, *Vanishing Diaspora*, published three years ago.

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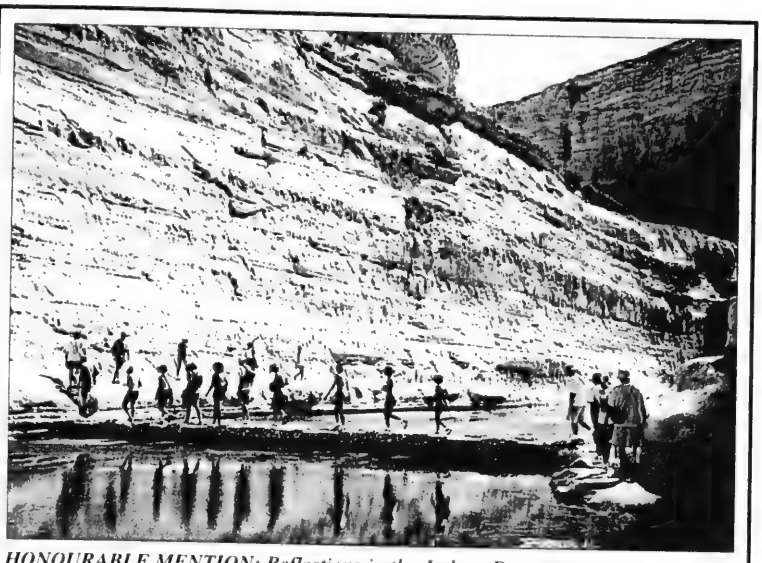

HONOURABLE MENTION: Reflections in the Judean Desert

[Gillian Harnick photo]

Spin the dreidel:

Which is good, gimmel or nun?

By MARCEL STRIGBERGER
Special to The CJN

As Chanukah approaches, I recall my childhood days playing dreidel with the kids on the street in Montreal.

I grew up in a very cosmopolitan area, a veritable United Nations. Victor, who was of Ukrainian descent, was my best pal. We were both about nine years old when he saw me playing dreidel with my dad.

Noticing that pennies were being moved around feverishly, he asked what this strange game was, and my father suggested he join in. My dad then exited, leaving me to explain the rules to Victor.

I told him that we each ante up a penny and we spin. I pointed to the gimmel, indicating that this, in Yiddish, symbolized *gantz* or whole, and you take the whole pot. The nun meant *nein* or no. Nothing. The shin meant *shtel* or put and you had to add a penny.

I spun first and scored a gimmel. I cleaned out the pot and we anted up again, to Victor's chagrin. Unfortunately for Victor, he hit three shins in a row, and had to add to the pot. I landed on gimmel.

After his week's allowance had become decimated, he hit a nun. Victor's face lit up as he reached for the pot.

A Supreme Court decision

I said, "Victor, what are you doing?"

He responded with the exuberance of someone having won Lotto 649, "I have a gibble don't I?"

"No Victor, this is a nun. Look, it doesn't have a little tail."

Victor was not impressed with my explanation. After a few more nuns and shins, Victor departed, licking his wounds. His parting words were, "I don't like this Jewish game."

A few days later, I engaged Freddy, my Jewish pal of German origin, in a game. He spun a nun and he reached for the pot.

I shouted, "Hey Freddy, this is a nun."

He said, "So? Nun means *nem*, take in Yiddish."

I protested that nun means *nein*, gimmel wins.

"Gimmel?" He roared with laughter. "Gimmel means, *gournisht*, nothing. No way Jose. A gimmel loses."

I decided to ask the ultimate authority, the person who had all the answers to everything. My mother.

My mom of course came down on my side, telling Freddy that gimmel was good. Nun was nothing.

Freddy appealed this decision to

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Debating the rules of Chanukah game

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his court of appeal, his mother. Freddy's mother was shocked, questioning my mother's heritage to have the chutzpah to suggest that you walk away emptyhanded on a nun.

During the discussion in Yiddish between our mothers, it even came out that to Freddy's kin a shin didn't even mean *shtel*. It stood for *shlep* as in *shlep* money out of the pot.

Freddy's mother, looking at my mom, then threw in a few unkind comments about Romanians and their alleged propensity for being less-than-Abraham-Lincoln honest.

This was just too much, and the game broke up, but we decided to let Freddy keep the penny, if as my mom put it, "your Yeke family really needs it."

Freddy's mother then indicated that Freddy no longer welcomed my dreidel business.

A couple of days later, I noticed Freddy spinning his dreidel on his walkway. I asked if I could join in. Suddenly his mother stuck her head out of the window reminding me of her lifelong ban.

As I stood there in dismay, who came along? Victor. He had replenished his stash and he was eager to win his money back. He challenged Freddy to a game. Victor felt lucky and he suggested they use nickels instead of pennies. Freddy obliged.

I sat down to watch.

Victor went first, and bingo, a gimmel. As he reached for the booty, Freddy grabbed his hand, suggesting that he keep his paws off the pot until he won.

In shock, Victor picked up the dreidel and said, "Hey Freddy, I have a gibble. Look at the little tail."

Freddy told Victor, "No, gimmel means *gournisht*."

This explanation did not sit too well with Victor. He responded, "I won. I want my money."

Meanwhile, Freddy spun the dreidel again and he hit a shin. With that accomplishment, he promptly shleped away the entire pot.

As Victor looked to me for support, Freddy's mom, Frau Macbeth, charged out and chased both Victor and me away.

Victor took the matter to his court of appeal, his mother.

Mrs. Kondraciuk promptly came on the scene. She had a tête-à-tête with Freddy's mother. The discussion became a bit heated.

The shouting attracted other neighbours to the scene, including my mother.

Mrs. Kondraciuk explained to my mother how Victor had been ripped off playing this Jewish game, first with me a few days ago, and now again.

My mom made a few unkind remarks to Freddy's mother, suggesting that she was an overreaching and inflexible shrew and that her son had indeed ripped off Victor.

Freddy's mother returned the compliment and admonished Victor's mother to keep her eyes on her purse while there were Romanians in the immediate vicinity.

Matters escalated, and Mrs. Kondraciuk demanded that both Freddy and I return all our winnings to Victor.

Freddy and Victor and I were regretting this whole hullabaloo, so we dropped the whole thing and went out to play some street hockey.

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HONOURABLE MENTION: "Which way?"

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Authors describe simple joys of celebrating holiday

By RAHEL MUSLEAH

Just about this time every year, I start to feel like a Maccabee – besieged, not by the Syrian army, but by Chanukah itself. As the 25th of Kislev inches closer, the pressure increases to squeeze more commercialization out of Chanukah than oil from a latke.

So I decided to try to simplify Chanukah and restore its inherent values of freedom, conviction, dedication, hope, continuity, peace, rebuilding, community, family. To help achieve Chanukah's miraculous retransformation, we need help – lots of it! That's why I asked children's authors who have written Chanukah stories to describe the simple joys of their own celebrations and offer some suggestions on how to make Chanukah more meaningful.

Jane Zalben, author of over 40 books, including *Pearl's Eight Days of Chanukah* (Simon & Schuster), *Beni's Family Cookbook for the Jewish Holidays* and *Papa's Latkes* (Holt): "When my children were young, we all fought over who would set up the candles. I still love to pick out the colours of the candles, setting them in the menorah each night and watching them glow in the window.

"My husband, the architect, made a modern menorah out of brass plumbing parts, and another one out of copper tubing. They stand alongside the one from Israel with oil and wicks, and the home-made ones from hair curlers and empty spools of thread.

"A tradition that was a holdover from my parents was 'the search for the presents.' They would leave little notes throughout the house until we finally found the little gift.

"Our traditions have also evolved: One year, we did a latke bake-off, where everyone made their own personal recipe. My husband's blackened Cajun latkes with bits of jalapeno peppers were a hit – and turned into *Papa's Latkes*.

"Since the children are now 18 and 22, Chanukah has less significance than Passover and Rosh Hashanah, when they return home.

"To me, Chanukah celebrates a group of people who stayed true to

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A family project:

Do whatever you do together

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themselves. That's an important lesson in today's world."

David Adler, author of 150 books, including *Chanukah in Chelm* (Lothrop), *The Kids' Catalog of Jewish Holidays* (JPS), and *One Yellow Daffodil* (Harcourt): "I grew up as one of six children. Along with our parents, our grandmother lived with us. We called her Mutti, which is German for mother. On Chanukah we all lit candles together, made and ate latkes together, and played dreidel together.

"The most fun was watching my brother Eddie and Mutti. Eddie was strict about doing everything the right way, and after a few rounds of dreidel, he often complained, 'Hey, Mutti's cheating.'

"He was right. She did cheat. She cheated to lose. She wanted us, her beloved grandchildren, to win."

Adler says he, his wife and three sons – now 22, 15 and 10 – all have their own chanukiyot, but they light the candles together and follow the family tradition of making latkes together.

"Whatever you do," he advises, "do it together. Instead of just serving latkes, make it a family project."

Eric Kimmel, author of close to 50 books, including *Hershel and the Chanukah Goblins*, *The Chanukah Guest* and *The Magic Dreidels* (Holiday House), also remembers his grandmother, who lived with the family in Brooklyn: "Chanukah was my favourite holiday, bright and warm. My grandma spoke Yiddish and told stories about Galicia as if it were Paradise Lost.

"Her old brass menorah had these two big lions standing on their hind legs holding up the shamash candle. She used old-fashioned orange candles that gleamed off the polished brass and then flowed down into rivers of melted wax.

"I'd gobble down her latkes, made with schmaltz (chicken fat).

"Chanukah is a time to touch base with who we are. It's a roots holiday. But if it's the only Jewish holiday families celebrate in a year, it's meaningless. Copying presents is the Christmas spirit, not the Chanukah spirit. To families I say, 'Nobody can make you do anything you don't want to do. Think about why you're celebrating Chanukah. Is it as a Jewish holiday or as a substitute for Christmas?'"

Joanne Rocklin, author of 20 books, including *The Very Best Chanukah Gift* (Random House): "Good food and good stories have nourished my family during Chanukah. The power of stories gives us strength from the past, helps us enjoy the present and enables us pass down our tales to future generations.

"Creating rituals that are individual to your particular family reinforces family memories and togetherness. Siblings can craft handmade gifts for each other or write 'promises to share,' like helping with math homework, making the bed, or sharing the top bunk – the favourite – as I did.

"Make latkes from unusual vegetables, like zucchini. Invite neighbours and relatives to enjoy our festival of light, especially non-Jews."

Judye Groner and Madeline Wikler, founders of Kar-Ben Books, which has published over 150 books for Jewish children and their families, including *All About Chanukah*, which they wrote together: "Get away from the gifts and go towards the mitzvot," Wikler suggests. "It's tough, but try going from getting to giving. One year, for example, my family went to a nursing home on Christmas so others could celebrate their holiday."

Groner tells the story of her son Ben (of Kar-Ben), who moved from parochial school to public high school at the age of 16 and decided to have a Chanukah party: "His guests included an African-American and a boy from India.

"While I served teenage-boy portions of latkes (the house smelled of oil for weeks), he regaled his friends with the history and customs of the holiday, taught them dreidel, and led them in song. I realized the Jewish tradition had become a part of him.

"The amazing thing is that had I said, 'Gee, why not have a Chanukah party and invite your friends,' he never would have agreed. It came from him, spontaneously. So let your kids call the shots. Let the ideas come from them.

"We think of Chanukah for kids – but that doesn't have to be. When the empty nest came, we did a

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Examining Jewish life in post Cold War Europe

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Citing drastically negative demographic statistics, thanks to a combination of assimilation, falling birth rates and mass emigration from the former Soviet Union, Wasserstein pooh-poohs the idea of a European Jewish Renaissance.

He disputes the European council's claim that three million Jews live in Europe. He puts the total at two million – and falling.

Within a generation or two, Wasserstein glumly predicts, "here and there pockets of haredi Jews, clinging to the tenets of the faith, will no doubt survive – a picturesque remnant like the Amish in the United States."

Jews in Europe, both East and West, have a bitter and frustrated awareness of the looming, unresolved challenges that may hamper Jewish development both within individual communities and in the world at large.

How to deal with the divisions among Orthodox, non-Orthodox and secular Jews? How to make Judaism a relevant choice in today's ideological marketplace? How to approach the high intermarriage rate and the resulting question of who is or can be considered a Jew?

Is it possible to adopt Jewish identity in mid-life? Should intermarriage be seen as a bridge or a barrier? How to confront the crisis in Jewish leadership, on local, national and Europe-wide levels?

How, too, to deal with the changing relationship between Israel and the Diaspora? And how to address the mounting claims by emerging Jewish communities in Eastern Europe to play a full role on the Jewish world stage?

These are, in fact, many of the same questions that face Jews in already democratic, pluralistic, borderless America. But European Jews face them against a different historical and physical backdrop.

Two-thirds of Europe's Jews were killed in the Holocaust, destroying centuries-old communities and traumatizing those Jews who chose to remain – and their children.

The East-West postwar divide effectively and artificially cut off Eastern European Jews from the rest of the Jewish world. Indeed, Jews from these countries – including those who have immigrated to Germany and Israel – often have had to learn more than prayers, holidays, customs and Hebrew. They must also frequently learn the sense of collective memory and connection that even secular Jews in the West tend to grow up with.

Many Jews in former communist Europe maintain what Polish sociologist Pawel Spiewak describes as an "idle" Jewish identity: they are aware of their Jewish identity but, for whatever reason, are not interested in deepening or admitting it.

This is strikingly evident in Hungary, whose Jewish population is estimated at anywhere between 54,000 and 130,000.

Like other countries in the region, Hungary has experienced a visible Jewish revival. Still, only about 6,000 Jews, most of them elderly, formally belong to the Jewish religious community. And only about 20,000 Jews are estimated to have even a tenuous contact with any sort of Jewish activity or institution.

Jews active in community work warn that the momentum of the current Jewish revival may be endangered unless new, younger leaders are prepared to take up the reins and efforts are made to encourage continuing Jewish involvement.

Increasingly, international Jewish organizations are establishing training programs for teachers, lay leaders and fund-raisers.

The European Council of Jewish Communities promotes cross-border contacts, keeps track of new e-mail links and Jewish community Web sites, and helps arrange seminars and other activities – including international singles weekends.

But will this be enough?

Experts say Jewish continuity in former communist Europe may not be achieved until the children of today's emerging Jewish generations come of age.

"It is the young who will decide on the character of the Jewish community," says Spiewak. "The third generation, the children of those who chose to be Jewish" as adults "are the ones who will determine the picture."

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No latkes in Calcutta

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grown-up party and had the classic latke-hamantaschen debate. Our guests argued the merits of the two holiday delicacies from the points of view of medicine, physics, economics and art. We laughed and sang a lot, but the latkes – a lo-cal attempt baked on a waffle iron – needed oil to be the real thing!"

As for this writer's memories: "We didn't have latkes in Calcutta, where I was born, but to reflect the miracle of the oil, I often make the classic Indian delicacy of piaju: thinly sliced onions and cilantro coated with chickpea flour and deep-fried.

"My most beautiful image of Chanukah is symbolized by my Indian chanukiyah. Shaped like a Magen David, it has nine brass holders that encircle the red glass cups we fill with oil. As is our custom, after the blessings, we chant Psalm 30, Mizmor shir Chanukat habayit l'David – A Song at the dedication of the house of David.

"As I watch the flames dance and shimmer in the red glasses throughout the evening – for the oil usually burns until midnight – I think of my favourite line from the psalm, addressed to God: You have turned my mourning into dancing."

May Chanukah be a holiday of light, blessing and dancing.

Rahel Musleah is the author of Sharing Blessings: Children's Stories for Exploring the Spirit of the Jewish Holidays *(Jewish Lights) You can contact her with your favourite Chanukah tradition at Rahelmus@aol.com.*

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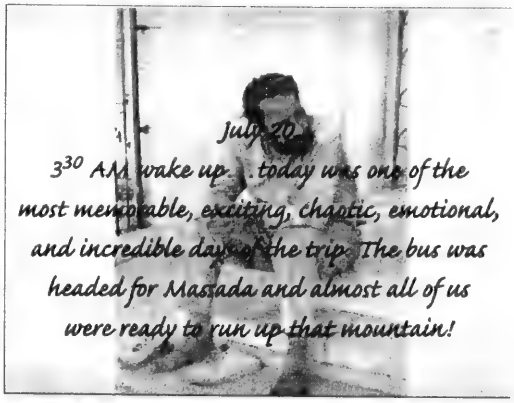
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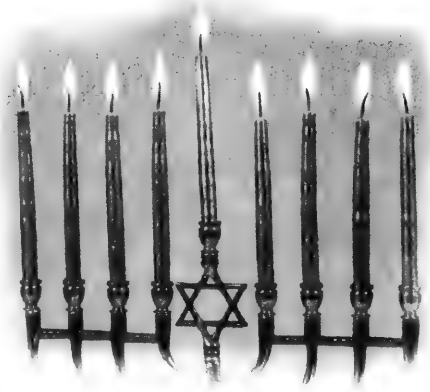

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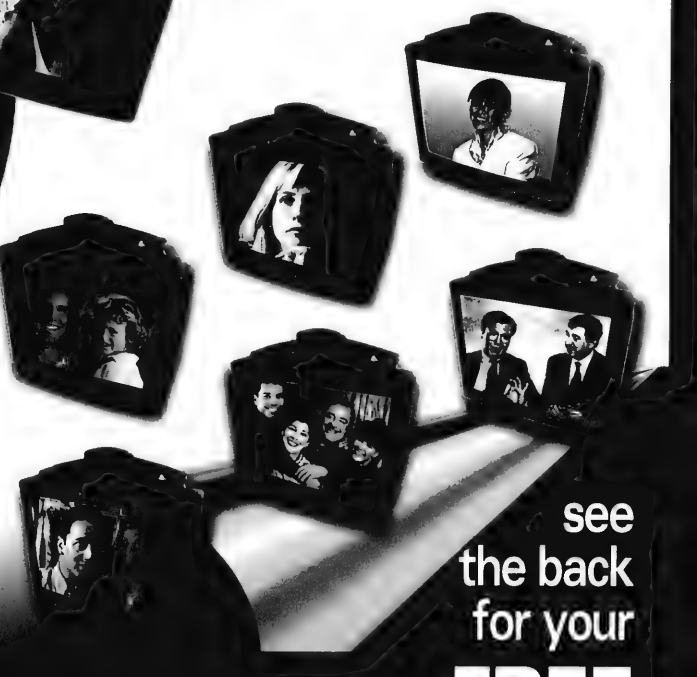

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Russia to launch Israeli satellite

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Russia has agreed to launch a new military satellite for Israel in the next few months.

The joint venture was given the go-ahead after talks between the Defence Ministry and Moscow, and it has been approved by Prime Minister Ehud Barak. Washington also expressed its understanding, after hearing Israel's reasons for the new collaboration.

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The main motivation for the launch on Russian territory is economic, but the deal also highlights the sluggish development of the Israeli space industry. The delay in the construction of an Israeli launch pad is a result of a major fire at Israel Aircraft Industry's space centre in the spring of 1997, which caused tens of millions of dollars of damage.

Russia can launch satellites more quickly and cheaply than other countries with launch facilities can, and Russian technology is considered very reliable. The Americans have also taken advantage of Russian skill and experience in launching dozens of commercial satellites.

Israel's first military satellite, the Ofek, was launched in Israel in 1995, and it has performed satisfactorily. Ofek's original life expectancy was three years, and it is unclear how long it will continue to function. Within the next three years, the government hopes to rebuild its launching capability, so that the Russian venture will be a one-time deal.

The joint mission with the Russians is being undertaken with the co-operation of El-Op Electro-Optic Industries and an American firm.

Olga Baranovski at the special Chanukah memorial service for her son Matti. *[photo by Ron Csillag]*

A mother calls for justice

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It was, as the rabbis noted, a bittersweet occasion.

Chanukah, a joyous holiday in which warmth and light play key roles, was tempered last Sunday by a damp, cold drizzle, and the words of a mother still in shock.

"His life was taken in this park, in this place," said Olga Baranovski of her slain young son, Dmitri. Speaking publicly at a menorah lighting and memorial service for the first time since the Nov. 14 beating death of 15-year-old Matti, Mrs. Baranovski said her son had hoped to become a pediatrician.

"It is difficult to think, and I cannot say what I am feeling," said Mrs. Baranovski, poised but choking back tears, her hands trembling. "But I appreciate that you all came today to remember my son, who was every child's best friend."

More than 500 people gathered under leaden skies near the spot in G. Ross Lord Park in north Toronto where Matti was beaten and kicked to death for refusing to hand over money and cigarettes to young assailants barely older than he was.

Police last week arrested two 16-year-old boys and charged them with second-degree murder. The pair, whose identities are protected under the Young Offenders Act, were remanded in custody. Police say they are looking for one, or possibly two more suspects.

Rabbis from from the Jewish Russian Community Centre joined family, friends, legislators, Jewish communal officials and well-wishers to kindle the lights on a 15-foot menorah erected in memory of the promising Jewish student.

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CJC To Attend Forum

OTTAWA — Canadian Jewish Congress has endorsed, and will take part in, the International Citizens' Forum on War Crimes and Redress, taking place in Tokyo Dec. 10 to 13. The conference, described as a key human rights initiative, is part of ongoing efforts to lead Japan to confront its actions in Asia before and during World War II by acknowledging its role and redressing its victims. Mark Weintraub, chair of CJC's national community relations committee, is slated to deliver the conference's keynote address, on accountability and the importance of memory, and another speech on war crimes redress from a Jewish perspective.

Meeting With Caplan

VANCOUVER — Officials from the Pacific region of Canadian Jewish Congress joined members of the Chinese community in a recent meeting with Immigration Minister Elinor Caplan. Among the issues discussed were language proficiency requirements, student visas, business immigrants, admissibility of war criminals and hatemongers, and the screening process.

Monte Mazin Honored

TORONTO — Longtime local community volunteer Monte Mazin is to receive a Caring Canadian Medal from Governor General Adrienne Clarkson at a Dec. 10 ceremony at Toronto City Hall. Mazin will be one of 129 recipients of the award. For four years, Mazin served as mayor and chair of the Jerusalem Pavilion during the International Caravan. He's also served as chair of GEMS of Hope Inc., which assists people in the developing world.

ISRAEL

Vanunu Transcripts

JERUSALEM — The Israeli daily *Yediot Achronot* last week published previously secret transcripts from the trial of convicted nuclear spy Mordechai Vanunu. In the documents, Vanunu said he exposed the secrets of Israel's nuclear program to try and force the government to bring the program under tighter supervision.

Unemployment Up

JERUSALEM — Israel's unemployment rate has reached 9.1 percent, putting the number of jobless at about 213,000. The quarterly figures came amid growing criticism of Prime Minister Ehud Barak's handling of the economy. Barak is standing by his campaign pledge to create 300,000 new jobs during the next four years, but said there are no quick fixes.

WORLD

U.S. Aid to Israel

WASHINGTON — U.S. President Bill Clinton last week signed a $385-billion budget bill that includes nearly $3 billion in annual aid to Israel and nearly $2 billion to help Israel and the Palestinian Authority implement last year's Wye accord.

Arafat Visits Russia

MOSCOW — Russian President Boris Yeltsin may travel to the West Bank in January to mark the Eastern Orthodox Christmas, according to Yasser Arafat. The Palestinian Authority president made the comment during a visit to Moscow after speaking with Yeltsin by telephone. Yeltsin cancelled a planned meeting with Arafat because of illness, and Arafat met with Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin instead.

War Criminals Probe

BUENOS AIRES — At least 180 Nazi war criminals settled in Argentina during and after World War II, according to a state panel probing Nazi activities in the country. But even as the panel issued its final report, some of its members said the number is probably much higher and called for more research on the subject.

100-Year-Old Murder

PRAGUE — Czech historians are planning to send a letter to Austria's president requesting that a Czech Jew sentenced to 100 years for ritual murder be posthumously cleared of the charge. Leopold Hilsner was sentenced to death in 1899 by Austria-Hungary for allegedly killing a Christian girl.He was released in 1918.

Death Sentence Demanded

LOS ANGELES — California will buttress its demand for the death penalty in the case of two white supremacists alleged to have murdered a gay couple by citing evidence that the defendants were involved in the June arsons of three Sacramento synagogues.

Jewish Youths Blamed

PARIS — The Paris office of the U.S.-based Jews for Jesus movement was attacked recently, apparently by Jewish youths who spray-painted the words "Never Again" and "Israel Lives" on the walls of the office. The director of the office said seven young men, who identified themselves as members of the New Jewish Order, threatened to kill one of the group's employees. Police said the youths are part of Betar, a Zionist youth movement.

Stonemason Who Helped Jews Victimized

BERLIN — Neo-Nazi vandals have reportedly victimized the stonemason who recently repaired Berlin's vandalized Jewish cemetery for free.

After the mason received telephone death threats, 150 gravestones in his eastern Berlin warehouse were destroyed, allegedly by neo-Nazi vandals. A public appeal is trying to help compensate him for his loss of nearly $40,000 (US).

In October, the stonemason, who has asked that his name not be used, offered to repair the damage to 103 Jewish gravestones that had been vandalized on Oct. 3, the anniversary of Germany's reunification.

He has reportedly helped in similar situations over the years.

The Jewish community held a dinner in his honor Nov. 24 after the repair of the stones in Berlin's Weissensee Jewish Cemetery was complete.

The mason kept quiet about the attack out of fear, said the manager of a foundation that has established a bank account for donations.

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CJC calls for resolution on school funding issue

Regional plenary held in Toronto

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Ontario and Canadian governments should move quickly to implement a United Nations ruling calling for an end to discrimination in educational funding against Jewish and other independent religious schools.

This was the message of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region chair Keith Landy at a luncheon Nov. 28 celebrating the 30th triennial plenary of CJC, Ontario region.

"Mr. Premier [Mike Harris] and Mr. Prime Minister [Jean Chrétien], we are waiting," said Landy.

"Canada has 90 days to report back [to the UN]," he said. "Eight times previously Canada has been called to account and eight times it has been corrected. I believe the federal government should [respond]."

Sitting beside Ontario Attorney General Jim Flaherty, Landy criticized "the intransigent position" of Premier Harris in opposing the funding of Jewish day schools.

An extension of health services to independent schools would cost the Ontario government an "insignificant amount" and affect only three percent of the Ontario student body, Landy said.

"There are signs that the premier is listening, and health services [would be] just the beginning. We are going to battle on for justice," Landy concluded.

The provinces also want tougher legislation from the federal government on hate crimes, Flaherty said.

"We are not passive or indifferent on this. We have 15 specially trained crown prosecutors on hate crime. We will not hesitate to authorize prosecutions."

Break-ins, which are especially serious for people living alone and for the elderly, and violent youth crime are high on the agenda of the government, Flaherty said.

The attorney general said the CJC is making Ontario a better place through its pursuit of justice.

A brief videotaped greeting to the plenary from Harris was shown.

The previous evening, in the opening session, plenary chair Elaine Todres welcomed to the opening forum at the Sephardic Kehila Centre a crowd of 550, the largest meeting in the history of the plenary.

In his address at the forum, CJC national president Moshe Ronen touched on several issues Congress is currently following.

Ronen said CJC will soon be meeting with Phil Fontaine, grand chief of the Assembly of First Nations, to discuss an alliance between Congress and native groups in Canada.

He also announced that Premier Pat Binns of Prince Edward Island told him recently that P.E.I. will enact legislation similar to that in Ontario, honouring Yom Hashoah day.

Turning to the topic of Israel, he declared: "Jerusalem is the united capital of Israel forever. On this subject our government needs to hear an unequivocal voice. Our support for Israel remains unshakable."

Human rights remains the centrepiece of CJC policy, he concluded.

Using a town-hall, question and answer format at the plenary opening, several speakers discussed the issue of how the media handles Jewish news.

Ronen gave an illustration of how difficult it is for the media to handle news about Israel. He said a CNN correspondent stuck a microphone in front of an Israeli citizen and asked him to sum up the situation in Israel in one word.

"Good," the Israeli replied.

"And if I had asked you to use two words?"

"Not good," was the reply.

In answer to a question from the floor, CBC TV senior reporter Joe Schlesinger said, "Israel is getting balanced and fair treatment from the media."

Although moderator Hana Gartner did not ask all the other panelists to reply, broadcaster Evan Solomon disagreed with Schlesinger: "Newspapers are biased and on Israel you need to read widely," Solomon said.

Earlier, Ezra Levant, an editorial writer for the *National Post*, said his newspaper is the only one giving fair coverage to Israel. (His newspaper is owned by Conrad Black, owner of *The Jerusalem Post*).

Despite his general feeling that the media are fair, Schlesinger did say the media tend to favour the underdog and see Israel upon the Palestinians as the underdogs. This situation has changed since 1967, he said. "The media is dealing with the facts as they see them today."

Referring to poster-size photocopies of stories in the national media concerning incidents of anti-Semitism and how the CJC has fought injustice, including anti-Semitism, Levant called the incidents "trumped up charges" and

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From the editor's desk

They dared dream and act

I recently had the extraordinary good fortune to be the guest of the Israeli Ministry of Tourism and El Al Airlines for a six-day visit to Israel.

Six days, of course, is far too short a period of time for a visit to Israel. There is simply too much to see, to touch and to feel in that geographically tiny though historically, culturally and spiritually vast country.

But an opportunity to visit Israel, any opportunity, is too important to let slip away. And this opportunity specifically, with the hospitality of the Ministry of Tourism generously placed at my service, was not to be missed.

The ministry had arranged an itinerary of significant "tourist sites" for me, customized to accommodate my personal interests and preferences. In addition, I had the benefit of a guide whose insights and elaborations at each site helped elevate the experience from one of "mere" tourism and enjoyment to one of learning and wonder.

Jerusalem and its environs were the main focus of my activities.

Jerusalem has a decidedly different "feel" than any other city. Its topography, architecture, colours and sounds are stirring. Unless the visitor's senses have been irremediably dulled into a thick and unfeeling callus, the sensations come alive.

Jerusalem's unique hold on history and on the people struggling to understand that history, can help the wide-eyed tourist to better grasp life's true, gift-like immensity.

Jerusalem's streets are a hilly thoroughfare of vastly varied peoples, some hurrying, some ambling to their respective private destinations, all of them though the conjoining individual threads in the rough, smooth, colourful, bland, refined, lowly texture of the fabulous human tapestry that sets Jerusalem apart. For it is, indeed, set apart from all other cities.

In the next three issues I will record some of the entries from my notebook of my six-day visit.

* * *

Israeli is no longer a "pioneer" society in the sense that it once was. When the peace negotiations with the Palestinians are finally completed and the difficult question of borders resolved, the nature of Israel's physical shape will have been settled. Of course the task of securing and protecting that shape will always remain.

Israel, today, is a society in transition from one whose dominant policy ethos was always foreign affairs, defence and security, to one increasingly concerned with domestic and social policy.

But despite the transition, despite the weighty influence being exerted upon all aspects of society's ebb, flow and turbulence by the country's rapidly advancing science, there are still many examples of the "older" more familiar kind of pioneers.

These were people who not only dared to dream the Zionist dream, but who dared, more importantly, to act upon it as well. These were people who came from far away places to try to help build this place into a homeland that they imagined could be and hoped would be, one day, the very best place on earth.

During my brief six days, I met a number of such "familiar" pioneers. Whether or not Israel has yet become the very best place on earth that they dreamed it could be, is quite irrelevant.

What matters most, at this stage in the life of the young 51-year-old nation, is that the pioneers are still striving toward their hope.

I mention only four:

• *Tsion Ben David* is the director of the North America and International Special Missions desk of the Ministry of Tourism. He came to Israel in 1949 from the city of his birth, Bombay in India.

He was one of a family of 11 that, in its entirety, though in stages, settled in Israel.

• *Nachman Klieman*, spokesperson and public relations manager of El Al Airlines, was born in Chicago. Along with his wife and two children, he moved to Israel 22 years ago. Two more children were born in Israel.

• *Herb (Haim) Harris*, a docent at the Israel Museum, was born in Brooklyn but raised in Philadelphia. He came to Israel in his early 20s in 1953, a geologist looking for oil. Like a character in a Leon Uris novel, he fell in love with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's secretary, a fifth-generation sabra. Luckily for Herb, she fell in love with him too.

Their two children were born in Israel, although Herb's work took him for stretches at a time to Australia and the United States. They returned for good in 1988.

• *Brian Denn*, spokesperson for Kibbutz Ein Gedi, the oasis in the Negev Desert, near the receding shoreline of the Dead Sea, was born just outside Houston, Tex. He has lived in Israel for 25 years.

• *Dr. Sonia Chesnya* arrived in Israel from the former Soviet Union nearly 10 years ago. She is the official guide at Independence Hall in Tel Aviv, explaining every nuance and detail of the epoch-making ceremony on that Sabbath eve of May 14, 1948, when David Ben-Gurion declared the creation of the State of Israel. In speaking of that occasion, 51 years ago, she wipes away the tears from her eyes.

All four are pioneers; all four are living examples, still, of inspiration and courage *MBD*

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CHANUKIAH DEDICATED: Toronto Mayor Mel Lastman last week helped dedicate a giant chanukiyah in Nathan Philips Square, sponsored by the Gerald Schwartz and Heather Reisman UJA Federation Legacy Fund, in conjunction with Chabad Lubavitch of Southern Ontario. From left are UJA Federation president Alan Sandler, Rabbi Zalman Grossbaum, Gerry Schwartz, Lastman and Rabbi Moshe Spalter. [Ron Csillag photo]

Greater Toronto Area

Synagogues unite to create kosher food bank

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Last spring, Rabbi Steven Saltzman gave a sermon that became the catalyst for a multi-synagogue kosher food bank project.

As Claudette Edghill, chair of Adath Israel Congregation's chesed committee, recalls, the rabbi talked about the possibility of a collaborative effort among synagogues to collect food for the needy.

A fellow congregant approached Edghill after services to say, "That's a wonderful idea."

Edghill agreed. "Let's do it," she said.

The woman had told her about a young Jewish woman who went to a food bank after losing her job.

"That touched my heart," Edghill said. "We thought we should do something for the community, so if [people] need kosher food, they have it."

The result is the Intersynagogue Kosher Food Bank, with partner congregations Adath Israel, Beth Tikvah, Beth Torah, Beth Tzedec, Beth Sholom Synagogue, Pride of Israel Synagogue and Temple Sinai.

Each congregation collects specific categories of kosher food items – such as canned goods, pasta and rice, or breakfast foods – which are used to stock the actual food banks, located at Pride of Israel in the north part of the city and at Beth Sholom, farther south on Eglinton Avenue West.

Cash donations, used to purchase perishable items such as chickens (currently available at the northern

Claudette Edghill

looking for ways to help," she said.

Before the project was conceived, the Pride of Israel already had a kosher food bank, established by Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich, predecessor of the synagogue's current spiritual leader, Rabbi Robert Rhodes. Rabbi Flanzraich, now the spiritual leader of Beth Sholom, was motivated to start the food bank after receiving numerous requests for money to buy food for Jewish people in need.

When Edghill brought the proposed inter-synagogue project to Rabbi Flanzraich's attention, he felt it was an "ideal project" for Beth Sholom, which, like Adath Israel, has an active chesed committee.

In fact, plans were already under way to establish Beth Sholom's own food bank.

Since it became a reality about three months ago, the food bank has served about 25 to 30 people a week, said Rabbi Flanzraich in a phone interview.

Food is stored in cabinets built specifically for that purpose, and volunteers pre-package the food.

The new project is "exciting," said Rabbi Flanzraich. "What we did at the Pride was a very strong small step, and I think this is a profound large step. I would love to see it become a model duplicated by other Canadian communities."

Kosher food bank hours are:
• Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., Monday to Thursday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Friday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
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CREATIVE MENORAHS: Students and parents at Associated Hebrew Schools, Posluns campus, work together at building creative menorahs

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said Jews are enjoying a safe life in Canada today.

"We can cause anti-Semitism to disappear by telling the truth," Levant said.

Susan Cole, an associate editor of *NOW* magazine, and Schlesinger said the University of Toronto should be blamed for allowing controversial speakers such as British author David Icke to speak at the university, as it did in October.

At one point, Cole said she doubted that journalists are truly objective.

The Bank of Montreal was thanked for sponsoring the plenary and George Bothwell, executive vice-president, was given a gift in appreciation.

Ben Kayfetz, former CJC national director of community relations, was given the first David Satok Award in honour of Satok, a late CJC officer who was known for his dissenting opinions.

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Trio hopes to create Jewish museum in Toronto

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to the CJN

From left: Joel Slan, Bonnie Lawrence Shear and Bill Draimin.

TORONTO — For nearly five years, three Torontonians, none with any professional experience with museums, have been quietly working towards the goal of establishing a Jewish museum in Toronto.

They don't know where it will be located, what it will contain, or how much it will cost. All they know for sure is that Toronto, with its sizeable Jewish community of about 175,000, must have one.

"The concept is not to simply accumulate artifacts," says Bill Draimin, a principle in Draimin, Fine, a St. Clair Avenue. law firm. "We aren't interested in getting European candlesticks and Torah coverings.

"We believe what happened to the Jews here is interesting and important. We want to tell the stories of the local Jewish community."

There are nearly 50 Jewish museums in the United States, says Bonnie Lawrence Shear, a Toronto-area property manager who has long felt the need for a Jewish museum here. Toronto's Jewish community, she notes, consists of Jews from many countries around the world and the community is the largest in Canada and one of the top 10 largest in North America.

"We would like a world-class museum, and ideally, we want it on a downtown site," says Shear, who was initially attracted to the old Mount Sinai Hospital building on Yorkville Avenue until she discovered it came with a price tag of $34 million.

Shear, Draimin and Joel Slan, a Toronto-area real estate investor, have explored numerous other would-be sites for the institution they hope to establish. Potential locations have included the Baycrest Hospital which was dismissed as unsuitable; a building on College Street in the Kensington Market area; another building under construction on Bloor Street, the University Street Courthouse, the Royal Ontario Museum and the Bloor Street Jewish Community Centre.

The trio initiated lengthy discussions with the ROM but did not achieve a memorandum of understanding. The JCC site, they say, remains an option.

To further the project, they have consulted an impressive list of historians, archivists and other experts, including Michael Marrus, Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, Irving Abella, Sheldon Godfrey, Stephen Speisman and architect Moshe Safdie.

According to Slan, museum consultant Shaiko Wineberg, creator of the concept of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, was a fundamental guiding light. "You must tell a story – that's what people are interested in," Wineberg told them. "You can't just put things out on a shelf."

Although they have collectively visited many Jewish museums internationally, they haven't yet found a model for the institution they envision. "None of the museums we've seen come close to what we want," Slan says.

Further, he acknowledges that the group has focused almost entirely to date on finding an appropriate location. "Maybe we've been putting the cart before the horse." He says it may be time to concentrate on what shape the museum exhibits would likely take.

According to a five-page prospectus, the museum will highlight the political upheavals that brought Jewish immigrants here from the Old Country, present a panorama of Jewish life in Ontario, house an archival and genealogical centre, and provide space and resources for Jewish artists, actors, storytellers and writers. Operating in a downtown location, it would be a draw for residents and tourists, both Jewish and non-Jewish.

Many people have stories from their family history that would be suitable for the museum, Shear says. "We went to one woman for funding, and she said, 'Why should I give money to a museum when there are so many hospitals needing funding?'

"For a moment we were feeling dismayed, but then she began showing us some pictures on her wall and telling family stories. We said, 'This is what we're talking about. This is exactly what the museum would be all about.'"

Shear, Slan and Draimin also tell interesting family tales entwined with local history. Shear's father, for example, ran the old Colonial Tavern on Yonge Street and was instrumental in the building of Scarborough General Hospital.

Gracing the wall of Draimin's office is a large oil portrait of his great-uncle, Samuel King (1867-1963), the first Jewish lawyer in Ontario. Draimin's grandmother was the first woman to graduate from the University of Toronto; his grandfather, the first president of Goel Tzedec Synagogue.

"There are many old members of the community with interesting stories to tell, but they're getting older every day," Shear says. "This is why we need the museum."

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Greater Toronto Area

UIA Federations' Yagoda stresses Zionism's importance

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Being a Zionist is a lifelong commitment, says the deputy director general of UIA Federations Canada which is based in Jerusalem.

"Zionism is not a profession; it is not something from which you can retire. It is a story that took 2,000 years to elaborate. We have to be happy to continue on with it," said Victor Yagoda at a recent talk at Beth Habonim, sponsored by UJA Federation.

Citing statistics that prove "why I have to remain a Zionist," Yagoda, who was born and raised in Mexico, said that less than 50 percent of the world's Jews live in Israel. "The balance of the Jews are dispersed [far and wide].

"Of the seven million Palestinians in the world, however, 93 percent live in the Middle East, and 2½ million Israeli Arabs live in Israel. We have to be strong Zionists so we do not feel outnumbered."

Victor Yagoda

The first time he travelled to Israel from Mexico, he said, he took a bus to New York, and a boat from there to Israel. "I spent 20 days on the boat, and the morning I knew we would dock at Haifa, I stood on the deck.

"This may sound like a cliché, but one of the strongest moments of my life, occurred when I glimpsed Mount Carmel. I knew then that eventually, I would make aliyah."

Currently, he says, Israel stands at the centre of the Jewish world. "At the first Zionist congress in Europe in 1897, though, only two members came from North America and Palestine. Most members came from eastern and central Europe.

"Zionism as a movement, started there. The heart of the Jewish frontier at the turn of the last century was in Europe."

The heart of the Jewish world is now in North America and Europe, he said, "and we are teaching them what they taught us about 100 years ago.

"We are also teaching them about Zionism. The first Zionists came from Odessa, and now we are helping them return to Zionism. The Jewish frontier is always changing."

In 1988, he said, about 12,000 Jews immigrated to Israel, and in 1989, that number doubled. "In 1990, immigration rose to 200,000 people, and the country accepted them and was able to cope. If that is not Zionism, than I do not know what is.

"It is hard to be [in the Diaspora] and fully understand that we are still dealing with Jewish refugees. In the former Soviet Union we help bring Jewish life to children who will eventually come to Israel," said Yagoda.

He feels strongly, he said, that in the next 12 to 24 months, there will be major changes in the Israeli political process. "I have no doubt, that peace with Syria is a done deal. So many things lead us to it."

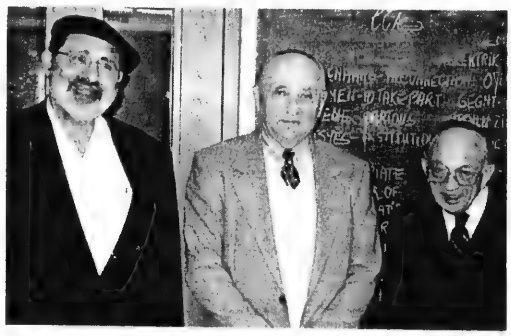
Syrian President Hafez al-Assad wants peace, and Israeli President Ehud Barak was dealing with Syria before he was elected, said Yagoda, so he is already sold on the possibility. "A peace treaty with Syria will cost us the last inch of territory, but I feel that people are ready for it to go forward.

"About 57 percent of the people in the Golan Heights voted for Barak, and that is a strong sign that people want peace.

"If we have peace with Syria, that means we will have peace with Lebanon. If we can have peace with Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, we will be in a stronger position to address the more problematic areas [of the Arab world."]

Living in the Diaspora, he said, "we see some people celebrate Passover, and see others going about their normal day-to-day business on that holiday.

"In Israel, there is a rush hour going to the seder. We all go, because we are telling the story of our people going to the Promised Land. If we teach our children what it is all about, hopefully they will remain Zionists."



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Seeking sound tax policy

This newspaper reported last week that the Toronto-based Press Foundation is appealing the decision by Revenue Canada, now Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA), to revoke the organization's status under the Income Tax Act as a registered charity.

There were, apparently, a number of reasons for the CCRA's decision. The chief reason, however, was its ruling that the activities of the foundation, namely, sending funds to institutions for religious, health, education or social services in the West Bank, violated Canadian public policy. In this case, according to the CCRA, the policy violated was that of Canada's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which regards Israel's "occupation" of the territories beyond the 1967 ceasefire lines as illegal, and therefore any Jewish communities in the West Bank also as illegal. Sending financial aid to the institutions that operate in these communities, the CCRA reasoned, amounted to supporting the infrastructure of these "illegal" communities and was thus an ineligible activity for a registered charity

CCRA's policy is deeply troubling.

Without referring to the particulars of the Press Foundation case, the broad application by CCRA of the foreign affairs position regarding the June '67 ceasefire lines is simply wrong.

It is wrong on its merits as unsound Canadian tax policy.

The sole issue that CCRA should consider is the nature of the activity for which funds are collected. Are the activities in and of themselves charitable? The common law stretches back hundreds of years, precisely defining activities that do fall within the definition of "charitable purposes." That definition has been enshrined in statute and it has always included activities that are religious, educational, health or social in their essence. That the CCRA has subordinated in importance the nature of the charitable activity to the location of the activity in determining its tax policy effectively imposes foreign policy as the pre-eminent determinant of tax policy.

Moreover, and perhaps more troubling, the CCRA policy is wrong in the manner by which it is being applied. It functionally discriminates against Jewish Canadians who support obviously and unequivocally charitable activities in the West Bank.

There are no cases of CCRA disqualifying charitable donations by non-Jewish Canadians to institutions in the West Bank for charitable purposes.

Would CCRA disqualify donations to a clearly charitable institution in Kuwait? Probably not. And yet, does not Kuwait's recent refusal to extend to women the right to vote or to hold public office offend Canadian public policy? Indeed, could there possibly be a more patently offensive violation of Canadian public policy?

Canadians have a right to expect that their national tax policy will be formulated on the basis of sound public policy and not upon questionable foreign policy decisions. Surely such public policy should enable Canadians to assist and support *bona fide* charitable activities. And to determine what constitutes a *bona fide* charitable activity, the nature of the activity itself should govern, rather than the ill-conceived, legally questionable, morally ambiguous foreign policy decisions by the CCRA or any other arm of the Canadian government regarding an offshore territorial dispute in which the parties themselves are diligently striving towards agreement.

CAPTIVE IN IRAN

The government of Iran still holds the following members of the Jewish community as prisoners. Each is a universe of life and existence unto his own. And each has a name. Let us not forget them.

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Another Polish view

Re: "No Polish labour camps" by Hanna Sokolski, (*CJN*, Nov. 25).

Upon learning that the unfortunate phrase "Polish labour camps" found its way into the otherwise excellent booklet prepared for the Holocaust Education Week by the Holocaust week education committee, the National Executive Board of the Canadian Polish Congress wrote a letter to Bernie Farber, executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region. We received a reply the following day, and accepted the explanation that this was a proofreading error, as well as the apology for the error.

It is not the policy of the Canadian Polish Congress to ascribe ill will or intentional publication of erroneous information to the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) nor to blame the entire community for an oversight by the proofreader.

The CJC is to be commended for organizing the Holocaust Education Week, especially in view of recent events (such as the beating of an elderly Jewish man or the desecration of a Jewish cemetery), which prove that bigotry and hate unfortunately still exist.

Ala Gettlich
Secretary General
Canadian Polish Congress

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Refutes Sokolski letter

Hanna Sokolski of the Canadian Polish Congress, Toronto District, seems to misunderstand the relationship of Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto to Holocaust Education Week. (*CJN*, Nov. 25)

While we are proud to be a participant (some 36 churches took part this year), we are not responsible for programs other than our own. The event in question did not take place under our auspices and her complaint should properly have been addressed to the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto, UJA Federation.

The churches that participate in Holocaust Education Week do so out of solidarity with our Jewish neighbours and because we recognize that centuries of anti-Jewish polemic in the churches helped contribute to a climate in which the Holocaust could take place. The recent desecration of a Jewish cemetery and a monument to victims of the Holocaust are evidence of the persistence of anti-Semitism in our society. I only hope that today those in the Jewish community know that they do not stand alone.

Our aim is not to point the finger at any nation or people but to encourage individuals to look within themselves and their society to eradicate any and all forms or racism and prejudice.

The Rev. Brian Prideaux
Chairperson
The Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto

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Question for Sokolski

Re: Hanna Sokolski's letter stating her dismay at the Toronto Jewish community as "to allege that the Poles were in any way responsible for the Holocaust is an outrage."

As a child of camp survivors, I have one question for Sokolski: How many Poles were handed over to the Nazis by the Jews?

Yossi Kestenberg
Toronto

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Likes Gidi Koren's column

Re: "Koren is anti-Israel." (*CJN*, Nov. 18)

I wish to take exception to Pnina Brandes' assessment that Gidi Koren "takes every opportunity to defame" Israel.

Sweeping bad images under the rug is not what I would expect from a reporter who, albeit anecdotally, reports current events in Israel. Religious coercion, land-for-life zealots, political corruption and deaths on the highways are all part of the Israeli landscape.

Brandes' request amounts to censorship. The concept that only good things should be said about Israel is probably one of the principal factors contributing to the democratic problems of Israel today. Gone are the days of setting artificial (and fictitious) standards that are out of touch with reality. In my opinion, facing the truth is eventually the easier way to deal with it.

To Koren I say, Kol hakavod, your column is informative and entertaining. Nothing less should be tolerated.

Isaac Sachs
Montreal

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The quality of Jews

I came out of Hungary many years ago, and the help that we received from our people was something extraordinary. Words cannot possibly express it. I came to this land of miracles.

After we finished our one-year contract with the government cutting pulp wood, I came to Montreal. It must be known to everyone what a reception we got! A group of people were waiting for us – our newly acquired family. We were housed in a downtown hotel for the night. The next day, we visited the Jewish Agency on Jeanne Mance Street. We were given some money, the names of families to stay with, members of the Jewish community.

I would be happy to have the current generation hear about this story, to make them aware of what their parents and grandparents have done. They must be educated to know the quality of our people.

Alexander Jakab
Montreal

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Perspectives

Two stories

Auschwitz Chanukah spoon

By I.I. COHEN
Special to The CJN

One of the items I smuggled out of Auschwitz, when the Nazis moved me into Camp Number Eight – a quarantine camp, for those suspected of carrying typhus – was my spoon. It wasn't much, but it was mine – and it would come to play an important role in my Jewish life and in those of some of the 500 or so other prisoners there.

There were no labour details in this new camp, but we inmates were ordered to help in its construction, which was still under way. Having had some experience in the Lodz ghetto as a mechanic, I helped the electrical technician install the camp's lighting.

With my new access to tools, I brought my spoon to work and filed down its handle, making it into a sharp knife. Now I could use it both to eat my soup and to cut my bread. This was useful because we would often receive one chunk of bread to divide among two or three people, and without a knife it was difficult to apportion the bread fairly. Now I was regularly called upon to use my spoon-knife to help avoid disputes and maintain relative peace among the prisoners.

When winter came, though, my spoon became involved in an additional mitzvah. By then, we had been transferred to Camp Number Four in Kaufering, a camp more similar to Auschwitz in its daily ordeals. Despite the horrendous hardships we suffered daily, however, we tried whenever possible to remember to do a mitzvah and to maintain a self-image as God-fearing Jews, despite all the dangers that involved.

'We must discover a way of doing the mitzvah'

Having always kept mental track of the calendar, I knew when Chanukah had arrived. During a few minutes' rest break, a group of inmates and I began to reminisce about how, back home before the war, our fathers would light their menorahs with such fervour and joy. We remembered how we could never seem to get our fill of watching the flames sparkling like stars, how we basked in their warm, special glow, how they seemed to imbue us with a special sanctity.

And then we got to thinking about the origins of Chanukah, about the war of the Hasmoneans against their Greek tormentors who were intent on erasing Judaism from Jewish hearts. We remembered how God helped them to fight their enemy, enabling them to freely observe the Torah.

And then we looked around ourselves. Here we were, in a camp where our lives were constantly in danger, where we were considered sub-human and where it was virtually impossible to observe the most basic practices of Judaism. How happy we would be, we mused, if only we could light Chanukah candles.

While we talked and dreamed, we were all suddenly struck, as if at once, by the same resolution: We simply must discover a way of doing the seasonal mitzvah.

One fellow offered a small bit of margarine he had saved from his daily ration. That could serve as our oil. And wicks? We began to unravel threads from our uniforms.

What, though, could be our menorah? I took out my spoon, and within moments, we were lighting the Chanukah "candle," reciting the blessings of Lehadlik Ner, She'asah Nissim and Shehechianu. We all stood around entranced, transfixed, each immersed in his own thoughts of Chanukahs gone by.

And our unusual Chanukah menorah kindled in us a glimmer of hope. As we recited the blessing about the miracles God had performed for our forefathers "in those days," but also "at this time," we well understood that the only thing that could save us would be a miracle – a *nes gadol*.

Other Jews stood near us watching the flame of the Chanukah candle. I am certain that none of us who survived will ever be able to forget that luminous moment in the darkness of our concentration camp lives.

The celebrated Viennese psychiatrist Dr. Viktor Frankl, who was himself, incidentally, an inmate of Kaufering, asserted in his book *Man's Search for a Meaning* that, to survive the concentration camps, a person had to have something larger to live for. Those with goals had a better chance to remain alive.

We religious Jews in the camps were certainly good examples of that phenomenon, living for our Sabbaths, our Jewish holidays and our daily recognition that there is an Almighty, whether or not we could ever fathom His ways. I often felt that our convictions helped us cling to life when others sank to the depths of despair.

And today, I am overwhelmed at times with gratitude to God for my personal miracle, my survival, especially when I am surrounded by the children and grandchildren He has granted me, all of whom are committed to the observance and study of the Torah. And the gratitude comes rushing in as well every winter, when I light my menorah – a real one today – and, as I always do, I remember my Auschwitz spoon Chanukah.

I.I. Cohen, a Polish-born survivor of three concentration camps, lives in Toronto, where he is writing a book about his wartime experiences, from which the above is excerpted.

An Iranian Chanukah

By SHAHNAZ KEYPOUR

Chanukah is Chanukah no matter what part of the world we Jews are living in. We all light the chanukiyah and say the same brachot.

But there can be differences in some of the traditions surrounding the holiday. In food for instance.

Iranian Jews have some different customs for every festival, and chanukah is not an exception.

The festival of Chanukah coincides approximately with the Iranian winter festival called Shabeh Yalda, which dates back to Zoroastrianism and celebrates the rebirth of the sun.

When I was a child living in Iran, we used to keep warm at home in the winter by sitting on large cushions around a korsi – a low, square table covered with a thick blanket hanging over the sides and large enough to cover us up to the shoulders. A brazier full of burning coal was placed under the table. At meal times, a napkin was spread over the blanket and the korsi was used as a table.

On Chanukah nights, after lighting the candles and singing the prayers, we used to take our seats around the korsi and eat fruits such as pomegranates, persimmons, quinces, apples, oranges, mandarins, and a combination of dried fruit and nuts. These included figs, dates, apricots, prunes, raisins, pistachios, almonds, cashews, roasted watermelon seeds and squash.

Latkes are not part of the tradition of Iranian Jews. As an oily food, many eat a variety of omelettes called *kukus* in Persian. *Kukus* absorb a lot of oil because they are very thick. They contain a lot of herbs (*kuku sabzi*), dill (*kuku shevid*), and vegetables – eggplant (*kuku badernjan*), spinach (*kuku wsphenaj*), zucchini (*kuku kadu*), or green beans (*kuku lubia sabz*).

The *kukus* would be served with rice dishes and stews along with an assortment of fresh *sabzis* (herbs) and vegetables such as radishes, green onions, mint, basil, tarragon, and savory. As a side dish, *torshi* was served. *Torshi*, as it is also known in other cultures, is a mixture of vegetables and spices preserved in vinegar.

On Chanukah nights, we often had guests. Most of the time, they were members of the extended family. The elders would often share stories with the rest of us.

Frequently, a family member who was known for having a good voice would be asked to sing classical Iranian songs. Others would join in with whatever songs they could sing or whatever instruments they could play; this often also led to dancing.

Of course, all this while the traditional samovar would be contributing its own gurgle to our joy.

Since Iran is an Islamic country, we did not have to compete with Christmas. We did not have the tradition of gift giving either. On the other hand, we kept all our religious celebrations rather private and quiet; no chanukiyah was visible through our windows.

Another fond memory that comes to my mind is that of in-school celebrations of Chanukah. The Jewish day schools were supported by two organizations. Some received subsidies from the American Jewish Joint Committee; others depended on the Alliance Israélite Universelle. I went to an AJC school called Ganje Danesh (Treasure of Knowledge).

Every year for Chanukah, we used to put on plays which were mostly made of Hebrew songs and Israeli dances. It was a big event and families were invited to attend. Weeks before Chanukah, several students volunteered to stay after school to build a stage, make costumes, design and paint the sets, and rehearse for the presentation. There was a lot of fun in this collective activity under our teachers' supervision.

Now after 30-some years, around Chanukah time I teach the same songs to my students at the London Community Hebrew Day School and at the Or Shalom Talmud Torah. It is an experience of nostalgia mixed with gratefulness.

Growing up in Iran always had challenges and limitations for a Jew. But we kept our faith and practised our traditions while sharing in and enjoying many aspects of Iranian culture.

Persian poetry, music, arts and crafts, Persian cuisine, Persian wisdom mixed with a sense of humour, Persian family values, Persian hospitality and politeness – all these are part and parcel of our heritage no matter where we live.

The history of Iranian Jews has had its ups and downs. May this festival of lights bring *geulah* to all Jews wherever they are in distress and *nes gadol* for the freedom of those 13 Iranian Jews who are unjustly being kept imprisoned.

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Opinions

Notes from a trip to Germany

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

The trip, my first since 1994, when I had delivered the convocation address at my Alma Mater, Humboldt University in Berlin, also had a personal significance. Germany's premier publisher, Bertelsmann, was launching the first volume of my *Torah Commentary*, on whose rendition into German I had worked for the last two years with a team of translators. The book is splendidly designed, quite differently from the English original. The Hebrew text stands out and is highly readable.

There is a significant demand for Jewish literature in the new Germany, a demand that stems from both Jews and non-Jews. Across the street from my hotel was a bookstore that carried many Jewish books. I took my *Torah Commentary* there, ready to acquaint the owners with a book they might wish to sell.

They took one look at it and said, "We've already got it at the fair and have it on the shelf."

"Who buys your Jewish books?" I asked.

The answer came quickly: "A broad spectrum of the population. I cannot identify them, they represent the average reader."

My little hotel was located in a part of Munich which, incidentally, is also the artistic capital of the nation. Famous museums were within walking distance, and large academic buildings in a park-like setting make this quarter of the city especially attractive.

No wonder this was the place where Hitler and his party first began to rule the Reich. It gave me pleasure to think that the Fuehrer must be whirling in his grave (although in fact he had none), to see Jews holding a religious convocation in the very place where he had planned to destroy our people.

Munich is a bustling city. Traffic proceeds at top speed, but to me the greatest danger for a visitor is not in the streets but on the sidewalks – reserved in part for broad bicycle lanes. Here, the cyclists equal the speed of the automobiles, and here the danger of being run over is perhaps as great as anywhere else in the city.

I noted, incidentally, that the cyclists stopped at red lights like the drivers of automobiles – quite in contrast to what I see around me in Toronto. Also, pedestrians waited for green lights – even in streets that were fairly empty of vehicles – an example, a friend of mine said, of the meticulous adherence to rules and regulations practised in this country.

It was a very brief visit, lasting less than a week, but in a personal way it was a return to my youth. This was the land in which I had spent my youth and which I had to leave.

Now a very different political and cultural climate has welcomed my work on elucidating Torah, and the country's prime publishing house has seen fit to make it available to the public.

In a way a circle has been closed. The terrible past can never be erased, but the emergence of a new Germany is a reality.

Alice doesn't live there anymore

Jean M. Gerber in Vancouver

Some experiences are transfiguring: moonrise over the earth as seen from space; Bach's music; childbirth. Add to this the first time one hears a Jewish feminist who loves her Jewishness, observes Halachah, and is a true revolutionary. Prof. Alice Shalvi is that Jewish feminist, and to hear her speak is just that kind of transforming experience.

When I first heard Shalvi at a federation general assembly, she was teaching English literature at Hebrew University. She was introduced as an Orthodox woman and a feminist, at a time when we had difficulty putting these two categories together. Her obvious love of Torah and her firm commitment to equality for women was riveting, as she urged halachically based advocacy for women. Especially outspoken on the issue of agunot, she taught important lessons for our developing Jewish feminism.

Recently I heard her again speaking in our Conservative shul, an egalitarian congregation where women are counted in a minyan, permitted to lead services and chant from the Torah. We have come a long way – what message does Shalvi have for us now?

Not surprisingly, this incredible woman has moved beyond us to point out new directions. She has "crossed the floor" – proclaimed herself affiliated with the Conservative movement and taken the position of rector of the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, where programs combine intensive study of Jewish text and tradition with the study of women in Judaism, or more properly, gender studies.

"Feminism," she proclaims, "is the only permanent and beneficial revolutionary idea of the 20th century. It has had a profound effect on the way women view themselves, are viewed, and perceive their roles in society." Communism and Nazism, she points out, have died. Feminism, in an ever-changing configuration, continues to affect every facet of society.

Not content with that bombshell, she adds that for Jewish women there are two modes of feminist expression. One is the liberal egalitarian, a trend that aims to achieve for women equality of status and reward. Women do what men do and receive the same recognition, monetary, as well as personal.

The second, more radical, she calls transformational feminism: This is a feminism that brings deep structural changes in society. Societal gender roles are abandoned. Women bring their feminine insights to bear on society and social practice. Men assume more "caring" roles.

Egalitarian feminism is illustrated by the daughters of Tzelophchad, who went to Moses and pointed out that the rules of inheritance he had propagated meant they would lose their inheritance, their father's offspring being only female. Moses was then enjoined by God to restate the rules to allow women in these circumstances to inherit, thus striking one small blow for legal equality. Today this kind of reformation would be exemplified by Orthodox women studying Talmud, thus assuring them equality of access to every sacred Jewish text.

Transformational feminism goes beyond access. It calls upon Judaism to create new ceremonies, new midrashim and a new language, to express our thoughts. Books like *Reading Ruth*, *The Book of Blessings* and *Standing Again at Sinai* seek to recover the voices of women within the texts.

The revival of Rosh Chodesh as a women's holiday is one instance. Developing ceremonies for women's rites of passage is another. These ceremonies would recognize the cycle of a women's life. Shalvi reminds us that *techinot*, women's prayers, were for a long time a way for women to speak in the language of prayer about the necessities of their lives.

Jewish women, she concludes, now have the opportunity for innovation and creativity. As women become more Jewishly knowledgeable, they assert their space as half of the Jewish people.

What, we wonder, does this do for the men? Anxiety has been one prominent reaction to the continuing advancement of women within the secular world, as well as the world of Jewish thought and observance. It is up to all of us, she cautions, to make men realize that we are seeking a partnership in the family and in society, not a dominant role.

As Jews, male and female, we can recognize the value of insight from every source. Just as interpretation of literature and historical circumstance changes when a woman examines them, just as breast cancer research forges ahead when women physicians enter the field, so things change when feminine insights are used.

Shalvi is now affiliated with the Conservative movement; this means many things, among them, that she felt the pace of change within the Orthodox community did not reflect her own philosophy. That she remains an observant Jew and an outspoken women's advocate, no matter where she "lives," philosophically speaking, bodes well for the future of Jewish life.

"Yes, but..."

Bruce Elman in Edmonton

Recently, the United Nations Human Rights Committee took Canada and the province of Ontario to task for the province's refusal to support private religious schools on the same basis as it funds Catholic schools. In 1976, Canada ratified the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

The covenant provides that individuals are entitled to equal protection of law without discrimination on the basis of, among other grounds, religion.

The committee determined that Ontario and, consequently, Canada were in violation of this provision. The committee stated: "if a state party chooses to provide public funding to religious schools, it should make this funding available without discrimination."

The committee further held that any discrimination in funding must be based upon "reasonable and objective criteria." Apparently, even the fact that Canada's two state-funded education systems – one public and the other Catholic – are constitutionally mandated did not impress the Committee as being a "reasonable and objective" basis for the differential treatment accorded private religious schools.

The UN Committee on Human Rights gave Canada 90 days to comply with the decision or, at least, propose a remedy. There are really only two possible remedies: first, cut off funding to Catholic schools. This is virtually impossible as it would require a constitutional amendment. Or second, give funding to other private religious schools on the same basis as to the Catholic system.

Although this seems to be a possible solution as only two percent of the students in the province presently attend private religious schools, the spectre exists, based upon the UN ruling, that more private religious schools will be established – Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, Islamic, Fundamentalist Christian of all persuasions, and Jewish – and that more parents, knowing that the education is free, will choose to send their children to these schools, leading to greater costs to the government and undercutting the viability of the public school system. It is not surprising that Ontario seems opposed to following the UN ruling.

Nor can the federal government require them to follow the UN decision.

Canada can enter into international agreements but they cannot – according to most authorities – bind the provinces to those agreements in areas of provincial jurisdiction. Indeed, the UN decision is effectively unenforceable. Nonetheless, the decision was heralded as a great victory for the Jewish community.

Yes, but … is this really good for the Jews? Undoubtedly, this is good for all those parents who feel overburdened by religious school fees but the Jewish community must recognize that there is a negative side to accepting public funding for religious schooling.

For example, once a school receives government funding, the government may well decide to set the criteria for admission into the school. They may dictate to the schools that they must accept all children who wish to go to the school regardless of religious affiliation. The niceties of halachic interpretations of "who is a Jew" may be lost on the minister of education.

Furthermore, the government may want to have input into, or even decide, curriculum issues or staffing priorities. (Perhaps, the rabbis can become members of the teachers' union.)

As my father-in-law would say: "When you take the government's money, the government becomes your partner." And sometimes, when you take on a partner, he thinks that he knows how to run your business better than you.

We clearly have a problem with the high cost of Jewish education. For many families, it is financially prohibitive. This application brought before the UN Human Rights Committee is really an attempt to force the provincial government of Ontario to help the Jewish community solve a Jewish problem.

It reminds one of the problem with agunot – women whose husbands will not give them a *get* – a Jewish divorce. We lobbied the federal government to amend the divorce legislation to effectively compel recalcitrant husbands to give their former wives religious divorces.

There, too, we sought the assistance of the government to solve what is essentially a religious problem.

Do we really want to invite governments to enter the Jewish arena to help us solve Jewish problems? We should have been able to devise solutions to these problems ourselves. Besides, after awhile, perhaps these governments will feel free to enter the Jewish domain without an invitation.

The Kirshner File

The greening of the northern Negev Desert

"There was not a tree here!" exclaimed Nisan Tsuri, his voice booming, his right hand scanning the horizon.

Tsuri, a robust 84, stood under a blazing sun as he succinctly described what the northern Negev Desert looked like when Kibbutz Nir Am, his home, was established more than 50 years ago.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

Born in Eastern Europe, Tsuri settled in Palestine in 1936, when it was a British colony and the notion of an independent Jewish state still seemed distant.

Back in the 1930s, the Negev was far more desolate and isolated than it is today. While Jews struggled to develop the coastal plain and the Galilee, they virtually bypassed the Negev because of its scarcity of water.

In the late 1930s, when Tsuri was a young man and the future of Palestine hung in the balance, Jewish holdings in the Negev came under the wing of the Jewish National Fund, whose chief mandate is land reclamation. True to its mission, the JNF laid the foundation for a string of new settlements in the Negev.

Nir Am, 10 kilometres northeast of the Gaza Strip, was one of them. It was founded in January 1943 with about 100 members, all of whom were from Central and Eastern Europe.

Thanks to the assistance rendered by a Jewish hydrologist from Switzerland, the settlers found water at a depth of 130 metres, a development which enabled Tsuri and his fellow kibbutzniks to plant citrus orchards, field crops and banana groves in what was essentially a wilderness inhabited almost exclusively by Bedouin Arabs.

The water not only benefited Nir Am, whose population has grown fourfold since the 1940s. In 1947, a year before the outbreak of the first Arab-Israeli war, a pipeline was laid from Nir Am to supply water to Jewish outposts in the vicinity.

During the War of Independence, Nir Am, a base for the Palmach and a supply centre for kibbutzim and moshavim in the Negev, was bombed by Egyptian forces. Five kibbutzniks were killed by these bombardments, said Tsuri, pointing to a building still bearing cracks from the fighting.

Five decades after that war, Nir Am, though quite prosperous, ran into a serious problem, a lack of sufficient and affordable water for its agricultural sector.

The JNF stepped in, building a reservoir with the aid of the Bloomfield family and other JNF supporters in Montreal. The reservoir, with a capacity of 2.6 million cubic metres of recycled water from Tel Aviv, lowers the cost of water by approximately 18 percent, said Esther Weinstein, a JNF spokesperson who accompanied me to Nir Am and other localities in the Negev.

In line with Action Plan: Negev, a special program to further develop the Negev's agricultural potential, the JNF is building yet more reservoirs in this parched but promising region of Israel. According to Weinstein, 10 reservoirs already have been constructed in the northwestern Negev, where Nir Am is found.

Action Plan: Negev is also in the business of building hothouses. On Shahar, a dusty moshav west of the town of Kiryat Gat, hothouses erected five years ago are producing middle-stem roses for the European export market.

Hanoch Cohen, a gruff farmer who lives here, said that conditions in this part of the Negev are ideal for roses. "We grow three crops a year," he said.

Cohen buys rose buds from Holland, plants them in volcanic soil lifted from the Golan Heights rich in nutrients, and ships the fresh roses to Holland's flower exchange.

Panoramic view of the Yateer Forest, Israel's largest manmade woodland.

By his estimation, Shahar's hothouses, set on 100 acres, account for 10 percent of Israeli roses. Nearly two-thirds of all the roses in Israel are grown in the Negev. The Jordan Valley accounts for the rest of the crop.

As well, Action Plan: Negev builds recreational sites. An example is the Eshkol National Park, near Sderot.

The land on which it sits is historically important. During World War I, a British general, Edmund Allenby, launched an attack against a Turkish Ottoman stronghold in the Gaza Strip from what is now Sderot. Two previous assaults in 1916 and 1917 had failed.

The offensive, taking the form of a flanking movement, was successful. Allenby's victory was instrumental in driving the Ottomans out of Palestine and paving the way for Britain's League of Nations mandate.

The Ottoman presence in the Eshkol National Park, save for a grove of mature tamarisk trees, has been completely erased. Not even the remnants of their fortresses remain.

The JNF built the park in honour of an Israeli prime minister, in the mid-1980s. Laced with streams, studded with pools, and shaded by trees of all shapes and varieties, this fetching green space attracts visitors from near and afar. During my brief visit, young Israeli Arab campers gambolled on its grounds.

The Yateer Forest, in the Hebron hills 40 kilometres northeast of Beersheva, perfectly exemplifies Action Plan: Negev's afforestation program.

Consisting of 5,500 acres of Jerusalem pine, stone pine, brutia pine, cypress, almond, oak and carob trees, it is Israel's biggest manmade forest. Always being expanded, it lies 600 to 800 metres above sea level.

Originally planted in 1964 to demarcate the Green Line from the West Bank, it adjoins the Lahav forest, which is about 8,000 acres in size. Filled with park benches for picnickers, the Yateer Forest is, first and foremost, a recreational area for the enjoyment of people from Negev communities like Arad, Beersheva and Dimona. Surrounded by bleak, bone-dry desert, the forest is an enticing patch of greenery in a wasteland.

In ancient times, a Byzantine village, Hirbet Anim, stood here. The tumbled-down ruins of stone dwellings, mills and wells can still be seen today. Judging by a ruined synagogue, with its bimah facing north to Jerusalem, Israelites once lived in this place.

Canadians have played no small role in developing this rolling woodland.

The Jubilee Forest, a section of Yateer, was cultivated with the help of Canadian donors.

George Cohon, chair of Toronto-based McDonald's Canada, contributed funds for the George A. Cohon Family Youth Activities Centre, which was inaugurated in 1994.

Joel King, a Montrealer, donated funds for picnic tables and the upkeep of trails.

As we drove away from Yateer, my attention was drawn to a newly-planted forest of spindly saplings that, one day, will cover these bare hills in a sylvan embrace.

The saplings are from Gilat, one of three JNF nurseries in Israel. Close to Sderot, Gilat supplies the afforestation needs of the entire Negev from Kiryat Gat to Eilat.

Bristling with colourful shrubs like oleander and thousands of delicate saplings such as pines, palms and pistachios, Gilat has yielded upwards of one million saplings for JNF's afforestation campaign.

Over the years, the JNF has planted some 200 million trees in Israel. It has thus hugely contributed to the greening of Israel, an environmental feat of major proportions in a largely arid country.

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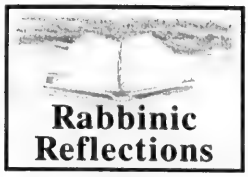

A number of menorahs

By RABBI REUVEN TRADBURKS

How many menorahs are supposed to be lit in the home on Chanukah?

One touches upon an interesting cultural phenomenon in answering this question.

I often ask people how many menorahs they lit in their home when they were growing up. Did they light one menorah for the whole family, or did all the members of the family light their own menorahs? Most people answer that they lit one menorah for the whole family. This is the answer from Ashkenazim and from Sepharadim.

The reason this is of interest to me is that it is not consistent with the Shulchan Aruch which says that the Sephardi practice is to light one menorah for the whole family while the Ashkenazim light one menorah for each family member. If there are five people in the family, then they all light their own menorah, for a total of five.

Yet, in spite of the fact that the Shulchan Aruch says that all Ashkenazi family members should light their own menorah, in practice, most Ashkenazim lit one menorah for the whole family.

In our times, we see a new phenomenon as young Jews become much more textually proficient. When they learn from the books that each member of the family should light, they change their family's practice.

What was done in the past needs to be changed to conform to what the authorities say. If we only lit one menorah, it was probably because we weren't that knowledgeable, but now that we know what we should be doing, let's change to have all the family members light their own menorah.

Rabbi Chaim Soloveitchik wrote of this phenomenon – the replacement of tradition with books, the replacement of learning how to live Jewishly through one's family traditions by book learning. Our teachers now are our books. In previous generations, our teachers for how to perform mitzvot were our families – our mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers.

We live in a new world. The passing on of tradition, of love of Judaism, of knowledge of Jewish life, does not happen in the home anymore. Of course, to some extent it does, but predominantly, we live in a world where independent thinking is common, where the greatest influences are outside of the home and not within.

For young Jews, what may have been sufficient in previous years is no longer adequate. The Jewish education of Hebrew school, which had some degree of success 50 years ago, is simply not adequate anymore.

The education in previous years, of seeing grandparents and parents, of learning from the practices of the home, is a thing of the past to a very large extent. Our homes are not strong enough, our neighbourhoods are not full of the signs and smells of Jewish living. We need to replace this learning atmosphere of previous years with a greater emphasis on formal education and on books.

The teachers of today are books – which is why you will see more homes where everyone lights their own menorah, in spite of the fact that in their parents' and grandparents' home they lit only one.

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Chanukah time on the Net

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

Today, more reasons to travel the Jewish Highway this Chanukah.

Reason No. 5: The crafts & decorations

One of the unique qualities of Chanukah is the mitzvah of *pirsuma d'nissa* – the requirement to publicize and make known the miracle **[http://www.wein-destiny.com/miketz-chan59.htm]**. The traditional method of doing this is by lighting a menorah. But you can find great decorations and crafts on the Internet to publicize the holiday by printing out pictures, colouring books and even electronic art.

There are all sorts of free holiday clip art like dreidels at **[http://www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/chanukah/icons.html]** or Star of David Window Ornaments at **[http://billybear4kids.com/holidays/hanukkah/craft/star.htm]**. The Uncle Debi's site has images from various Jewish holidays including Chanukah **[http://home.wnm.net/~debi/jart.htm]** as does the Graphics Grabber **[http://www.sierra.com/sierrahome/publishing/grabber/]** and Freegraphics **[http://www.freegraphics.com/images/downloads/chanu kah/]**.

Don't miss the online colouring book at **[http://www.cass.net/~rainiew/sarahbear/bigc4/colorbig.htm]** or the ones you can print out at Torahtots **[http://www.torahtots.com/holidays/chanuka/chanclr.htm]** and Holidays on the Net **[http://www.holidays.net/chanukah/pix.htm]**.

You can download Chanukah wallpaper for your computer or change your computer's icons and cursors **[http://billybear4kids.com/desktop/hanukkah/wallpapr.htm]**. But as the site wisely says, "Before you do this, or download anything, ask your parents if it is okay."

Reason No. 6: The food

You may want a bit of a break from the latkes **[http://www.jcn18.com/holiday/hanukkah/recipe.htm]** and jam-filled doughnuts **[http://www.eskimo.com/~jefffree/recipes/sufgan1.htm]**. There are many recipes out there – with and without oil. Richard Amster takes a look at the history of the traditional foods and then includes recipes for carrot pancakes, applesauce and chocolate covered honey almonds **[http://www.jewishfamily.com/food-amster.htm]**. More recipes to keep your belt tight are at **[http://magellan.excite.com/lifestyle/food_and_drink/recipes/recipes_c/chanukah]**.

For something different, try Moroccan sfenji (orange doughnut rings), Dutch joodse boterkoeke or Chanukah Swedish tea cookies **[http://www.eskimo.com/~jefffree/recipes/chaindex.htm]**. If you need help putting an entire holiday meal together, take a look at Epicurious **[http://www.epicurious.com/e_eating/e04_hanukkah/hanmenus.html]**. The Sephardic Hanukkah Dinner for Eight will have you dining on roasted eggplant and pepper and braised lamb in pomegranate sauce. Or you can go Italian.

Reason No. 7: The greeting cards

Chanukah draws to a close on Saturday night. And it's not too late to say hello. Just drop people a line, on line. There are several sites where you can e-mail colourful postcards with a personalized message **[http://magellan.excite.com/lifestyle/holidays/jewish/hanukkah/virtual_cards]**.

You can even create an animated Chanukah card accompanied by music **[http://www.marlo.com/heb/chanukah.htm]** or a card with an attached recipe **[http://www.freewebcard.com/cards/chanukah/]**.

Reason No. 8: The gelt

According to Ohr Somayach, giving gelt goes back to the Talmud. "A very poor person must light Chanukah lights, even if he can't afford it. A person with no money is required to go 'knocking on doors' until he collects enough to buy at least one candle for each night of Chanukah."

But in order to make things as dignified as possible for the recipient, the custom arose to voluntarily give gifts of money during Chanukah so that someone who needs extra money for Chanukah candles can receive it in the form of Chanukah gelt. **[http://www.ohr.org.il/ask/ask173.htm#Q5]**

The Celebrate with JOI site suggests another link between gelt and Chanukah. It points out that the Maccabees were permitted to mint their own coins as an expression of their newly won independence **[http://www.joi.org/celebrate/hanuk/gelt.htm]**.

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Jewish Life

Teaching history in Israel

By LILY KUTNER

Guest Voices

The media has recently reported on a disturbing new trend in the teaching of history in Israel's high schools. A new textbook written by Prof. Eyal Naveh of Tel Aviv University challenges the "official" version taught until now.

While the old historiography told us, for example, that in the War of Independence, the Israelis fought as "the few against the many," Naveh's book claims that the Israeli army was stronger and even larger than the Arab forces aligned against it.

What army? I was living in Israel at the time and know the facts first hand. My younger brother was in the Palmach (the volunteer underground strike force) and the Haganah.

On Nov. 29, 1947, the General Assembly of the United Nations approved the recommendation to partition Palestine into two independent states, Jewish and Arab. The Arab states rejected the resolution and decided to solve "the problem" by force. There were immediate outbreaks of Arab violence in all parts of Palestine; killing, burning and looting were daily occurrences.

Now, over 50 years later, Palestinian Arabs are negotiating with Israel to get what they rejected in 1947. What has indeed changed during this time is the degree to which their propaganda has succeeded in finding acceptance.

The last British soldier and the last British high commissioner left Haifa on the morning of May 14, 1948. On the same day Israel was proclaimed.

There was no limit to the jubilation – people singing and dancing in the streets. Unfortunately, it didn't last long. The same night, Tel Aviv was bombarded. Five Arab nations with millions of well-armed soldiers attacked the Jewish state of 600,000 – where the fighting force consisted of 51,000 men, some as young as 16.

The Arab attempt to crush Israel at birth began the War of Independence, a fact ignored by the new historians. Lack of arms was a major problem for the Yishuv. Naval and artillery forces were created from scratch. My older brother Daniel enlisted in the navy as an officer.

On May 26, the Israel defence army, Tzahal, was established. My husband was immediately recruited to the engineering units, so again I had first hand information on the conditions of the war.

According to the Arab version of events, the refugee problem was created in 1948, when the colonialist Jews expelled the Palestinians from their villages and cities.

At the time of the Arab "exodus," I lived in the suburbs of Haifa, Kiryat Hashmal. I heard our leaders over the loudspeaker announcing in Hebrew and in Arabic: "Our Arab neighbours, please don't flee, nothing bad will happen to you." The same announcements were made all over the country.

During the first few years of Israel's existence, over one million Jews were expelled from Arab lands, leaving all their property and possessions behind. Israel welcomed and absorbed them, as well as the Holocaust survivors who arrived broken, physically and emotionally. They were all incorporated into the Yishuv and became productive elements of society. But the Arab states kept the Palestinians in camps, as hostages, in order to keep the hostility festering.

Now, Israel's historians, like Benny Morris and Tom Segev, have taken the Arab refugees myth, and worked it into the collective Israeli consciousness.

The astonishing fact is not that the new history has been published and adopted as an official textbook, but that the people of Israel seem not to care.

It is heartbreaking that Israeli youth is now being robbed of the knowledge that the State of Israel was not granted to us "on a silver platter." It was indeed won by the "few against the many" thanks to the patriotism, wisdom, determination, and sacrifice of its defenders, whom, I suspect, cry out of their graves against the new history. Among those defenders are brother Daniel, husband Baruch, and nephew Giora. *Yehi zichram baruch!*

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Centring on the Holocaust

***The Holocaust in American Life*, by Peter Novick (Houghton Mifflin Company, $39.95).**

Books
Bernard Baskin

I was 25 when World War II ended. During my university years, I seldom heard mention of the Holocaust.

In those days, few wanted to talk about the Holocaust, or hear or read about it. People were too close to it in time. It was too horrible to comprehend.

Everything changed in 1967 with the Six Day War. Gamal Abdel Nasser's threat to drive the Jews of Israel into the sea caused long suppressed feelings about the Holocaust to surface.

Books on the Holocaust, by Jewish and non-Jewish authors, now fill our shelves. First-person accounts by survivors proliferate unendingly. The Holocaust is now the most popular course in many universities and has also made its way to the movie and television screen. The American federal government now sponsors a popular Holocaust Memorial Museum. In many American cities, Holocaust centres have been built or will be built.

A well-known American Rabbi argues that our values are skewed. We build monuments to the victims of the Holocaust, yet we neglect to honour the great sages of the Talmud or the other spiritual giants of the Jewish past. We are promoting Jewish continuity on the basis of a negative. We are making the murder of European Jewry the main reason for remaining Jewish.

Centring our thoughts on the Holocaust can also convey a morbid impression of Judaism to the young and impressionable for whom being Jewish may come to mean suffering abuse, discrimination, and bigotry. Unaware of the many positive features of Judaism they may eventually believe that Jewish history is filled with nothing but misfortune and tragedy.

These and similar concerns are among those raised and argued in this thought provoking and often disturbing work by a professor of history at the University of Chicago.

The author maintains that the Holocaust is virtually the only common denominator of American Jewish identity in the late 20th century that can "confront increasing communal anxiety about Jewish continuity in the face of declining religiosity, together with increasing assimilation and a sharp rise in intermarriage, all of which threaten demographic catastrophe." He maintains, with other Jewish thinkers, that a Holocaust-centred Judaism will not work to ensure Jewish survival.

The author acknowledges that "at bar and bat mitzvahs, in a growing number of communities, the child is 'twinned' with a young victim of the Holocaust who never lived to have the ceremony, and by all reports the kids like it a lot. Adolescent Jews who go on organized tours to Auschwitz and Treblinka have reported that they were 'never so proud to be a Jew' as when, at these sites, they vicariously experienced the Holocaust. Jewish college students oversubscribe to courses on the Holocaust, and rush to pin yellow stars to their lapels on Yom Hashoah."

In an unusual evaluation, Novick writes, "One of the things I find most striking about much recent Jewish Holocaust commemoration is how 'un-Jewish' – how Christian – it is. I am thinking of the ritual of reverently following the structured pathways of the Holocaust in the major museums, which resembles nothing so much as the Stations of the Cross on the Via Dolorosa. Also the symbolic representations of the Holocaust – notably in the climax of Elie Wiesel's *Night* – that employ crucifixion imagery. Perhaps most significantly, there is the way that suffering is sacralized and portrayed as the path to wisdom – the cult of the survivor as secular saint. These are themes that have some minor and peripheral precedent in Jewish tradition, but they resonate more powerfully with major themes in Christianity."

It is regrettable that the memory of the Shoah has had a negligible influence on Washington's response to genocide in places like Biafra and Cambodia. Concerning America's hesitant response to Serb atrocities in Bosnia, for example Novick asserts that "'the lessons of Vietnam' … easily trumped 'the lessons of Holocaust.'"

Prodigiously researched, fair in presenting alternate points of view, richly layered – this is a timely and necessary book.

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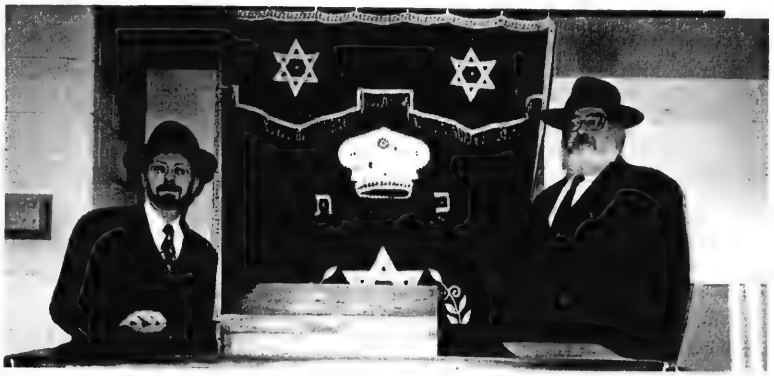

Standing in front of the Aron Kodesh prior to Shaarei Zion's Minchah services are Dr. George Adam (left) and Prof. Marvin Gold. [Jack Saunders photo]

Spirit of Palmerston Shul still living in Shaarei Zion

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
CJN Staff

TORONTO — The Palmerston Shul, founded more than 75 years ago, was one of dozens of small synagogues established in the old downtown Jewish community.

As was the case in many small congregations, attendance at the Palmerston Shul – formally named the Agudath Israel Anshei Sfard – dwindled as members of the Jewish community migrated north along the Bathurst Street corridor.

But while many of the downtown shuls have disappeared and been forgotten, the Palmerston Shul, though no longer a physical entity, lives on in spirit through Shaarei Zion, which was founded in the late '60s.

The Shaarei Zion is a small Orthodox congregation that holds Shabbat and holiday services at Associated Hebrew School's Danilack Campus at 6100 Leslie St.

Dr. George Adam, spokesperson for Shaarei Zion, explained the connections between his congregation and the Palmerston Shul.

When the building of the original Palmerston Shul was sold in 1979, the members decided to give the sifrei Torah and their excess cemetery plots to Associated Hebrew Schools. Shaarei Zion now uses those scrolls and its congregants feel a strong affinity with the old shul, Adam said.

At the same time, the members of the Palmerston Shul donated three marble wall plaques from the original Palmerston Shul. The plaques now hang on the walls of the Danilack campus in front of the school's synagogue, he said.

Adam, a member for 10 years, described the Shaarei Zion as a comfortable and intimate congregation. "It's really nice and it's small. I felt at home here and I became a regular."

He said the congregation numbers about a dozen families, with a regular Shabbat attendance of 20 to 30 men and women of all ages. On holidays, there are considerably more people.

He said the oldest member is about 85, and there are also teens and pre-teens. "They like the small heimish atmosphere. Most of the teenagers go to CHAT.

"We don't have services during the week because the synagogue is used by the school," he said.

Adam said Shabbat services include "a very nice kiddush" and a d'var Torah prepared by Prof. Marvin Gold, the lay spiritual leader. Gold is a microbiologist at The University of Toronto.

Adam said the Shaarei Zion is "very traditional." It has a mechitzah and it tends to serve observant people who live in the area and don't want to drive, and Orthodox people visiting the area, he said.

"We serve observant people from out of town who are coming to see their families. One of the out-of-towners is a rabbi who comes back regularly from Cleveland, and there's a rabbi who lives in Beersheva and another from Jerusalem."

The synagogue is listed in the community directory and *The Jewish Traveller's Guide*, he added.

Adam said the shul would appeal to people interested in a more traditional service, but who want to daven in a smaller group setting.

The congregation was considerably larger in the '70s, according to longtime member Martin Scherer. He noted that a group of men who lived in the Leslie and Don Mills area began praying together in each other's homes in the late '60s.

When the group grew, they purchased property in the vicinity of Steeles Avenue and Leslie Street, and davened in a portable on the property. In the '70s, the congregation had as many as 50 member families, said Scherer, who joined the congregation in 1983.

But more than 50 percent of those families moved north to Thornhill in the mid-'80s, he said, noting Ab Bergson is the only congregant left who was part of the original group.

Instead of people moving northeast, they went north on Bathurst, Scherer said.

In 1983, with the completion of the first phase of Associated's Danilack campus, Shaarei Zion sold its property and began holding services at the school, he said.

Adam said some of the money from the sale of the property was used to hire rabbis.

"That money ran out in early '90s...There was no rabbi after that. One of the members took it upon himself to lead the service. He [Gold] works like a dog to teach and prepare."

Adam said his son Paul, 14, had his bar mitzvah at Shaarei Zion. "He *leined* the whole parshah. He gave a d'var Torah and we had a sit down cold buffet for 120 people."

But bar mitzvahs there only take place about once every other year, Adam said."Basically this is a small congregation with a group of regulars who come week after week."

Scherer called the congregation "the northeast shtiebl."

Adam said that while most of the members are observant, everyone is welcome.

"We're very happy to have anyone come. We try and make them feel comfortable. We're tolerant. We take people as they are. If people become more observant along the way, that's a bonus."

He said belonging to Shaarei Zion is like living in a small town within a big city. "We know all the people. They all know each other and they help each other out.

"It's one of the advantages of being a small congregation... You really feel you matter. You really do count."

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Campaign Climbs to $33.5 Million

UJA Federation campaigners are working overtime to reach as many contributors as possible for the final stretch of Campaign 2000, which officially ends December 15.

Hundreds of dedicated volunteers, including a team of top campaigners, have been putting in extra hours during recent weeks, some making calls in the evening from their offices, in order to contact 5,000 community members who have not yet made gifts to UJA Federation's Campaign 2000. Another set of Answer the Call telethons took place this week pushing the total funds raised so far passed the $33.5 million mark.

Additional telethons will be held throughout December to give representatives from dozens of community agencies and organizations the opportunity to participate in the last UJA Federation telephone blitz of the millennium.

"The enthusiasm shown by the community has been overwhelming," notes Igor Korenzvit, who is chairing the Community Campaign Countdown with Shirley Worth.

Shirley Worth and Igor Korenzvit recently welcomed 60 of UJA Federation's leading campaigners and their families to a special pre-Raptors game reception to express appreciation for their hard work.

"The home stretch is always the hardest, but our campaigners won't stop until every last contributor is contacted," adds Worth. "If we don't do our best to reach as many people as possible our agencies won't be able to provide much needed services to the most vulnerable among us."

Members of the Bernard Betel Centre held a month-long drive in November to raise funds and awareness about Campaign 2000. Bernice Goldhar and three other Betel volunteers took turns staffing the display table for three hours every day. "It feels good to help out any way we can," notes Goldhar.

Even younger community members are pitching in to help raise funds for Jews in need. After hearing Ethiopian immigrant Mehereta Baruch speak about how the UJA Federation funded Jewish Agency saved her life, Leo Baeck Day School students have decided to embark on a new fundraising drive with proceeds going to UJA Federation.

If you would like to make a gift to UJA Federation Campaign 2000, please call (416) 631-5705, mail a cheque to UJA Federation, 4600 Bathurst Street, Toronto, M2R 3V2, or visit the *Jewish Toronto* Web Site (*www.jewishtoronto.net*) for Internet payments.

Close to 500 community members joined in the fun at Jewish Toronto Night with the Raptors sponsored by UJA

UJA on Campus

Mo Glazman may look like any another young co-ed making his way through a sea of students at Toronto's two largest universities, but he's not rushing to get to class.

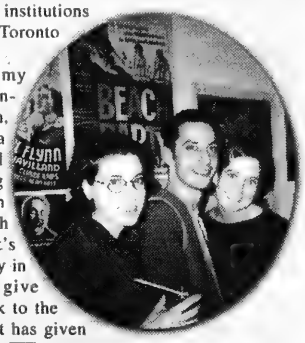
Mo Glazman

Instead, the 24 year old McGill graduate is in a hurry to meet as many Jewish students as possible and get them involved with UJA Federation.

"It's my job to find ways of making lasting connections between students and their community through meaningful involvement with UJA Federation," explains Glazman, the organization's new campus coordinator. Before joining UJA, Glazman, who has spent the last two summers coordinating programs for youth through Canadian Jewish Congress.

"I spend a lot of time shmoozing," admits Glazman, who mingles with students in between classes to find out what kinds of activities they're interested in. Working closely with Jewish Campus Services, a UJA Federation beneficiary agency, Glazman is already planning a number of events for the new year that he hopes will have broad appeal to the over 15,000 Jewish students attending post secondary institutions in the Greater Toronto Area.

"This is my ideal job," confesses Glazman, who is also a professional vocalist, singing regularly at Beth Emeth Synagogue. "It's like I get to stay in school and give something back to the community that has given so much to me."



(above) Last year over 150 jewish students gathered at Oasis for a UJA on Campus sponsored event which raised funds for the annual campaign.

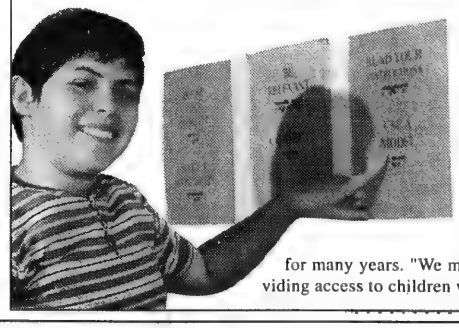
Surveying Special Needs

UJA Federation's Board of Jewish Education (BJE) is stepping up its efforts to enhance services for students with special needs.

The BJE's Special Education Committee is in the process of gathering information from community members about how to better assist students in both Jewish day and supplementary schools. During the next two months the Committee will be soliciting input via The Canadian Jewish News, the Jewish Toronto website (www.jewishtoronto.net), schools, synagogues and community centre offices.

"We want to hear from all the stakeholders including parents and students," explains Rhona Shulman, Chair of the BJE's Special Education Committee.

According to the BJE, anywhere between 10% and 20% of Jewish students in the Greater Toronto Area struggle with some type of learning disability. The BJE provides remedial and psycho-educational help through Jewish Vocational Services to children with special needs, but many parents and educators feel that some students are falling through the cracks.



"If we are going to keep students with special needs in the system, we are going to have to find ways of expanding both the quantity and range of services available," says Shulman.

"We have a wonderful policy in our community that no child should be denied a Jewish education because of financial circumstances," notes Gerry Richler, a Special Education Committee member who has been an advocate for students with special needs for many years. "We must adhere to a similar policy when it comes to providing access to children with exceptionalities."

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Messianic Times complaints

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish Congress and Jews for Judaism say they received dozens of complaints from residents in Thornhill and in highrise buildings in the Bathurst-Steeles area who received a copy of the *Messianic Times* last week.

The 32-page, full colour newspaper appears to be a Jewish publication, but is filled with articles and ads praising Jesus as the "Jewish messiah."

The paper reappeared after an absence of several months.

This edition promotes the City of David messianic congregation at Bathurst and Steeles.

It is produced by Zev Isaacs, a Hebrew-Christian who once lived in Toronto.

The complaints have come mainly from the elderly and Russian-speakers, said CJC Ontario region's Bernie Farber.

"If Mr. Isaacs and his crew think this will affect our community, he's dead wrong," Farber said tersely. "In fact, if anything, it moves our community to anger and frustration. It does him no good at all."

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Historic home demolished

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — After learning that his grandfather's house had been demolished to make way for a University of Toronto information technology building, Marvin Fremes burst into tears.

Located at 42 St. George St., the house built by Mendel Granatstein for $13,000 in 1919 was the first house in the city to be owned by a Jew, according to the records of Heritage Toronto.

Fremes, who lived in the house as a young child, said he remembers an indoor sukkah with a metal lattice-work grille ceiling. The roof could be rolled back, allowing the sky to be viewed from within the room.

"It was a grand house for its time. There are poignant memories associated with it," says Fremes.

Lois Greisman, Granatstein's great great granddaughter, says her family often drove by the house, and she is sorry that she never had a chance to go through it.

"Mendel came to Canada from Poland in 1891. He became a peddler, and eventually saved enough money to start his own business, M. Granatstein & Sons.

"He purchased old clothing, rags and other fabrics, processed them, and broke them down into fibre, which was then spun into yarn. Eventually, trade expanded throughout North America and Europe.

"He insisted on signing his cheques in Yiddish. He was one of the only men in Canada to be permitted to do so. This might have been his trademark. He was proud to have accomplished so much in a new country without knowing the language.

"He was the unofficial leader of the Polish-Jewish community in Toronto…He became one of the founders of the Beth Jacob Synagogue which opened on Henry Street in 1922."

Some years after his death in 1945, she said, the house was sold to the University of Toronto.

Sheldon Godfrey, a former chair of the Heritage Canada Foundation, and the author of several books on Canadian Jewish history, wrote Heritage Toronto when he discovered that the house was about to be demolished. Godfrey wanted to see about having the house designated as a heritage site under the Ontario Heritage Act.

"When I heard it had been demolished, I was shocked. [U of T] did have a right to tear it down, but I had hoped we would be able to learn something about the house before it was demolished.

"At this point, we can only trust that the university will properly commemorate the house in a way that is visible from the street," said Godfrey.

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Greater Toronto Area

Jewish MPP Young defends government's policies

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

David Young

TORONTO — Rookie Ontario legislator David Young realizes there's a lot to know about being an MPP, especially one within the government.

"It's been a pretty steep learning curve," the 42-year-old Tory member for Willowdale told *The CJN* recently at his Queen's Park office. "But I'm getting used to the heckling and abuse in the legislature." Combine that with his having spent 18 years as a litigation lawyer and six years as a trustee of the North York Public School Board, and the transition, he says, has been "a little less steep."

Young was part of the Big Blue Machine's second straight majority victory in June's provincial vote. His win was not a big surprise; the riding had been held by then attorney general Charles Harnick, who'd been a popular representative. Young's victory, though, was not overwhelming. He outpolled his nearest rival 22,000 to 18,500 votes.

He became one of three Jewish MPPs (and the only one in government), joining Liberals David Caplan and Monte Kwinter.

Only three weeks after his win, Premier Mike Harris appointed him parliamentary assistant to the education minister.

What's a nice Jewish boy doing in this line of work?

Young chuckles. "I come from a rich tradition of nice Jewish boys: [Former Ontario Tory leader] Larry Grossman, Charles Harnick, Allan Grossman. So I'm in good company."

These days find the newcomer feeling a bit like an outreach worker. "I made a pledge during the election that I would continue to knock on doors," he says. And what's on his constituents' minds?

"There has been no one area, but I am hearing a lot about taxes, red tape and health care."

Young defends the government's record in all three areas.

"We are spending more on health care now despite federal transfer payments. We've undertaken to increase health care funding by 20 percent." Harris, he adds, has cut personal income taxes, with a further 20 percent reduction to come; will cut 20 percent from the provincial portion of residential property taxes; and has substantially reduced the size of government by appointing a permanent red tape watchdog.

As for extending public funds to private and independent schools, including Jewish day schools, Young is less committal. (*The CJN*'s interview was conducted prior to the historic United Nations ruling that Canada, through Ontario, discriminates by funding Catholic schools and not other religious-based schools).

"I'm not in a position to make promises," he said. "But discussions are taking place. It's certainly helpful to receive briefs from Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith...[but] our priority is improving the public education system.

"I'm here to ensure that dialogue surrounding independent schools continues."

And even though Branson Hospital isn't in his riding, Young says the situation there isn't as bad as people might think.

Branson, he notes, has an urgent care clinic (even though it's not round-the-clock); it may be getting two Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) units and an ophthalmology unit; and already has 100 long-term care beds.

The government's workfare program, which has met with much criticism, especially from religious groups, "is working. We have placed thousands of individuals in upgrading programs, and 400,000 people have left the welfare rolls. That's very important for people to understand."

Hate crimes are also on Young's agenda. He says he's had discussions with Attorney General Jim Flaherty on the subject, as well as on how best to curb hate on the Internet. He says one idea being explored is penalties against Internet service providers or search engines.

As for his boss, Young points out that Mike Harris has a high profile in the Jewish community. Young, who serves as a director of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, says the premier has shown sensitivity to Holocaust survivors, has spoken out against acts of vandalism and anti-Semitism, and generally, has many hidden qualities.

"You don't know Mike Harris," Young responds, when asked whether the premier suffers from an image of cold-heartedness. "He has a great love for this province. He's an intelligent individual."

Young's been married to Ellen Turk for 19 years; the couple has three children, Sarah, 14; Cory, 12; and Alycia, eight. All are in public schools.

His parents, Jack and Estelle, were founding members of Beth David Synagogue. Young's Warsaw-born father was a musician at a time when many clubs in Toronto did not admit Jews. That's why the family name was changed from Yashinsky.

With many issues before the government, Young's plate is full. Or as he put it in a recent statement, "We are not the government. We are the people elected to fix government, and the job is just beginning."

CLARIFICATION

In the article about the new Children's Crisis Centre in Neve Michael and Judith Pachino, the new national president of Emunah Women of Canada (*CJN*, Nov. 11), the headline incorrectly said that Pachino was the honouree at the organization's annual dinner. In fact, there was no honouree. *The CJN* regrets the error.

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Rabbi explores natures of men, women in marriage

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Recognizing the inherent natures of men and women is what sustains a marriage, according to Rabbi Michel Twerski.

Rabbi Twerski is the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Yehuda and director of Avir Yaakov Torah Learning Centre, both in Milwaukee. He and his wife, Faigie, a noted lecturer and counsellor, spoke last week at the Village Shul, to inaugurate the Jewish Family Institute.

Admitting that his theories might offend some people, he said that "the mainstream, whatever it is...that which is marked progressive, is not working."

Instead of a relationship of "peace, love, joy, caring, fulfillment, a place of feeling perfection and of feeling complete," he said, we see broken marriages, and all the problems associated with children from broken homes.

When Adam was created, Rabbi Twerski said, "the only person he might have had a relationship with was God;" realizing that, as it says in Genesis, it was not good for man to be alone, God created a companion, Chavah (Eve).

"Chavah came into a world where there was already another person," this difference in their beginnings is the basis of the difference between men and women, the rabbi said.

Women intuitively excel in relating to other people, he explained. Men, on the other hand, are "nerds" in this aspect of life, and are "moved by the need for spiritual quest."

Even the language of the genders is different. Women, he said, use language that synthesizes and connects. Men negotiate – their language conveys a jockeying for position."They may both be saying the same words, but they are not saying the same thing."

Adam was created in the image of God, full of energy, and the need to be creative. Until Chavah came along, he had no one to be creative for, no one to allow him to use his Godlike qualities. He felt something was missing.

When God brought Chavah to him, Adam felt "functionally complete," restored.

Chavah found in Adam "the place where she belonged, the source of her energy, the energy that would make her beautiful. She takes what Adam gives her, and transforms it into life," Rabbi Twerski said.

"Man without woman has no purpose, Woman without man has no life," he said.

The story of the apple continues to amplify the relationship between them, he said. Adam blamed Chavah for the sin. "He was an ingrate – he was punished for it."

Chavah felt "humiliated at the hands of the source of her being. She is not only condemned by God, but by man."

She needs someone to reach out and assure her safety, to look at her respectfully. "A man must make a woman feel desired and respected."

Man needs to feel that his partner needs him, appreciates his giving, and respects his capacity to make a better world, said Rabbi Twerski.

The bride circling the groom seven times under the chuppah, he said,is making the statement that her husband will be the most important person in her universe, "more than her parents, children, friends, or career."

He discussed the way Maimonides sums up the marital relationship: A husband must honour his wife more than himself, love her as much as himself, speak gently to her, and avoid creating tension in the home; a woman must honour her husband more than what is necessary, and do everything she can to meet his expectations. "He should be like a royal personnage in her eyes."

Interestingly, Rabbi Twerski added, "Rambam doesn't say that a woman must love her husband – just honour him."

A Jewish marriage is exalting, the rabbi said, because "each feels that he or she is given a throne by the spouse which they are never to abdicate."

Faigie Twerski gave more practical advice. She stressed the importance of fostering your own self esteem, saying that without loving yourself, you cannot love anyone else.

Each spouse must be a strong individual, in order for there to be a good relationship, she said. "If one of them is not strong, "there is emotional fusion, rather than emotional connection, where, like the instruments in an orchestra, each maintains his or her own identity."

Nevertheless, she added, the highest form of self-actualization is now considered to be the ability to transcend one's own needs to fulfill another's. That is what is implicit in the marriage relationship, she said.

Do small things to please the spouse, she advised. "Don't wait for the spouse to do it first."

Be able to truly forgive, she said, noting "there is no point in burying the hatchet if you put a marker on the spot."

Value how the other spouse spends his or her time, she said. She recommended that spouses find time to talk and that they should not go to sleep angry; each spouse should let other know when they do something that pleases them, or that they find admirable.

The Jewish Family Institute, dedicated by Harry and Yetta Nashman, is intended to "to stress the importance of communicating Torah ideals about improving relations between husband and wife, parent and child, friend and friend, explained Rabbi Yaakov Palatnik, spiritual leader of The Village Shul.

He noted that today it is "harder being a parent, harder being a kid, harder keeping a marriage together."

Bedouin problems explored

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — An Israeli doctor has painted a grim picture of Israel's Bedouin population in the Negev Desert.

The Bedouins suffer from a high incidence of genetic diseases and a low level of education, said Rivka Carmi, a professor of pediatric genetics at Ben-Gurion University and a senior neonatologist at the Soroka Medical Centre in Beersheva.

And many subsist on welfare, she added in a New Israel Fund lecture.

Carmi, whose research focuses on the 100,000-strong Bedouin community in southern Israel, said the Bedouin exhibit uncommonly high rates of congenital deafness, blindness and metabolic ailments due to inbreeding.

There are very few Bedouin professionals – doctors, lawyers or teachers – and about 50 percent of Bedouin women are illiterate, she pointed out.

Six percent of Bedouin students write high school matriculation exams, but only three percent pass them.

Carmi said that the quality of Bedouin schools is very low, lacking proper amenities and even air conditioning during the summer.

She called for the creation of an affirmative action program for Bedouin.

Rarely leaving their homes, Bedouin women are particularly neglected when it comes to education, Carmi suggested.

Only 65 Bedouin females attend Israeli universities, compared to 10 a decade ago.

And many Bedouin women who do reach university cannot cope with the cultural shock; they drop out, she disclosed.

According to Carmi, Bedouin wish to strike a balance between tradition and modernity.

Referring to efforts to help the Bedouin uplift themselves, Carmi described a remedial educational program at the Soroka Medical Centre designed to funnel Bedouin into the medical profession.

Bedouin communities lack basic resources, and the Israeli government is to blame for this situation, she said.

In her judgment, the previous government merely paid lip service to their problems.

Carmi said that Israeli Bedouin are no longer nomadic, having been forced to settle in towns or encampments, some of which have no clean running water and sewage facilities.

Bedouin, she reported, are regarded with disdain by their fellow Arabs in Israel.

In terms of their allegiance to Israel, some Bedouin are more loyal than others, she said.

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Students take part in Unity Mission at GA

By NIKKI GREENSPAN
Special to The CJN

Among the thousands of delegates at the 1999 General Assembly of United Jewish Communities, held recently in Atlanta, 14 university students from Ontario came with their own agenda.

They were there not only to participate in the plenary sessions of the General Assembly and the Hillel Leadership programs, but also to participate in the 1999 Unity Mission, sponsored by Jewish Campus Services of Greater Toronto.

The Unity Mission, which is now in its third year, brings together Ontario university students from the many branches of Judaism (Conservative, Reform, Orthodox and Reconstructionist).

We were there to learn about each other, with the help of guest speakers and group discussions, as well as to break down barriers that we may have erected, so that we can begin to work together as klal Yisrael – one people.

Prior to the trip, I was very naive about the other movements and their practices. Growing up, I was only familiar with the Conservative movement because I was involved with that branch of Judaism.

When I first heard about this trip, I thought it would be an excellent opportunity for me to learn more about myself, my movement and Judaism as a whole.

We had five sessions during the mission, with each focusing on a different branch of Judaism. The sessions were led by Rabbi David Wolfman (Reform), Dr. Yossi Kanofsky (Orthodox), Rabbi Matthew Burkewitz (Conservative) and Barry Chazan of the Bronfman Research Institute in Israel.

Each of the speakers explained the basic principles of his movement and answered questions. During the sessions we were able to break down stereotypes that we had of each movement, and we could begin building bridges instead of walls.

With each speaker came a new set of questions. For most of us, myself included, this was the first time that we could work in an open dialogue and ask even the most sensitive questions in a positive learning atmosphere.

While listening, I started to really think about my own Judaism – what defined me as a Jew.

As Rabbi Burkewitz of the Jewish Theological Seminary showed us, we must first wrestle internally with the different ways of expressing our Judaism before we can truly understand Judaism as a whole.

As I wrestled internally with my own ideas, I was fortunate to be in this setting.

Many different types of people, were at the General Assembly, and I found they were all willing to talk – not only about their jobs, or the plenary they just came from, but about how they defined their own Judaism.

As I spoke to each delegate and mentioned that I was there to take part in the Unity Mission, their focus shifted from the General Assembly to the mission of the Ontario young adults.

None of them had ever heard of this program and were shocked to learn that the many branches of Judaism could sit in a room together to learn, discuss and work.

I explained that even though many of us don't see eye to eye on every subject, we were trying to unite in one form or another. One man said to me: "We have a lot to learn from you students," and I believe he is right.

Now that we are all back in Ontario, we plan to share many Shabbats together.

We also plan to work on many more unity programs, which are not just for us, but for everyone on our university campuses.

I recognize that this trip helped me identify with the practices and traditions of my particular movement, as well as with the Jewish people as a whole.

As we wrestled internally with each topic, sometimes we could not come to an agreement. What we did learn, however, was that we are all Jews and exist for the same purpose: to build a stronger Israel and Jewish people.

Now that we have come to this understanding, it is time for all those around us. As this trip showed me, we can do anything, as long as we come with an open mind, open heart and desire to learn.

Nikki Greenspan is a first-year student at York University. She has been active in the Conservative movement through USY, as well as through Conservative youth for the past five years.

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What's New and About People deadlines:

Monday, Dec. 13, is deadline for Dec. 23 issue. As there will be no issue Dec. 30 all items that would ordinarily have appeared Dec. 30 will be included in the Dec. 23 column (deadline Dec. 13).

Also, due to the holiday season, the deadline for the Jan. 6 column is Dec. 20.

I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 391-1836, fax 391-0829.

Thursday, Dec. 9

HUMAN RIGHTS

The annual Louis Lenkinski Memorial Lecture on Human Rights presents **Alexa McDonough**, leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada, speaking on Continuing the Legacy: Fighting for Human Rights in a Global Economy, 7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Building, 4th floor, 4600 Bathurst St. Sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region. 635-2883, ext. 126.

Saturday, Dec. 11

A MUSICAL JOURNEY

Wasting Time with Harry Davidowitz, The Musical Journey of a Jewish Soul, written and performed by **Danny Maseng** 8 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation. Maseng, a veteran of stage and screen both in North America and abroad, is the lay rabbi of Congregation Agudat Achim in New York City. 781-3511.

Sunday, Dec. 12

FINAL STATUS TALKS

Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood breakfast program features **Simon Rosenbaum**, director of policy, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, speaking on Israel-Palestinian Final Status Talks: The Prospects of Success. Service 9 a.m., breakfast 9:30, program at 10.

JEWISH HEALING SERVICE

A Jewish Healing Service for those wishing to pray for physical, emotional or spiritual healing, sponsored by Toronto Jewish Healing Project, 3 p.m., Jerusalem Room, Bathurst Community Centre. Leaders **Rabbi Yael Splansky** and **Mary Rykov**, music therapist. For information, call **Etta Ginsberg McEwan** 944-3359.

PNAI MEETING

PNAI (Parents of North American Israelis) meeting features **Stephen Speisman** speaking on the Toronto Jewish community, and a slide presentation, noon, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. **Charles King** 783-7872.

MUSIC & MEDITATION

Attention singers, musicians, meditators, aspiring percussionists! Composer **Ken Rabow's** one-day introductory workshop on Jewish Music and Meditation runs 7-10 p.m. at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre. Weekly classes begin in January. The goal of the course is to find deeper spiritual fulfilment through chanting, playing and drumming melodies. 633-4333.

MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Information session regarding the new Jewish Montessori school set to open September, 3:30 p.m., Barbara Frum Library.

JEWISH STORYTELLING

Jewish Story Telling on the Danforth, hosted by **Alec Gelcer**. Come listen, come tell. 7:30 p.m., Riverdale Jewish Community Centre, 179A Danforth Ave. 699-8914.

JEWISH SINGLES

A fun social evening for Jewish men and women, Group A ages 21-39, Group B ages 40-69 – Bridge, Trivial Pursuit, Chutzpah, Scrabble, early bird bingo. 7:30 p.m., Beth Torah Synagogue, 47 Glenbrook Ave. **Mollie** 733-3634.

Monday, Dec. 13

BEING JEWISH

Symposium on Being Jewish series at Beth Tikvah Synagogue presented by **Henry Alkin** continues with Jewish Existence and Survival, 8 p.m.

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

Cranbrooke Friendship Club Chanukah celebration features lunch and a program of Yiddish, Hebrew and Chanukah songs with vocalist/guitarist **Bluma Schonbrun** and accordionist **Gordon Fleming**, 12:30 p.m., Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. 789-5502.

TOGETHER (B'YACHAD)

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Y2K-JUDAISM

Y2K – Judaism Heads Into the Next Millennium, Part 1, lecture by **Selma Sage,** former professor at York University, 8 p.m. Beth Torah Synagogue, 47 Glenbrook Ave. **Mollie** 733-3634.

Tuesday, Dec. 14

EQUAL BUT DIFFERENT

Village Shul and Jewish Family Institute's Men and Women in Judaism seminar, Equal But Different, keynote speaker **Gila Manolson** followed by choice of workshops. 8 p.m., 1072 Eglinton Ave. W. 785-1107.

Wednesday, Dec. 15

ASSESS THE MILLENNIUM

Assessing the Millennium: The Top Ten Events in the Last Thousand Years of Jewish History series with **Rabbi Wayne Allen** continues 9:30 a.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Holy Blossom Temple Lunch and Learn in Retirement group presents *George Gershwin Remembered* , a short film portraying the life and music of the great American songwriter, at noon. Presenter **Florence Robinson**. 789-3291.

BREAST HEALTH

Abir Yaakob's Women's Auxiliary discussion for women, Breast Health Awareness, with **Debbie Jeremias**, 7:45 p.m., Sephardic Kehila Centre, 7026 Bathurst St. **Yael** 905-669-7654, ext.225.

And What Else Is New

ALWAYS FOR CHILDREN

Always for the Children – Zareinu will be the recipient of a blitz charitable campaign through to Dec. 18 by Mira's No Frills, 270 Wilson Ave., and John's No Frills, 1054 Centre St., Vaughan. Customers will be asked to give to Zareinu and have the amount added to their bill during the campaign, which falls during Chanukah. Both No Frills stores will match contributions from the public dollar for dollar.

DRAMA CLASSES

Leah Posluns Theatre School is now enrolling children, teens and adults for drama classes which will be starting in January for 9 weeks. Another 9-week session begins in March. All courses cost $150 plus an annual $25 non-athletic membership in the Bathurst Jewish Centre. Pre-registration is a must. 636-1880, ext. 464 for information, or ext. 231 to register.

HEBREW CLASSES

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., announces that registration is now open for winter courses for adults, teens and preteens in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced students: Tuesday mornings, Jan. 18-April 18; Wednesday mornings, Jan. 19-April 19; Thursday mornings, Jan. 20-April 20; Friday mornings, Jan. 21-April 21; Thursday evenings, Jan. 20-April 20. Register. **Joseph Klinger** 787-0197.

KABBALAH CENTRE

Kabbalah Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W. 631-9395. Register.

Beginner's Kabbalah Course, 10 weeks, starting Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m. The Jan. 17 course will be held at the Board of Trade, Downtown.

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AT THE VILLAGE SHUL

Mystical Insights Into Childbirth, 2-part series with **Zale Newman**, Tuesdays Dec. 14 and 21, 8 p.m., 1072 Eglinton Ave. W. 785-1107.

IN SEARCH OF A TORAH

Simcoe County Jewish Association is in search of a Torah (orphaned or other) for the community. 705-721-6126.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service groups. Register. **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800, ext. 215.

Kids Have Stress Too, new 3-session series to learn practical strategies to help your kids cope with everyday fears, frustrations, disappointments, begins January.

Parenting the ADHD Child, begins Jan. 26. Space limited.

Divorce: It's Not My Idea! for people having trouble moving on with their lives, begins Jan. 25.

Today's Woman: Making It Happen, self-esteem, interpersonal skills, stress management, time management, begins Jan. 10.

Parenting Can Be 1, 2, 3, Magic, 3-session groups for parents to learn behaviour management techniques, daytime and evening groups begin January.

FOR SENIORS

Association of Jewish Seniors Chanukah meeting, Thursday, Dec. 9, 9:30 a.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Entertainment by Bialik School Choir. **Goldie** 635-2860.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Dec. 19, Sunday dance; Jan. 2, Year 2000 celebration dinner dance; Jan. 4, trip to Niagara Falls, Casino Niagara $10 per person, receive back $10 in vouchers; Feb. 14, *Eddie Cantor Story* lunch-time theatre downtown. 395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building) **Jerry Bengall** , president, 905-707-7334 or **Malka Colla**, chair of social committee, 630-5771.

Young at Heart Seniors Year 2000, Feb. 1-29 at the glatt kosher Saxony Hotel includes almost everything, double occupancy, $2,985, efficiency available, partners available. **Helen** 635-6343. No Shabbat calls.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is planning an Israel trip in the spring. **Lena** 785-5773. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-5773.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 225-2112.

Intergenerational committee and the ritual committee Chanukah candlelighting ceremony, Thursday, Dec. 9, 10:30 a.m., Jewish Russian Community Centre.

Festivals of Light, presenter **Diana Mingail**, Tuesday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m.

Therapeutic Touch treatments to reduce stress and anxiety, nurse **Florence Baum**, Tuesday, Dec. 14, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. **Joan.**

Hearing Aid Checkup, **Barry Katz,** Tuesday, Dec. 14, 12:15 p.m. Call ext. 131 to make appointment.

Eyeglass Checkup with optician **Joel Einhorn**, Tuesday, Dec. 14, 12:15 p.m.

Parkinson's Support Group meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2:15-3:15 p.m. Program is the movie *The Supporting Hand – The Carer in Parkinson's Disease*. **Ruth.**

Israeli Club Etrog: Do you speak Hebrew? Join members every Tuesday at 7 p.m. for movies, lectures, dances, sing-alongs, bingo. Dec. 14, movie; Dec. 21, political lecture, **Yaen Vered;** Dec. 28, free evening. **Anna** ext. 110.

Movie, *Fargo*, Sunday, Dec. 12, 2:30 p.m.

BLOOR JCC

Bloor Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 924-6211.

Toronto Jewish Film Society presents the film, *Mina Tannenbaum* (France 1993), which explores loyalty and betrayal in a 25-year friendship between two Jewish Parisian women, Sunday, Dec. 12, Jackman Hall, Art Gallery of Ontario, 5:15 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. For information, call the Bloor JCC.

BATHURST JC

Bathurst Jewish Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. 636-1880.

Fifty-Five Plus Department of Adult Services Learning Experience Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1-2 p.m., Room 211. Travel to Tunisia with photographer **Gerry Schwartz.** Slide show presentation. Learn how to research the Jewish Connection in travel destinations.

Singles Thursday evening with **Rabbi Mandel** Dec. 16, 7 p.m., Room 190. For information or to confirm, ext. 298.

Scouts Canada is looking to start co-ed Beaver and Wolf Cub groups at the BJC in January. Call ext. 229 or 230.

BIALIK BOARD

Bialik Hebrew Day School recently elected its 1999-2001 board of directors. The president is **Mark Skapinker** (pictured below). Serving with him are **Stephen Dreezer**, vice-president; **Ilana Nirenberg**, secretary; **Carole Gruson**, treasurer, and **Anita Goren**, past president.

Mark Skapinker

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

At a recent meeting of National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, the Helen Weisbrod Memorial Scholarship was presented to Tali Revizada. Pictured from left are Steven Weisbrod, son of the late Helen Weisbrod; Sarah Schneider, Endowment chair; Gail Revizada, recipient's mother; Tali Revizada; Murray Weisbrod, husband of the late Helen Weisbrod, and Sheila Mostyn, Toronto Section president.

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Senate bill seeks to bar refugee ships from Canada

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A bill proposed by a Canadian senator has come under fire for being chillingly reminiscent of Canada's none-is-too-many wartime policy on Jewish immigration.

And the senator whose name is on the would-be law is Jewish.

The name of Senator Ron Ghitter, a Conservative from Alberta appointed to the upper chamber in 1993, appears on a private member's bill that aims to deny ships bearing would-be refugee claimants entry into Canada

The proposed legislation, known as Bill S-8, is seen as a response to the four rusting boats that arrived in Canadian waters over the summer, bearing some 600 Chinese migrants. Many politicians, especially in the Reform party, called for the ships to be turned back.

The bill, which received first reading in the Senate Nov. 2, seeks to restore the immigration minister's authority to prevent entry of vessels into Canadian territorial waters, or to escort vessels already in Canadian waters to the nearest port.

Exceptions would be made if passengers' lives are endangered, or if passengers seeking refugee status have been removed from the ship and brought into Canada.

Canadian Jewish Congress says the bill is harsh and possibly, illegal under the Charter of Rights.

In its concern over the bill, Congress has raised the spectre of the *St. Louis*, the ill-fated ship of refugees who fled Nazi Germany in 1939; 937 mostly Jewish asylum-seekers were turned away by several western governments, including Canada.

Senator Ron Ghitter

The ship was forced to return to Europe, where an estimated half of its passengers ended up perishing at the hands of the Nazis.

"In a year in which we observed the 60th anniversary of the fate of the *St. Louis*, we must be aware of the potential for tragic consequences in turning ships away," Congress said in a statement.

"Rather than turn away boats, we must have systems and sufficient resources in place to adjudicate refugee claims in a timely fashion," remarked Sheva Medjuck, chair of CJC's social action committee.

Congress has also noted that Ghitter's apparent backing of the bill is ironic, given that he has a long history of involvement with human rights organizations.

He's a past recipient of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews' Human Relations Award.

Stephen Ball, a spokesperson for Ghitter, told *The CJN* that Ghitter's sponsorship of the bill was "a procedural mix-up."

Ball said that another senator, Gerry St. Germain, intended to bring the bill forward, but that Ghitter's name appears on it.

He said Ghitter does not intend to speak to the bill.

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Coast to Coast

Children's foundation opens Montreal branch

By DAVID LAZARUS
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Efforts are underway, through an organization with its only Canadian branch here, to make Montreal a major centre for dealing with childhood communication and learning disorders.

The non-profit Unicorn Children's Foundation (UCF) was founded five years ago in Boca Raton, Fla., by former Montrealer Dr. Mark Rosenbloom, as a way to develop a more comprehensive approach to what he says is a growing epidemic.

Rosenbloom, who visited Montreal recently, knows from personal experience. His eight-year-old son Sammy, whose intelligence has been rated significantly above average, has yet to utter his first words, although he writes eloquently.

Rosenbloom says his son's condition, known as dyspraxia, was not properly assessed until several years after it should have been, in part, he feels, because there is no holistic, unified approach to children's learning and communication disorders among professionals in the field.

Communication problems in children range from dyslexia, attention deficit disorder and hyperactivity, to conditions such as pervasive developmental disorder and autism.

Rosenbloom says the number of cases, for no conclusively known reasons thus far, have mushroomed to one in 10 children at a cost to the medical system of $500 billion (US) per year in North America.

To address this problem, Rosenbloom founded UCF. In addition to the one in Boca Raton, the organization has offices in Chicago, Washington, D.C., and now, Montreal. One of its major supporters has been Hollywood star Sylvester Stalone, whose son is autistic.

"Everyone in this field had their own body of knowledge but nobody talked to each other," said Rosenbloom, an attending emergency room physician at Chicago's Northwestern Memorial Hospital and an assistant professor of clinical medicine at Northwestern University's medical school.

"Things never got together in a multi-disciplinary way."

With the Unicorn organization, Rosenbloom hopes the situation is changing.

Since its founding, Unicorn has sponsored conferences, issued numerous publications, established a lending library, and made an all-out effort to increase professional and public awareness about a trend that previously got little attention, despite its pervasiveness.

One of the projects Rosenbloom says he is most proud of is the foundation's Internet resource directory of professionals at www.saveachild.com, which lists over 2,200 practitioners in fields dealing with communication and learning disorders.

The list includes specialists in pediatric and developmental neurology, child and adolescent psychology, clinical and developmental psychology, occupational therapy and speech and language pathology.

This kind of collaboration is key to any success the UCF will have, Rosenbloom says.

The UCF has, therefore, also formed an Interdisciplinary Council on Developmental and Learning Disorders (ICDL), which includes some of the world's leading professionals in the field.

The UCF and the ICDL are developing and preparing to publish a comprehensive set of guidelines for practitioners that will enable the assessment and treatment of children to be comprehensive, collaborative and truly child centred, he says.

According to Unicorn material, the guidelines, which will be distributed to 300,000 professionals, will enable hundreds of thousands of children with learning and communication disorders to be identified much earlier than they otherwise would be.

"Research has shown that the earlier one intervenes in these symptoms, the better the chances of altering the life impact on the child," the UCF material says. The preferred age for such identification is prior to the child's second birthday.

The Unicorn Foundation plans, by the end of next year, to establish 10 regional "centres for excellence," including some in Canada and in Israel, which will serve as centres for research and professional training, and will treat children.

Bone marrow donor sought

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The Jewish community here recently joined the international search for a bone marrow donor for Jeffrey Bornstein.

Bornstein, a 29-year-old doctor and father of two young children in North Carolina, was recently diagnosed with leukemia. His only hope for long-term survival is a bone marrow transplant.

Bone marrow donor registries in his native Montreal, as well as in Ottawa and Toronto attracted over 4,000 people.

The first information session in Winnipeg Nov. 21 drew 54 people. One of the organizers, Toby Vinsky, reported that a second session on Nov. 25 attracted another 30 people and that she has since been approached by others who are interested.

Vinsky and her co-organizers, Barbara Goldenberg and Nelly Wynberg, did not know each other before they started to work on the Bornstein registry.

Vinsky and Goldenberg were made aware of Bornstein's need through friends.

Wynberg, who has been living in Winnipeg for about three months, said: "I heard about the drive in Toronto. I contacted Jeff's parents asking how I could help. They directed me to the Canadian Blood Services office here, who put me in touch with Barbara and Toby."

"It only takes one match," said Wynberg, who noted that Bornstein's parents and two sisters are not the right match.

"A second benefit of this campaign is that there has been a significant increase in the number of people registered in Canada," Wynberg said.

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Reichmanns pitch Technodôme for Montreal

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Albert Reichmann and his nephew Abraham Reichmann were in town recently to talk up the $1.05-billion Technodôme. The big indoor recreation and entertainment complex they are proposing to build in Montreal.

The Reichmanns, who are known to shun publicity, spoke about their mega-project to 800 members of the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal, sharing the spotlight with a wise-cracking robot of gleaming chrome.

Little had been heard about Technodôme since the Toronto-based Reichmann family announced last spring that they wanted to build the project, originally slated for a site in Toronto, to Montreal

The City of Montreal, seeing the tourism potential, loved the idea. In fact, executive committee member Saulie Zajdel, an Orthodox Jew himself, has been a broker between the city and the Reichmanns. The question now is whether the federal government, which owns the Port of Montreal land where the Reichmanns want to build, will accept their offer.

Nevertheless, Abraham felt confident enough to declare: "It's real, it's here, and we will all benefit."

The Technodôme will open in mid-2002, he said, and construction will begin next summer, if the deal goes through.

Later, the younger Reichmann, who is president and chief operating officer of Heathmount A.E. Corp., said the company made a "firm offer" in June to the federal government, and that he hopes to receive a response in the next few weeks.

He made clear that this site, located west of the Old Port and across from Cité du Havre, is the only one they are interested in here and that, in Canada, Montreal is the only site being considered.

Abraham Reichmann, the 36-year-old son of Ralph Reichmann, has been working on a project of this type for 10 years and has looked at locations abroad, he said.

The Reichmanns denied anything went wrong in Toronto, they just think Montreal is "better."

"Montreal is a world-class city because of its people and culture," Abraham Reichmann said. "Montreal is absolutely the right place to do this."

The Quebec government has come on board. The Société générale de financement (SGF), a provincial investment agency, is committed to making a direct equity investment of up to $50 million in the Technodôme, said chair Claude Blanchet.

Blanchet noted that the SGF is required to make a financial return on its investments, and that over the past five years it has averaged 14.1 percent. He is convinced the Technodôme will be profitable and a major boon to the economy.

Albert Reichmann

"Montreal has seen nothing this important since [Expo] 1967," he said. Market studies project 6.7 million visits to the Technodôme annually. During construction, the project will create 14,000 direct and indirect jobs, and 6,500 people will be employed there when it's in operation, he said.

Abraham Reichmann said several "prominent" corporations are also interested in becoming partners in the project, but he declined to name any.

Blanchet said these businesses are prepared to put in "many millions of dollars."

Whatever the final financing, Albert Reichmann, who is Heathmount's chair and chief executive officer, said his family will retain majority control.

As another selling point, Abraham Reichmann stressed that the Technodôme will generate nearly $300 million in tax revenue: $150 million for Ottawa, $120 million for Quebec, and almost $30 million for Montreal.

He also predicted that his company, its sponsors and Tourism Montreal would spend $100 million per year promoting the Technodôme.

According to the plans, visitors will be able to practise such sports as bobsledding, snowboarding, snorkeling and mountain-climbing year-round in the 1.8 million square-foot-Technodôme, or take in entertainment based on themes like Las Vegas, New Orleans, Broadway and Hollywood, all made possible by the latest multimedia technologies.

"This is what people are asking for," Abraham Reichmann said. "They want the best, the biggest, the most exciting, the most advanced facility of its kind."

Heathmount was established in 1990 to develop amusement parks. The company is also looking at a site for another entertainment centre in New York City.

The Reichmann family's main business is Olympia & York, a leading developer of commercial properties internationally.

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Two of the photographers of the photos we published last week from the Israel Experience Photo Contest were misidentified. The photographer of the photo entitled *Peace and Happiness* was Livia Avrith; the photographer of the photo entitled *Archeological Dig* was Deanna Rabinovitiz. We apologize for the errors.

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Gothic chanukiyah created for Kingston shul

KINGSTON, ONT. — A striking, Gothic chanukiyah conceived and crafted by one of Canada's finest ironsmiths will light the upcoming Chanukah celebration at Beth Israel Congregation here.

Beth Israel member Daniel Kerem, a resident of Godfrey, just north of Kingston, is a master craftsman trained in Germany and Austria. In a national competition, he was selected to refurbish the iron gates of Parliament Hill, in Ottawa.

When his mother Rose passed away in March 1998, Kerem set out to create a Judaic work worthy of her memory. He decided on a chanukiyah in the Gothic style of the late 15th century.

The pre-Renaissance-style chanukiyah is a rare sight – a tour de force of both art and research. Since no medieval chanukiyot are known to have survived, Kerem's design draws on several illuminations in old Hebrew manuscripts and on candelabra and torchiers in treasuries and museum collections.

The result is an ornate iron and brass menorah that stands six feet high and weighs some 300 pounds. It features leafy branches and twined grape clusters and stands on a base of three stylized feet.

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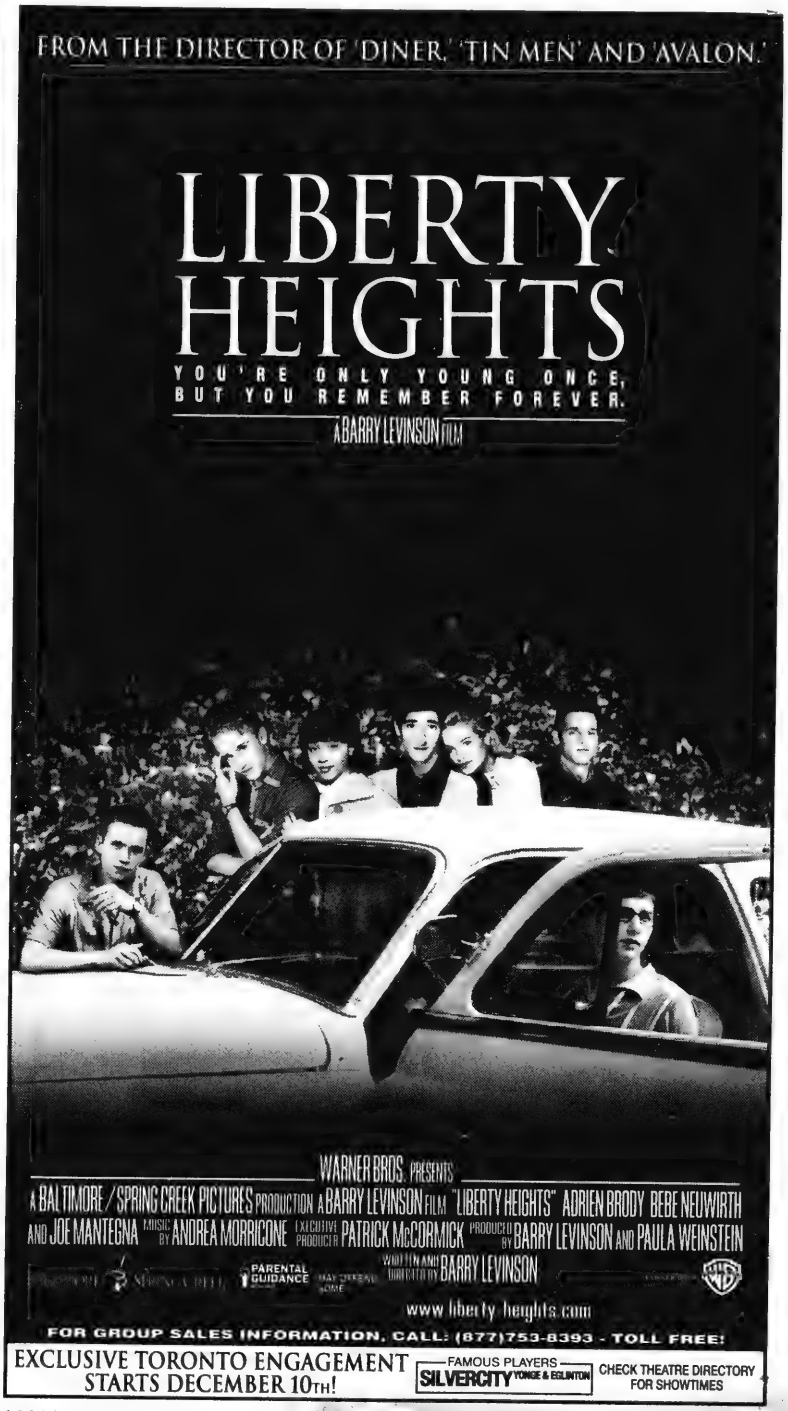
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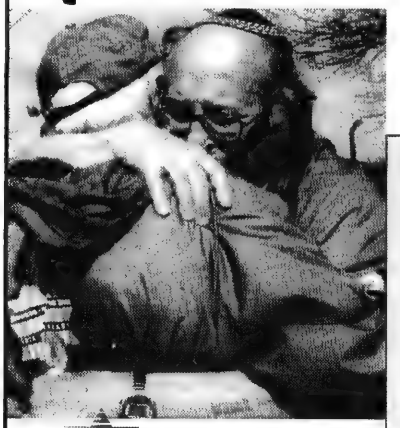

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פון י. ליפסי (סאַראַנטאָ)

אַ חורבן איז שפּראַך, האָט אויך פּאַראַזיטן די גריכישע שבטים איז פֿאַרס פון רעליגיע. איך די גאָר אַלטע צייטן האָבן די גריכן פֿאַרהיילקט די נשמות פון זייערע עלטערן אין אור־עלטערן. וועג דאָס געזעלשאַפֿטלעכע לעבן האָט זיך אָנגעהויבן צו אַנטוויקלען, האָבן די גריכן אָנגעהויבן דינען צו די הימלישע מלוכות אין נאַטור־כוחות אין האָבן געהאַט אַ סך געטער.

מיט דער צייט האָט די גריכישע געזעלשאַפֿט אויך אַנטוויקלט פֿאַרשידענע געביטן פון קונסט, וויסנשאַפֿט, פֿאַוזיע, סקולפּטור, מחזק, ספּאָרט אין אַנדערע. זיי האָבן אַדאַפּטירט אַ סך פון אַנדערע פעלקער אין האָבן די קונסט ראַפינירט צו אַ הויכע מדרגה. מיט דער צייט האָבן די גריכן אויך אַנטוויקלט אַנדערע ווישנשאַפֿטן פון מעטשלעכן גענאָוג. דער גאָר־באַרימטער גריכישער פילאָזאָף סאָקראַטעס האָט געזוכט ישור אין עטיק אין צווישן־מענטשלעכע באַציִונגען אין איז מוטיק געשטאַרבן פֿאַר זייַנע איבערצייגונגען.

בכלל האָט זיך די גריכישע קולטור אין ינגער צייט גאָר שטאַרק אַנטוויקלט. עס ווערט דערציילט, אַז וען אַלעקסאַנדער מוקדון־איז געקומען איבערצונעמען די הערשאַפט איבערן יידישן לאַנד יהודה אין דער פּהן גדול איז אַריסטאָבולוס איז באַגריסן, האָט דער קעניג זיך געבוקט צום פּהן גדול. סימבאָליש האָט דאָס באַווין, אַז די קולטור פון עסטעטיק און קונסט, איז דער פֿערזאָן פון קעניג, האָט געבריגן דעם קאָפּ פֿאַרן פֿאַרשטייער פון דער לערע פון עטיק אין מאָראַל, איז דער פֿערזאָן פון פּהן גדול. צו צייַט דעם גענעראַל אַ ביסל וויייטער, האָבן מיר געזען, אַז די צווייַ לערעס, הגם גאָנץ אַנדערש און וויייט אין זייער אויסזיכט, האָבן זיך באַגעגנט מיט טאָלעראַנץ, דרך־ארץ אין פֿאַרשטענדעניש.

דאָס איבערוצעגן דעם תנך אויף גריכיש איז געווען אַ וויייטע־רער שריט אין דער זעלבער ריכטונג: צו וויייַן דער העלעניסטישער וועלט דאָס ליכט פון הויכער מאָראַל אין עטיק פון תנך. עס איז גאָנץ מעגלעך, אַז מיט דער צייט וואָלטן בידע קולטורן האָרמאָניזירט און אַפֿילו זיך דערגענצט אויף אַ פּרידלעכן אופן.

דער פּאַקט, אַז יידן האָבן אָנגענומען דעם נאָמען אָלעקסאַנדער, וויזט אויך, אַז הגם זיי האָבן געהאַט אַ גרינטלעכן אונטער־שייד אין געטלעכקייט — איז באַשאַפֿער פון הימל אין ערד אין קעגנזאַץ צו דער גריכישער מיטאָלאָגיע פון אַ סך געטער — האָבן די צוויי פעלקער אָנערקענט דעם אָנדערנס אַזוי־טיפוע כאַראַקטער־שטריכן. מיר האָבן נישט קיין סיבות אָנצוווייַן, אַז די יידן האָבן זיך וועג עס איז באַקלאָגט אויף זייערע גריכישע שכנים.

אַזוי איז אָנגענאָמען דער נאַטירלעכער גאַנג פון געזעלשאַפּט־לעכן לעבן ביי בידע אַלטע קולטורן־אַנטוויקלטע פעלקער, זייט זיי זיינ. וואָס איז אָבער געשען? . . . קורצזיכטיקע הערשערס און גענפּילאָזען מענטשן האָבן פֿאַרוואַנדלט די העכערע אידעאַלן פון דער גריכישער קולטור צו אַ לעבן פון געצנדיגסט, בילליקע שפּילע־ריין, נאַקעטע ספּאָרט־פֿאַרמעסטן און פֿאַרשוועדערישקייט. אַזוי לעבנס־שטיגער האָבן זיי — פון איין זייט די גריכישע הערשערס אין פון דער צוויטער זייט די יידישע אַסימילאַטאָרן (מתיונים) — אויך געוואָלט אַרויפצווינגען מיט ברוטאַלן כוח אויפן יידישן פֿאָלק. דאָס האָט געצוווונגען די בעסערע עלעמענטן פון פֿאָלק צוריקצו־ווייַן אין גאַנצן די גריכישע קולטור און האָט דערפּירט צום אַנדערן עקסטרעם. די יידישע פּיערשאַפט האָט אין גאַנצן פֿאַרבאָטן צו לערנען די גריכישע שפּראַך אין איר קולטור.

יאָזעפוס פלאַוויוס, אין זיין „קדמוניות היהודים", ווי אויך אין די „ספּרים חצונים", וואָס זיינען ניט אַריינגענומען געוואָרן אינעם תנך — חשמונאים א' און חשמונאים ב' — ווערט דער יום־טוב אַן־גערופן „חג האורים", דער יום־טוב פון ליכט. דאָס איז אַ רעזול־טאַט פונעם נס מיטן קריגל בוימל, וואָס איז געווען נענוג בלויז אויף איין טאָג אין האָט געברענט אַכט טעג. דערביבער פּייערן מיר חנוכה אַכט טעג, ווי עס ווערט גענאָגט אין תלמוד (שבת כ"א).

טייל היסטאָריקערס האַלטן, אַז דאָס ספּר „יהודית" איז גע־שריבן געוואָרן אין דער צייט פון די חשמונאים און איז פֿאַרבונדן מיטן יום־טוב פון חנוכה. עס ווערט דאָרט דערציילט וועגן דער יידישער העלדין יהודית, וואָס האָט פֿאַרשיפּרט דעם געגנראַל האָלאָפֿערנעס, אים דערהרגעט און גערעטעוועט דעם יידישן כבוד.

דער הויפּטנקט פון קולטורעלן צוזאַמענשטויס מיט אַנטיוכוס עפּיפֿאַנעס איז געווען דער אויפֿשטאַנד פון מתתיהו החשמונאי און זיינע פינף העלדישע זין. אַזוי איז צו שטאַנד געקומען דער יום־טוב חנוכה. וויכטיק מיר אַ פּריילעכן חנוכה צו אַלע יידן!

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Apple sauce is comfort food

By EILEEN GOLTZ
Special to The CJN

In the midst of preparing all those home-made cookies and potato pancakes we need for Chanukah there is one food item that, while necessary for the latkes (in my opinion), is often overlooked. Yes, I'm talking about the applesauce. It's that wonderful comfort food we all use to garnish the latke when sour cream isn't available.

Making applesauce is easy, and the following recipes can be whipped up in no time. For the most part, you won't even have to go to the store for any ingredients.

APPLESAUCE (master recipe)

Wash, pare, and core 8 cooking apples. Add about ½ water and ⅛ tsp. salt. Cook in covered pot until soft. Add about ½ cup sugar while hot. Simmer just long enough to melt sugar. Amount of sugar and water varies with sweetness and juiciness of apples.

For additional flavour, add with sugar, nutmeg, cinnamon, grated lemon rind or juice, or a combination of spices. Makes 8 servings

Applesauce Variations

Honey Applesauce: In master recipe, substitute ½ cup honey for sugar. Add 1 to 2 tsp. grated lemon rind.

Minted Applesauce: In master recipe, add ¼ cup chopped mint with sugar.

Orange Applesauce: In master recipe, add 2 to 3 tsp. grated orange rind with sugar.

Spiced Applesauce: In master recipe, substitute ⅓ cup firmly packed brown sugar for granulated sugar. Add ¼ tsp. cinnamon and 1 tsp. grated lemon rind.

BAKED APPLESAUCE

6 to 8 tart apples
cinnamon to taste or 2 thin slices lemon
⅔ cup water
about ¼ cup sugar (you can use brown sugar if you like)

Wash apples (do not peel), remove bruised spots, and cut in quarters.

Place the cut apples in an ungreased baking dish. Add the cinnamon or lemon, and water. Mix well, cover with foil and bake at 375 until tender, 20 to 30 minutes. Place the mixture through a strainer and then add the sugar. Mix well. This is great either hot or cold. Serves 6 to 8.

CRANBERRY APPLE BUTTER

6 lbs. McIntosh apples, quartered and cored
½ cup water
2 cups cranberries
1 cup sugar
2 tsp. honey

In a large cast-iron casserole, combine the apples and water. Cover and cook over moderate heat, stirring often, until soft, about 20 minutes. Uncover and cook on low heat, stirring occasionally, until it forms a thickened puree, about 45 minutes. Meanwhile, in a medium saucepan, cook the cranberries with sugar over low heat, stirring occasionally, until a thick puree forms, about 15 minutes. Pass cranberry puree through a coarse strainer. Then pass the apple puree through a coarse strainer and return it to casserole.

Cook over moderately low heat, stirring occasionally until very thick, about 15 minutes. Add the honey and the cranberry puree and stir until blended. Transfer the apple butter to a heatproof bowl and cool completely.

APPLESAUCE RECIPE #1

8 tart apples
water
½ cup sugar
salt
1 tsp. lemon juice
⅛ tsp. lemon rind
⅛ tsp. cinnamon

Wash, pare, core, and slice the apples. Place the apples in a large saucepan. Add water (1 cup water to 1 quart apples). Simmer until the apples are tender 30 to 45 minutes. Stir in sugar, dash of salt, lemon juice, grated lemon rind, and cinnamon or nutmeg. Taste; add more sugar if you like a sweeter taste. Cook a few more minutes and then remove from heat. Cool and then refrigerate for several hours. Serve cold. This is a thick applesauce. Serves 6.

BLENDER APPLESAUCE

¼ cup liquid (fruit juice or water)
4 apples cut in eighths
¼ cup sugar
⅛ tsp. cinnamon

Put the liquid and 4 or 5 pieces of apple into the blender container, cover and process at puree until smooth. Push blend button, remove feeder cap and add remaining apples, a few at a time. Add the sugar and cinnamon. Makes about 2 cups.

APPLESAUCE RECIPE #2

½ cup boiling water
2 lbs. cooking apples, peeled, cored and sliced
⅛ tsp. ground cinnamon
⅛ tsp. ground cloves
½ cup sugar

In 2-quart saucepan over medium heat, heat first 4 ingredients to boiling. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 8 to 10 minutes until the apples are tender for chunky applesauce, 12 to 15 minutes for smoother applesauce. During last minutes of cooking time, stir sugar into applesauce mixture. Makes 4 cups.

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Wheel-Trans heading to Pearson Airport

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — TTC Wheel-Trans will take passengers to Pearson International Airport for the first time, starting in January.

"We will do it for a six-month trial period and then report back to the commission," said Bob Thacker, general superintendent for Wheel-Trans operations at a recent meeting at the Bernard Betel Centre.

In response to questions regarding delays reported by Bernard Betel members while waiting for Wheel-Trans vehicles, Thacker said that these have been due to the taxi industry which has responsibility for 40 percent of Wheel-Trans trips.

"They pick up their assignments the night before but often don't pick up their passengers in rush hour on busy days and don't let us know until after the time when they should have made a pick-up."

To correct this situation, the TTC is making adjustments which will see fewer Wheel-Trans pick-ups in the next few weeks, but they will be on time, he said.

Fifty percent of the TTC's fleet of buses will be accessible to disabled persons, and a total of 28 subway stations will have elevators by 2004.

Regarding a complaint from a Bernard Betel member that blind people are not eligible for Wheel-Trans, Thacker said all applicants are personally interviewed and those blind persons with mobility problems are approved.

"But this does not take into account the older people who are blind who do not have training in how to use the TTC system," said Sheila Zane, Bernard Betel social action co-ordinator.

Low-floor buses introduced on Bathurst Street are a step in the right direction, but so far these buses are in a minority, Zane said.

As the result of a recommendation from the social action committee, seniors who are not eligible for Wheel-Trans can hold up a blue card if they want a Bathurst Street bus driver to lower the floor, or make other adjustments, so they can gain easier admittance.

There are enough low-floor buses that in rush hour, one of every two buses on Bathurst Street is accessible, Thacker said.

He also said the system is trying to work out a plan so that passengers from other transit lines in York region will not have a long wait at the transfer station in Centerpoint mall at Yonge and Steeles.

CHANUKAH GREETINGS: Percy Goldmintz, a resident of the Jewish Home for the Aged at Baycrest Centre, makes a long distance phone call to a relative overseas as part of Baycrest's annual Chanukah Phone Calls. The program is sponsored by Wilson Heights Lodge, B'nai Brith Canada. Joining Percy for his phone call are nurses Nadine Landells (left) and Mary Boudart.

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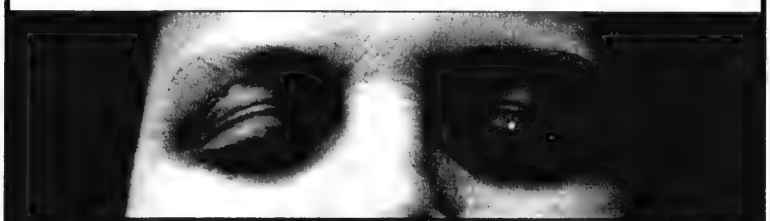

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Health

Dementia research results in Baycrest Centre award

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — People diagnosed with dementia may benefit from new research indicating that some parts of the brain may replicate themselves, according to Dr. Melvyn J. Ball.

The research is being supervised by Ball, who is a professor of pathology at Oregon Health Science University (OHSU).

A former Torontonian, Ball, in 1979, was the first winner of the Munk Award in Geriatrics from Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care; he used the award to study for six months at Hebrew University in Israel.

Ball's lab has shown that certain nerve cells in the brain may be able to regenerate in late life.

"Enhancing such replicative neuronal capacity may someday soon offer enormous therapeutic potential for victims of Alzheimer's disease," Ball told *The CJN*.

Recent studies have found that by age 65, at least 10 percent of North Americans experience some significant impairment of memory, he said. By age 85, nearly 50 percent may have full-blown organic dementia, most commonly Alzheimer's disease.

The research at OHSU was done with several hundred people age 85 and older, Ball said.

Pain management centre opens

TORONTO — Adults suffering from chronic, disabling pain disorders can now get a wide range of treatment from one medical team at one location, the Wasser Pain Management Centre, which officially opened today at Mount Sinai Hospital.

The newly renovated facility brings together a wide spectrum of health care professionals, such as neurologists, scientists, psychiatrists and dentists to enhance patient care.

The Wasser Pain Management Centre expands on services previously offered by Mount Sinai Hospital's craniofacial pain and headache research unit. Bringing the medical professionals together in one department creates an improved level of interaction between scientists and clinicians, enhancing the bench-to-bedside concept for the patients' benefit. With the closely monitored clinical environment of the centre, staff are willing to use strong drugs to manage serious cases of pain.

"Through the generosity of the Wasser family and others, we can now provide faster and more aggressive care to the benefit of the patient," said Dr. Allan Gordon, a neurologist and the director of the new centre.

The Wasser Pain Management Centre has been made possible through a generous $1 million donation from Larry Wasser and family to Mount Sinai Hospital's The Best Medicine campaign.

The Best Medicine was a huge success, making Mount Sinai the first Canadian hospital to raise $100 million in a fundraising campaign. It reached the milestone last June. The goal has since been extended to $125 million.

Caring for aging relatives

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A report that a silent army of 2.1 million Canadians is struggling to care for aging relatives and friends strikes home with the Jewish Family and Child Service (JF&CS).

"It's a fact of life, both professionally and personally," said Fay Geitzhals, JF&CS supervisor of intake workers.

A Statistics Canada report said two-thirds of the caregivers are juggling time at work by coming late or leaving early, missing days or adjusting work schedules.

"That reflects our experience," said Geitzhals. "We hear from people who have elderly parents and who are struggling financially because their parents' pensions do not cover the costs of caring for them."

The Statistics Canada report says the caregivers suffer psychological, emotional and health problems, postpone job opportunities and have extra expenses.

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Iran increasing weapons flow to terrorists: U.S.

By NITZAN HOROWITZ
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials are accusing Iran of sending arms shipments to terrorist organizations, as part of Tehran's effort to sabotage the peace process, the *Washington Post* has reported.

After the failure of American efforts to develop better relations with Iran, senior government officials have come to the conclusion that there has been no change in Iranian policy in regard to terror under the presidency of Ali Khatemi and that, because of the regional threat Iran thus constitutes, it is incumbent upon Washington to continue its hard-line policy toward the Islamic Republic.

The newspaper reported that American sources and others with access to intelligence sources have determined that Iran is accelerating its firearms and explosives shipments to Hamas, and co-ordinating the activities of various terrorist groups that, until now, have been acting separately, and ordering attacks on Israeli and Jewish targets abroad.

"It's liable to be a nightmare for Israel," one senior source was quoted as saying, "a car bomb in Israel [being] simultaneous with attacks in Singapore."

Government sources stress that there had not been a direct connection between the Hamas and Iran before, but that the situation has changed over the last 18 months. Most Iranian support for Hamas comes through Jordan. Most of the evidence on the Iran-Hamas connection was revealed by recent Jordanian raids on Hamas party activists.

Washington is particularly worried by the evidence of co-ordination, with Iranian encouragement, between Hamas and Hezbollah. The organization of Ahmed Jibril, another member of the Damascus-based group that opposes peace with Israel, has also joined in the co-ordination.

The newspaper quotes American and Israeli sources who point to the inclusion of long-range Katyusha rockets in Iran's shipments to Hezbollah. The rockets are able to reach the outskirts of Haifa.

Israeli intelligence reported two weeks ago that Iranian artillery experts had been sent to Lebanon to train Hezbollah fighters in using the new weapons. Up to now, the organization has made use of portable hand-held Katyushas, not artillery barrels.

The new activity is raising fears that Hezbollah is planning to continue its attacks against Israel even in the event of a peace treaty between Israel and Syria.

The American sources say that European states are in agreement with the assessment of Iranian activities, and that it was the focus for discussions by anti-terrorism advisers at a recent meeting in Berlin of the G-8 nations.

The Americans arrived at the conference with files full of intelligence material and the aim of convincing the Europeans of the increasing threat posed by Iran, an aim that turned out to be easier than expected. Both the British and the Germans also presented damning material on Iran, and concurred with the U.S. assessment.

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Israel, PA to set borders in framework pact

By ALUF BENN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Israel and the Palestinian Authority have come to an understahding that the framework agreement between the sides will outline permanent borders between the two entities, a senior Israeli source said last week.

"Both sides would like to know exactly where the border will be, for internal and other reasons, and neither side is willing to leave the borders vague until the final status arrangement," the source said.

The source said the complete drawing-up of border lines would be left to negotiations on the final status agreement, scheduled to end in September 2000. The framework agreement will, however, already include a detailed list of the Jewish settlement clusters that will remain, as well as a solution to the Jerusalem problem.

"Reading the framework agreement, one will be able to draw the permanent border between Israel and the Palestinian Authority," the source said.

The negotiating teams, headed by Oded Eran and Yasser Abed Rabbo, have agreed on the format of the framework agreement due to be signed in February 2000.

"We are talking about a 10 to 15 page document, which, in certain articles, will present only basic principles, while others will be more detailed, outlining the permanent status arrangement," the senior source said.

Issues such as the borders, the Jewish settlements and Jerusalem will be more detailed than the clause on security, which will present only general principles, the source said.

On the refugee issue, the sides will try to outline the type of compensation and rehabilitation mechanism that will be offered to Palestinian refugees, but the detailing of costs will be left to the permanent settlement talks.

The talks on the framework agreement have, to date, included seven full forum meetings, held alternately in Ramallah and Neve Ilan, and private meetings between Eran and Abed Rabbo.

The first month of the talks was dedicated to enabling the negotiators to get to know each other and develop good "chemistry" while they presented their opening positions.

The Israeli delegation objected to an exchange of written drafts for the framework agreement, arguing that the gaps between the two sides were still too wide and that going into details at too early a stage could stall the entire process.

"The ground must be set for the presenting of drafts," the senior Israeli source said, suggesting that drafts would be presented within the coming month.

At the opening of the talks, the representatives agreed on an agenda for the negotiations and an outline of the framework arrangement. Each side then began presenting its positions on the various components of the agreement. So far, both sides have presented their security proposals, Israel has proffered its economic outlook, and this week, the Palestinians will outline their proposed solution for the refugee problem.

• *The borders* – The Palestinians are demanding a full Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank, based on UN Security Council Resolution 242.

Israel objects to this proposal, arguing that the border should be drawn according to the placing of settlement clusters and security considerations.

Prime Minister Ehud Barak is willing to give the Palestinians more "qualitative" territories, so as to guarantee the Palestinian entity territorial continuity in return for the "quantity" of territories annexed to Israel.

• *Statehood* – The Palestinians say that the status of their entity does not have to be included on the agenda because the right to self determination is a natural right.

Eran has said that Israel's position on this issue is "open to all options" and will be determined as a result of agreements reached on other issues.

• *Security* – Some progress has already been made on this front, according to the senior Israeli source, with the Palestinians announcing their recognition of "the asymmetry in the security needs of the two sides."

The source noted that "this opens the door to greater understanding, because if the needs are not identical then neither are the solutions."

Bombs shock S. Africa Jews

By SUZANNE BELLING
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JOHANNESBURG — South African Jews are shocked along with the rest of the country after 48 people, including a former Jewish day school student, were injured in a pipe bomb attack in a coastal resort.

The recent bombing at a pizza restaurant follows a similar attack three weeks earlier in the Cape Peninsula, at a gay bar only a few miles away from the restaurant. That attack also injured a former day school student.

The attacks come amid a general increase in crime in South Africa. While Jews have not been specifically targeted, Jewish fears have sparked a growth in emigration.

Police have posted a reward for information that could lead to conviction of those responsible for the spate of bombings in the Cape Peninsula during the past 18 months.

Minister of Safety and Security Steve Tshwete said the act was "dastardly and cowardly. We will leave no stone unturned to apprehend the cowards."

Police believe the pipe bomb was triggered by dialing a cell phone attached to the device, which had been placed in a plastic bag under a table.

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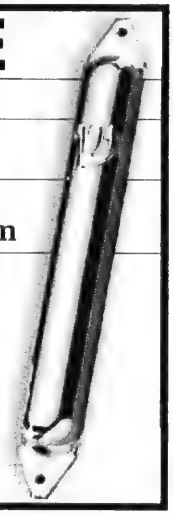

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But for a quirk of fate

By EDDY KAPLANSKY
Special to The CJN

Nov. 29, 1947, was perhaps the most important day in over 2,000 years of Jewish history, as on that day, the rebirth of a Jewish state in the Land of Israel was given legal sanction by the United Nations.

When the news came that the General Assembly had adopted its Partition Plan for Palestine, Jewish communities the world over were overjoyed and the Jews of Eretz Yisrael danced in the streets.

Yet over the years, that date seems to have lost significance for successive generations of Jews, both in the Diaspora and in Israel. Although the cities of Bat Yam, Herzliya, Jerusalem and Ramat Hasharon all have a Kaf-Tet b'November (Nov. 29th) Street, chances are that few people under 60 who live on them know why their streets were so named.

This year, as in all recent years, Nov. 29 came and went without even a mention on Israel radio or television of the day's historical significance for the Jewish people.

The weeks leading up to Nov. 29, 1947, were full of tension and uncertainty for everyone interested in Palestine, especially for Jews whose dreams of a state of their own had eluded them for so long.

With a number of countries still undecided up to the very last moment whether or not to support the UN Partition Plan for Palestine, the two-thirds majority required for its adoption by the General Assembly was far from certain. The nations opposing the Partition Plan, led by Arab bloc countries, needed to convince only a few more delegates to vote No in order to ensure its defeat. It was a real cliff-hanger for weeks on end – the results were not predictable until about half the votes had actually been cast.

It appears that a gesture of gratitude by a celebrated and long dead Chinese leader, combined with a quirk of fate that put two Diaspora Jews in the right place at the right time, may well have helped turn the tide in favour of the resolution in the historic UN vote.

This snippet of history came to my attention when I interviewed Montreal's Sydney Shulemson about his clandestine activities for Israel in the War of Independence era. The ex-RCAF pilot, who is Canada's most highly decorated Jewish serviceman of World War II, was very busy in 1948 recruiting volunteers and acquiring military hardware for the nascent Israel Defence Forces. When I mentioned to Shulemson that the fledgling Israel Air Force's fleet included two de Havilland Mosquito airplanes, he recalled the following incident in which he had been involved by pure chance.

Sometime in November 1947, Shulemson learned that China had done nothing with some 200 war-surplus Mosquitos it bought from Canada the year before, and the news prompted him to look into the possibility of acquiring some of these excellent battle-proven warplanes for the future Jewish Air Force.

With this in mind, he asked his friend Harry Clark for an introduction to the legendary ex-Chinese General Morris "Two Gun" Cohen, who was living in Montreal at the time, after having recently married Harry's sister Judith.

Originally from England, Cohen had achieved international renown after years of service in China as personal bodyguard to Dr. Sun Yat Sen, hero of the 1912 revolution, and later as military adviser to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. Cohen was captured by the Japanese during World War II and repatriated to Canada in a 1943 prisoner of war exchange.

Cohen agreed to help try to acquire the planes and telephoned the Chinese ambassador in Ottawa to arrange a meeting. After the phone call, Shulemson expressed doubt about getting any help from the ambassador, who was also China's delegate to the United Nations, because the ambassador had publicly announced that China would vote against the Partition Plan at the forthcoming UN General Assembly meeting.

This news came as a surprise to Cohen, but he nevertheless expressed optimism because of a letter given to him many years earlier by Sun Yat Sen. He explained to Shulemson that the letter, which was written in gratitude for Cohen's long and faithful service, stated in part that China would never do anything that would be harmful to the Jewish people.

When they met with the ambassador a few days later, Cohen showed him the letter. After some discussion in Chinese between the two, the ambassador finally agreed not to oppose the resolution at the General Assembly meeting. Thus it was that instead of voting against the Partition Plan, China cast an abstention.

At 33 for and 13 against, plus 10 abstentions, China's vote was in itself not crucial to the outcome of the General Assembly vote. But the example of China (the world's most populous country and a founding member of the UN) abandoning its original negative stance may well have swayed a few undecided delegates to vote Yes, thus assuring the needed two-thirds majority approval.

The Israel Air Force never got those Mosquitos from China. Shulemson doesn't know why or when the matter was dropped, as it was out of his hands once he informed the Haganah people in New York. Shulemson's information was probably just not acted upon, as the Haganah's Air Service (the IAF's predecessor) had only recently been created – on Nov. 10, 1947.

What a world of difference even one squadron of those superb Mosquito warplanes would have made to the airplane-hungry IAF in those desperate days. Nevertheless, Cohen and Shulemson's trip to Ottawa was apparently not in vain.

Former Montrealer Eddy Kaplansky, who lives in Haifa, was an IAF pilot in the War of Independence. He is closely associated with the IAF Historical Branch as a researcher of the War of Independence era.

AT YAD VASHEM: Li Peng (right), China's second most powerful figure, and his wife Zhu Lin pass a large photo showing a Nazi soldier executing a Jewish man and his child as they tour the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial's museum. [RNS/Reuters photo]

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Riding into orbit on a Russian rocket

BY ZE'EV SCHIFF
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

It may sound like science fiction, but, in just a few months, Russia will launch an Israeli military satellite into space.

Commentary

Even more surprising is the fact that, after hearing Israel's rationale, the Americans gave their consent to this extraordinary undertaking. The truth is that the Americans ought to be quite pleased by this joint Russian-Israeli project.

For two years, Israel has been trying to persuade the American government not to allow American companies to launch commercial satellites on Russian rockets, which are considered the least expensive.

The reason: to put pressure on Russia to reduce its aid to Iran in developing missiles and nuclear power. The launch of an Israeli satellite on a Russian rocket will certainly bring about a lessening of the Israeli pressure on Congress regarding American launches in Russia.

The Russian-Israeli deal attests to an Israeli weakness when it comes to the sensitive area of space projects. In April 1995, Israel successfully launched the Ofek military satellite.

This satellite has yielded excellent results. Many who formerly expressed opposition or skepticism about the need for a satellite have since been seeking to share in the benefits it has produced.

But, though doubts about the satellite have disappeared, when decision time on funding for the development of a more advanced satellite came around, everyone expected another source to come up with the money.

Apart from the satellite itself, which would function as a more advanced camera, an additional objective is to build large launchers that, in contrast to the norm, would be capable of launching the satellite westward, counter to the earth's orbit, and not over the Arab countries.

The budgets were initially reached in patchwork fashion, with the result that development was done piecemeal and not with several systems all working in tandem.

The money for the satellite production has been found, but delays were unavoidable. Now that the Ofek satellite is past its prime, many people believe that Israel cannot wait any longer, lest we fall behind strategically. This is what brought Israel to the Russians.

The Russian-Israeli partnership is also giving rise to stiff opposition within the political-security establishment. Granted, the project was carried out through a private company registered in the United States, in which Israel Aircraft Industries, El-Op Electro-Optic Industries and an American company are partners. The American company has commercial aspirations that go beyond the launch of a single Israeli satellite.

The opposition in Israel is not directed at the satellite or at Israeli activity in space. It is based on the argument that partnership with the Russians will undermine Israel's struggle against Iran's missile and nuclear projects.

It is no coincidence, opponents say, that Washington so easily accepted Israel's explanations. The demand that the United States put pressure on Russia and keep it from making profits from the launch of American satellites will seem ludicrous and morally bankrupt when Israel is making a similar deal with the Russians.

The Ofek satellite

What right does Israel have to demand of American companies that they refrain from doing the very thing it is doing itself? When Israel seeks to apply such pressure, the Russians, too, will react as if the whole thing is being done with a wink and is not something to be taken seriously.

The common denominator between Israel and the American companies on this issue is the desire to launch a satellite at the cheapest price. Other countries, such as France and China, are capable of launching satellites.

Today, Israel would be wary of doing a space deal with the latter because of current American sensitivity on the matter of its relations with China. The French, on the other hand, could be good candidates, but they cost more than the Russians and their launch timetable is slower.

Nonetheless, alternative proposals should not brushed aside, and meanwhile, Israel should better prepare itself for the future.

The Week in Israel

Nov. 29

• Israel media reported that U.S. President Bill Clinton signed a budget bill that includes nearly $3 billion in annual aid to Israel and nearly $2 billion to help Israel and the Palestinian Authority (PA) implement last year's Wye accord.

Nov. 30

• Israel's state prosecutor said it is likely charges will be brought against Ofer Nimrodi, the former publisher of *Ma'ariv*, suspected of plotting the murder of two rival publishers and a private detective.

• Before ending a six-day trip in Israel, Li Peng, the leader of the Chinese Parliament, secretly visited Israel Aircraft Industries to observe a surveillance plane being built for Beijing, according to *Ha'aretz*. During his visit, Peng met with Prime Minister Ehud Barak, President Ezer Weizman and other government officials.

Dec. 1

• Hoping to save money, the Israel Defence Force plans to stop drafting immigrants older than 18 when they arrive in Israel. Those who arrive before the age of 18 will continue to do army service. The decision was met with mixed reaction in the immigrant community as some people believe the policy will make integration into Israeli society more difficult for those not serving in the army.

Dec. 2

• For the first time in its history, El Al, Israel's national air carrier, will operate a route from New York to Rome to fly thousands of pilgrims to the Vatican in the year 2000.

• Since the beginning of the year, more than 200 arrests of Israeli citizens have been made in the West Bank by the PA, contravening agreements between Israel and the PA.

Dec. 3

• Israel announced it will not amend the law guaranteeing immediate citizenship to Jews who move to Israel.

• President Weizman denied reports he intends to step down in May, at the end of seven years.

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Arts & Travel

Author's debut novel an upbeat, funny book

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

Whereas writers of first novels often agonize over finding a publisher, that was not the case for Elyse Friedman, 36, of Toronto, who has produced four screenplays and much comic material for radio and television.

Friedman's first novel, *Then Again*, was snapped up by Random House, which has championed the book and is giving it serious promotion. The book is on prominent display in many bookstores and Friedman has already had discussions about turning it into a film.

Then Again is an offbeat, funny book, which is perhaps not surprising for an author who crafted comedic sketches for CBC Radio's *Definitely Not the Opera* for two years. The story opens with an invitation that Michelle Schafer, the first-person narrator, receives from her brother Joel to attend a "blast-from-the-past" party in their family's former home in suburban Toronto.

This is the house that Michelle knew from her childhood. She and her sister Marla return to find that Joel, a lover of weird stunts and practical jokes, has restored the house exactly as it looked in the 1970s. Furthermore, he has hired look-alike actors to impersonate their deceased parents.

Elyse Friedman

Interspersed with descriptions of the house as Michelle discovers it are flashbacks of a romantic relationship. In keeping with its bizarre premise, the story escalates to a surprise and dramatic ending.

Friedman, who grew up in the Bayview-Steeles area of North York and moved as a teenager to the Annex, says she can't remember where the idea for the story emerged. "It just popped into my head," she said. "I'm the kind of person who dwells on the past: I like to walk or drive around places where I've lived before. So it's possible it came from that, and from wondering what it would be like to go back to the house where you were raised."

Again not surprisingly, the book contains a Jewish element. The three siblings are Jewish and their father was a Holocaust survivor. "The awareness of his past is always present in the house, and I think it has a definite lasting effect on the children. It's part of what shaped their characters."

(Friedman is also a playwright. Her first play, *Jews Don't Camp – How I Tried to Become a WASP and Failed*, was produced by a Winnipeg theatre group several years ago.)

She wrote the novel, she said, because "I wanted to talk about the lingering effects on the children of Holocaust survivors. There's a residue that remains and has an effect on the children. I also wanted to explore the idea of subjective memory – how different siblings can have different takes on the same environment."

Then Again is not necessarily a satire on suburban life, according to its author. "What I tried to do in a couple of spots is show that the suburbs are not as normal as they appear to be on the surface," she said.

"Having been raised in the suburbs, I find that there's a desire there to have everything appear normal. But when you get in the front door, beyond the surface, you find that people are just as insane as anywhere else. I'm not a big fan of that kind of living."

Her family's reaction? "My brother and sister, they both love the book, they think it's great. And my father also thought it was wonderful. There are some bits of autobiographical stuff in the book, but it's not really about them. So there was nothing too contentious for them."

Then Again, at 190 pages, is available in bookstores for $29.95.

A tour of 'literary' Toronto

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

A year after Isaac Bashevis Singer came to the United States, he was required to renew his visa from outside the United States. Rather than return to Poland, he snuck into Toronto.

In case you missed reading about Singer's 1936 visit here in his reminiscence *Lost in America*, the episode is recounted at length in *Toronto: A Literary Guide*, the extremely well-researched and highly readable work by Greg Gatenby, founding director of the International Harbourfront Authors Festival.

While in Toronto, Singer visited the Spadina garment district, finding in it myriad reflections of his beloved Krochmalna Street in Warsaw. "It was odd," he wrote, "that having crossed the Atlantic and smuggled myself over the border I found myself in a copy of Yiddish Poland." He even contemplated staying in Toronto.

Gatenby, an amazingly thorough researcher, leaves hardly any stones unturned in his quest for details about the literary history of Toronto. His book is large — more than 600 pages, crammed with intriguing information and rare photographs — and contains items of interest on nearly every page.

One doesn't read a book like this for details about Jewish writers in particular, of course. But the marvel is that there's so much here about the local and international Jewish literary scenes.

Each of the chapters focuses on a street and neighbourhood and is structured as a walking tour. The chapter on Marlee Avenue mentions the anecdote about Singer in connection with his later appearance (1962) at the old Jewish Public Library on Glen Park Avenue.

The chapter focusing on Kensington Market tells us that the distinguished Yiddish novelist Joseph Opatoshu spoke in 1934 at the Labour Lyceum, 346 Spadina Avenue, on Palestine and Soviet Russia. Three years later, American expatriate author Emma Goldman also lectured at the Labour Lyceum on Youth in Revolt. (In 1945, Opatoshu spoke again at the Labour League Mutual Benefit Society, 7 Brunswick Ave., to officers of the Canadian Jewish Congress.)

Typical of most chapters, the Vaughan Road "tour" points out residences and points of interest related to a spectrum of writers from the well-known to the obscure, the contemporary to the historic. This chapter alone mentions such scribes as Nathan Cohen, David Lewis Stein, Lawrence Garber, Anne Michaels, Janis Rapoport, Charles Israel, Cary Fagan and Joe Rosenblatt.

Gatenby chronicles the visits of many great writers, including Dickens, Twain, Emerson, Whitman, Faulkner, Ferlinghetti, Nabokov and Hemingway (who lived briefly on Bathurst Street north of St. Clair, in an apartment building now known as "the Hemingway").

This well-written encyclopedic compilation also informs us that Israel Zangwill, Sylvia Plath, Ilya Ehrenburg, Sholem Asch and many other fine Jewish writers visited and spoke in Toronto. (Astonishingly, Zangwill spoke at the King Edward Hotel.)

I found only a couple of what I would regard as significant omissions. First, the book ignores Emma Goldman's extensive history here, mentioning neither her apartment on Spadina Avenue nor the house on Vaughan Road in which she died in 1940.

Second, it elaborately chronicles the career of the Oxford-educated intellectual Goldwin Smith (1823-1910), detailing his strong influence on the cultural scene of Victorian Toronto and noting that he brought "an air of sophistication" to the city and helped raise the level of its intellectual discourse.

However, it fails to mention that Smith moonlighted as a promulgator of the anti-Semitic tract, *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.

Toronto: A Literary Guide, by Greg Gatenby, ($19.95), is published by McArthur & Company, and comes highly recommended.

Jewish mysticism focus of Dillard book

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

For The Time Being (Knopf, $22) is Annie Dillard's personal meditation on eternity, morality, mortality, the nature of divine justice and other philosophical issues. The book is a spiralling intellectual investigation that moves from the birth ward of a modern hospital to an archeological dig in China to various sites in Israel, including the Temple Mount.

Twenty-five years ago, Dillard won the Pulitzer Prize for *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*, a roving exploration of a simple landscape, laden with scientific, metaphysical and esoteric insights. Now, as then, she seems to write the way a cubist paints, presenting diverse facets of a subject, each from a particular angle, and always confident of her ability to see eternity in a grain of sand.

In *For the Time Being*, she writes about the uniqueness of people and clouds, the randomness with which birth defects occur, and the suddenness with which mass death can destroy a community, as when a giant wave killed 138,000 Bangladeshis in the 1970s.

As if trying to understand the nature of infinity and God, she repeatedly juxtaposes the individual against the multitude, as though to ask: What significance can one person have on a planet of six billion? She also seems to question whether fate can be just. Do babies, for example, deserve to be born with defects?

Besides the highly subjective observations about Israel, the book may be of particular interest to many Jewish readers because of its focus on Jewish mysticism. Dillard seems fascinated with the lives and works of the chassidic masters, and even includes snippets from the Zohar and other kabbalistic works.

She makes her points obscurely, often through juxtaposition of ideas and rarely by stating them directly. For example, she writes: "Our sins have nothing to do with our physical fates. When you shell peas, you notice that defective germ plasm shrivels one pea in almost every pod."

In a public interview during the recent Harbourfront International Festival of Authors, Dillard insisted that she was as much interested in conveying "gags" as in pursuing a philosophical line of inquiry. But she acknowledged that the strong focus on the Baal Shem Tov and Chassidism was a serious choice.

"I brought in the boys who know," she said.

A Catholic, Dillard seems to be writing for a secular constituency with minimal familiarity with Jewish philosophy. Ultimately, *For the Time Being* seems like a scrapbook of her personal intellectual quest, one compiled with heavy reliance on the cut-and-paste keys of a computer keyboard.

Does it satisfy? That depends entirely on whether the reader is intrigued enough to follow this best-selling author down her peculiar and self-indulgent path.

Arts & Travel

Concert a magical evening

Chava Alberstein and The Klezmatics.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

The voice of Chava Alberstein, Israel's answer to Joan Baez, filled virtually every nook and cranny of cavernous Roy Thomson Hall last week in a concert of melodious Yiddish, Hebrew and English songs.

Often accompanied by The Klezmatics, an iconic American group which has played a pivotal role in the revival of klezmer music, Alberstein was in fine form as she sang like a nightingale.

Her sonorous voice was sweet, yet strong.

There she was, a diminutive figure strumming a guitar, her flowing blonde locks juxtaposed against an all-black outfit.

Alberstein's repertoire was largely taken from *The Well*, a 1998 album inspired by the verse of 15 poets who could fill a treasury of Yiddish culture.

The themes of her songs were eclectic, encompassing the power of love, the lure of tradition, the necessity of belief, the wonder and uniqueness of children, the bitter memory of the Holocaust.

And Alberstein dedicated one song, lifted straight from the Bible, to the late Yitzhak Rabin.

In what was often a magical evening, she serenaded an appreciative audience with her deceptively captivating personality, soaring high and low and finding her mark.

In a joyful flurry of clap-along klezmer tunes, The Klezmatics preceded Alberstein on the stage by about 30 minutes, warming up by the crowd.

Lorin Sklamberg, the soulful vocalist, played the accordion. Alicia Svigals, a wisp of a woman with dark frizzy hair, was on violin. Rounding off the band were Paul Morrissett on bass/*tsimbl*, David Licht on drums and percussion, Frank London on trumpet, and Matt Darriau on reeds and woodwinds.

Like Alberstein, The Klezmatics ranged far and wide, offering a rowdy drinking song here and a reverential hymn to the imminence of the Messiah there.

All in all, this was a concert to savour. But sad to say, Roy Thomson Hall was two-thirds empty.

Artist's energy sustains her as she copes with tragedy

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Multimedia artist Tutzi Haspel-Seguin, who is 80-plus, is a human dynamo.

Bustling about her home/cum studio despite a recent painful fall, she points out paintings, sculptures, mosaics, pottery and stained glass.

Her output is astounding. Self-taught, Seguin notes with a grin, "I'm a general practitioner, not a specialist."

From a graceful bronze-like nude in cement fondue (her own mix) to whimsical chassidic silhouettes, the innovation and humour are decidedly engaging.

She is the recipient of national and international awards and has been featured in a video for Jan Tenant's *Time of Your Life*.

Seguin's energy has never been in doubt. Now it sustains her as she copes with unbelievable tragedy – the loss of all three children one after the other, a son Adrian to heart problems at only 18, and two grown daughters, Natalie and Yvonne, to cancer.

Together she and her husband George 94, face what they must, just as they have through 63 years of marriage.

They are thankful for two granddaughters, Kim, who shares her grandmother's gift and has exhibited jointly with her, and Laura, a naturopath.

To keep going, Seguin plunges into ongoing activity conducting workshops, doing public speaking, playing bridge, exploring new forms of artistic expression.

"Somehow," she says, "there is the instinct to fight for life. I don't know why. You have to hang on to whatever helps – religion, a hobby."

She is currently very involved rehearsing and performing with an intergenerational cast in a play, *Life Without Labels*, which examines the lives of youth and seniors with disabilities. It is being presented at several Toronto and District locations under the auspices of the Anne Johnston Health Station at Yonge Street and Montgomery Avenue.

The Seguins immigrated to Canada from Romania in 1938 and Tutzi, remembering the early years in Europe, sees bright images flitting across her inner screen, recalling the Gypsies of her homeland.

At the brink of a new century, she has embarked on a mission to record for the future, the colourful wanderers from the past.

Painting in oils and watercolours (she likes to experiment with different media for the same subject), she is detailing a people whom she believes are often unfairly maligned. "They have a hard life," she says, "struggling just to survive, yet they are so talented!"

She holds up a portrait of a woman playing a mandolin and another of one dancing. There is a flower seller, a man with a trained bear, a close-up of a fortune teller with penetrating eyes.

Brilliant hues, flowing skirts, wide pantaloons engender a surface romance, yet other portrayals, like the mother carefully picking lice from her child's head, show gritty realism.

"The Gypsies suffered and died in the concentration camps just like the Jews," Seguin affirms. "They also had numbers on their arms.'

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Composer writes liturgical and secular works

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Being a female composer is a double-edged sword, says Helen Greenberg, who is a singer and a composer.

"On one hand, it is hard to break into the world of male performers although some men do prefer my work. On the other hand, the fact that I am female has worked in my favour in attracting women singers."

Greenberg says there is no inherent difference between music written by a man and that written by a woman. "Both men and women writers can be equally sensitive."

Born in Baltimore, Greenberg moved first to Montreal, and then, in 1967, to Toronto, where she began studying music and joined the Beth Tikvah Choir.

"I became a composer by default," she says. "I wanted to be a singer, but I had frequent upper respiratory infections and was out of commission so much of the time that is was impossible to forge a career as a singer."

Greenberg has written a large body of secular and liturgical works, mainly for solo voice with piano accompaniment, using Hebrew, Yiddish and English texts. They include song cycles, single songs, and choral pieces.

She has also composed music for solo wind instruments. Her music is widely performed throughout Canada, the United States, and Israel.

In 1992, renowned contralto Maureen Forrester paid tribute to Greenberg at a concert celebrating Beth Tikvah Synagogue's 25th anniversary. Forrester performed Greenberg's cycle of Yiddish songs titled *Froyen Shtimme* (*Women's Voices*).

Composer Helen Greenberg

It was written, Greenberg says, because she wanted to expose the public to magnificent poetry by women.

In 1996, Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood commissioned a piece for voice and piano by Greenberg for Hannah's Prayer, in honour of their 75th anniversary.

Transcontinental Music Publication in New York is currently preparing a demo tape of Holocaust music they have previously published. Two of Greenberg's compositions, *Royt Knospn Oyfn Shney (Red Petals in the Snow)* and *Dremlen Feygl (Dreaming Birds)*, will be included featuring Paulina Stark, a dramatic soprano who is one of the world's foremost interpreters of Jewish art music.

"The best part of being a composer," she says, "is not just the heady experience of a good performance – that only lasts for 10 minutes – but the people I've met and friends I've made at North American Jewish Choral Festivals, conventions of Reform Cantors, the Guild of Temple Musicians, and the people who choose my music and wish to [study] with me."

Greenberg has many stories to tell about her experience as a composer: She sold a copy of her Yiddish song cycle titled *Dos Golden Fayfe* to a woman from Boston. One of the poets whose works Greenberg set to music was Ida Maza.

The purchaser began to cry with joy when she saw the name of the poet, Greenberg says. It was the name of her mother's family in Montreal with whom her family had lost touch.

"I gave her the name of the poet's son, as the poet had died, and the entire family was brought back together."

After 31 years, Greenberg continues as a member of the Beth Tikvah Choir and is a member of the Lachan Jewish Chamber Choir.

For the future, Greenberg says, "I just want to keep composing."

Singer aims at turning 20-somethings onto music of their roots

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Vladimir Radian is so convinced young Jews want to hear songs that tell of their Jewish roots, he's willing to gamble his career on it.

He believes there is a revival among young Jews for songs which tell their history

A singer, actor and poet, Radian, 39, wants to take his concert, Rohzlinkes and Almonds, on a coast-to-coast tour in Canada and the United States.

The Romanian-born singer, who came to Canada nine years ago, used to have a day job as a computer scientist. But he's given that up in favor of a new stage career.

"I want to sing songs, mostly in Yiddish, that are easy to access, that do not crush anyone with their importance, and which young Jewish people, in their early 20s, seem to love," he said.

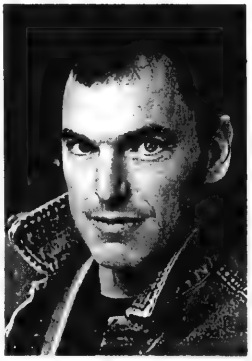
He has appeared in such operas as, *La Traviata, Un Bello in Maschera, La Boheme* and *Don Giovanni*, and Broadway musicals such as *The King and I, Fiddler on the Roof and Kismet.*

He has performed in Shakespearian dramas, among them, *Henry V, Richard II* and *The Taming of the Shrew.*

Lately Radian is doing more work as an actor and singer in film and television production, including movies, but his first love is still the stage, he said.

Through his poetry, Radian became a part of the history of his adoptive country, when his lyrics won CBC Radio's *Maple Leaf Forever* competition in *1997.*

His lyrics became the new text of that traditional Canadian song.



Vladimir Radian

"I put in a little commentary from the Torah and in this way I get a direct connection. I'm surprised that it can be so attractive to them."

Radian's musical versatility has appeal, he said."My musical range is from bass to tenor, fairly freakish, but young people like it."

Half the repertoire of his recent concert at Yorkwoods Theatre – more than 200 people attended – consisted of traditional Yiddish songs.

The rest of the songs were chassidic, Israeli and well-known English tunes from American musicals. The selections included *Belz, Papyrosan, Rohzlinkes and Almonds* and *If I Were A Rich Man* from *Fiddler on the Roof.*

This is the show he would like to take on tour, he said.

Radian, who lived in Israel and taught computer science there for eight years, got his musical and acting training in Romania, and here in Toronto at the Royal Conservatory of Music.

Life is Beautiful now available in English

By LARRY ANKLEWICZ
Special to The CJN

Life Is Beautiful has finally arrived on video. After an original July release date was postponed, the highly anticipated film should now be available in your local video store.

Not only has it been released in the original Italian version with English subtitles, but it is also available in a dubbed version. In fact, the video release was probably held up so that it could be dubbed into English for audiences that don't like to read subtitles.

Life Is Beautiful has always created a certain amount of controversy. Most people I have met loved the film. Personally, I have many reservations about the film, and I felt very uncomfortable watching it.

It is undeniable, however, that the film's success, both in North America and in Europe, has helped educate and inform millions of people about the Holocaust. For that reason alone, the film is worthwhile

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AUTHOR MATT COHEN DIES

Award-winning Canadian novelist **Matt Cohen**, who was scheduled to read from his latest novel, *Elizabeth and After*, on Dec. 12 at the Bloor JCC, died last week of lung cancer in his home in Toronto.

Cohen, 56, has tackled everything from the Jews of medieval Spain (*The Spanish Doctor*) to the painful death of a sibling (*Last Seen*), . *Elizabeth and After* recently won the Governor General's Award for fiction in English.

Cohen is survived by his wife Patsy Aldana, Daniel, 17, and Madeleine, 13. He also has two step children, Carlotta, 30 and Seth, 26.

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Silent Auction: Books, bags, toys and treats go on the block at **Orchestra Toronto's** second annual silent auction fund-raising concert.

All items are donated by local merchants and range in price from $15 to $250. Bidding starts at 7 p.m., before the concert; final bids should be made by the end of intermission, about 9:15. Participants, meanwhile, may listen to a **Dvorak** symphony. Refreshments are offered and successful bids posted after the concert.

Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St. Dec. 11; concert starts at 8 p.m. $18 and $15. www.orchestratoronto.org.

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Cranbrooke Friendship Club: This group, affiliated with the United Jewish People's Order and the Morris Winchevsky School, is holding a Chanukah celebration featuring singer-guitarist **Bluma Schonbrun** with **Gordon Fleming**, accordionist, performing a program of beloved Yiddish and Hebrew melodies, and Chanukah songs. Dec. 13, 12:30 p.m. Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. $5 lunch and program. 789-5502.

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Music, Drama, Art, Comedy

• Life Stories, an exhibit of folk paintings by **Mayer Kirshenblatt**, is on view at the John B. Aird Gallery, 900 Bay St., Macdonald Block, Dec. 7 through Jan. 8. Opening Dec. 9, 6 to 8 p.m.

• Internationally acclaimed actor **Brent Carver** returns to Stratford in the 2000 season as Tevye in *Fiddler On The Roof*. The play opens June 2 and runs in repertory to Nov. 4.

• Ulcers Before Adolescence & Chair Pigs is an evening of six one-act plays by **Jason Sherman**, **Nina Shengold** and **Alan Ball**, compiled and directed by **Michael Kessler**. Dec. 14 to 18. Tarragon Extra Space, 30 Bridgman Ave. 531-1827.

• Blast Off 2000! at Harbourfront is a multifaceted programme that includes time capsules created by 25 artists including **Elisa Kukla** and sisters **Soozie and Goldie Schlanger**. At York Quay Centre, 235 Queens Quay W., through Jan. 2, 2000.

• **Tony Bennett** appears with the **Ralph Sharon Quartet** at Roy Thomson Hall, Jan. 17, 8 p.m. $59.50-$125. 872-4255.

• Award-winning comic legend **Carl Reiner** is being fêted Dec. 13 at a star-studded tribute dinner at New York's Pierre Hotel. Reiner is slated to receive the Alan King Award in American Jewish Humour from the National Foundation for Jewish Culture.

•The Toronto Jewish Film Society presents *Mina Tannenbaum*, a 1993 film directed by **Martine Dugowson** which explores loyalty and betrayal in a 25-year friendship between two Jewish women. It was nominated for an Academy Award as best foreign-language film.

Dec. 12, 5:15 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.,Jackman Hall, Art Gallery of Ontario, 317 Dundas St. W. Call the Bloor JCC at 416-924-6211.

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Books & Music For Children

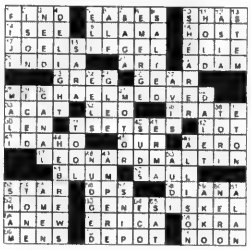
• The renowned local group **The Travellers** perform selections from their CD, *The Travellers Sing for Kids*, at Indigo Books, Yonge and Empress, Dec. 11 at noon; and Indigo, Yonge and Highway 7, Dec. 18 at noon.

• The UAHC Press has released *Chocolate Chip Challah and Other Twists on the Jewish Holiday Table*, a cookbook that "will help adults and children find new, meaningful ways to celebrate the Jewish holidays." Another UAHC title, *Until the Messiah Comes*, is a do-it-yourself adventure for young readers. Web site, www.uahcpress.com.

• *Love The Torah* is a collection of 14 original songs, most geared for children between four and eight. It includes ballads and the calypso tune *Shabbos in Jamaica*. Cassette or CD available. LeBeau Productions, PO Box 1024, Evanston, Ill., 60204.

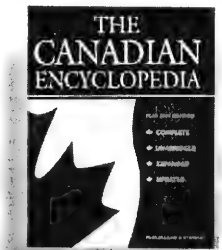
• *The Holy Land*, by Peter Connolly (Oxford Press) is suitable for preteen and teenaged students. This eye-pleasing encyclopedia details historic happenings in the Holy Land at the time of the Roman conquest and the destruction of the Second Temple.

ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



An encyclopedia for a Canadian reader

By JOSEPH SERGE
Arts Editor



The Canadian Encyclopedia 2000 edition is a veritable collection of items that are distinctly Canadian and written with a Canadian audience in mind.

After all, what other encyclopedia begins with the entry A mare usque ad mare and ends with Zurakowski, Janusz?

(The former, of course, is Canada's national motto, the latter – for trivia buffs – was a Russian-born pilot who was the first to test fly the Canadian Avro Arrow jet. He was honoured in 1996 when the Royal Canadian Mint issued a $20 commemorative coin with his image).

The penultimate entry will probably be more familiar with our readers – Zundel Case.

Everything in this 2,640 page tome is Canadian or defined with a Canadian perspective. The first sentence in the item Basketball for instance, reads: A team sport invented by Canadian James Naismith.

Other "Canadian" entries you're unlikely to find in the *Brittanica* are the 1970s Halifax-based rock band April Wine, and SCTV, the popular TV show that launched the career of John Candy, amongst others.

Strangely, although there are references to many nationalities, there is nothing for Israel or Israelis. But there is an entry on Jewish writing and a significant item on Jews.

As Canadians are quickly becoming "Americanized" by U.S. media and culture, this book brings a welcome Canadian perspective to over 10,000 entries.

My only beef is that despite 80 photographs and 160 illustrations, it is still very grey. It could use a lot more colour illustrations and photos.

It is published by McClelland & Stewart and sells for $64.99.

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Arts & Travel

Chagall's Catholic burial site saddens writer

By SHEILA DROPKIN
Special to The CJN

I like to visit old cemeteries when I'm travelling.

Reading ancient tombstones can provide an insight into the world that was. The inscriptions tell of life as well as death, many of them providing a mini-history of the deceased and his or her time.

It is often through these inscriptions that one can determine when disaster struck an entire region — an earthquake or the plague, perhaps — and whether its inhabitants were wealthy and thriving or poor and struggling. How many died young and who lived to full maturity? Who died of natural causes and who suffered a mysterious fate? And, of course, what they don't tell, I fill in with my imagination.

But one comparatively recent tombstone that is in the midst of an old French cemetery made me feel sad and literally created a pain in my heart.

As I walked through the burial ground in St. Paul de Vence, a lovely small city north of Nice, this summer, I literally stumbled on Marc Chagall's grave. Since this was a Catholic cemetery and the artist had been Jewish, this was quite a shock to me.

While historically some Jews have been buried amongst non-Jews, for the most part, they were soldiers, killed in battle and buried with their comrades in sort of a non-denominational locale. The only other instances I know of involved Jewish spouses of non-Jews who were interred near each other.

Chagall died on March 28, 1985 (the day that, coincidentally, would have been my late mother's 80th birthday, perhaps another cause for my grief). A local tour guide informed me that he had lived in the town for the last years of his life and it was his wish to be buried there. Since there was no Jewish cemetery, he was buried where I stood.

Since we both doubted that a rabbi would have officiated at the burial, she guessed that it might have been the mayor, since Chagall was such a prominent individual and was admired by the entire town.

Chagall lived as a proud Jew and his art was imbued with ancient Jewish lore and law. The National Museum of the Marc Chagall Biblical Message, located in Nice, shows how important the Bible and Talmud were to him as a person and as an artist.

Among Chagall's most famous works of art are his whimsical depictions of the Jewish shtetls of eastern Europe and the 12 stained glass windows illustrating the Old Testament that were installed in the Hadassah Hospital of the Hebrew University Medical Centre in Jerusalem in 1962. His painting *The Praying Jew* is now the property of the Art Institute of Chicago.

My late mother loved his shtetl painting. While the one in which she was born and raised was in Poland rather than in Chagall's Russia, these small enclaves of Jewish life were very similar, no matter where they were located.

My mother rarely spoke of her childhood, but she loved her Chagall poster and said it reminded her of happy times, even though the local anti-semites ensured that they were few and far between. Life was usually difficult for these long-suffering Jews, but the artist was able to capture some of the pleasures that they enjoyed as well.

I guess it shouldn't really matter where anyone is buried (dead is dead, after all), and we encourage people of different cultures to live together. Nevertheless, I was saddened that this once-proud Jew, who had lived to the age of 98, should be buried amidst the crosses and angels that are anathema to the religion he practised.

However, I was pleased to see that his grave was covered by many small stones, indicating that there had been numerous Jewish visitors there before me, or people who knew of the Jewish tradition to place a stone or pebble on a grave as a sign that it had been visited.

I do hope he was buried wrapped in his tallit and wearing a kippah. It won't do anything for Chagall, but it would make me feel better.

Photos donated to breast clinic

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

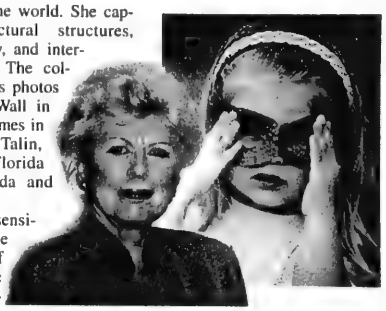
TORONTO — Twenty-two colourful photos donated by Toronto art photographer May Karp now hang in the waiting room of the recently opened breast clinic at Princess Margaret Hospital.

"Breast cancer is not unfamiliar in my family and I know what it is like to sit in the waiting room waiting – with all kinds of thoughts racing through your head," says Karp.

"I feel strongly that the atmosphere in that room is very important."

Karp said she worked all summer to prepare the photographs. The goal of her careful selection was to be "inclusive so that at this very difficult time, both patients and visitors could relate to what they saw on a variety of subjects and people that lived there."

Karp's photos include scenes from around the world. She captures architectural structures, nature's beauty, and interesting people. The collection includes photos of the Great Wall in China, the Thames in England, Talin, Estonia, a Florida beach, Bermuda and Prague.



May Karp is seen with her photographs at the Princess Margaret Hospital.

Karp has sensitively caught the expressions of an eclectic group of people. And there are some photographs with humour such as *Prickly Graffiti*, and another depicting a love scene of two piglets in a tub.

Karp's photographs can be seen in other institutions and she has donated photographs to fund-raising events.

For example, she has donated 45 photographs to the new Home for the Aged at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care which is being constructed.

A photograph titled *Pastoral Serenity* hangs in the room that houses North America's first full-field digital mammography unit, which recently opened at Princess Margaret.

Italian Oscar-winner worth watching

Roberto Benigni on the trail of La Principessa in *Life is Beautiful*.

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and its release on video will make it easily accessible to many more people.

At the same time, several other videos that will be of interest to Jewish audiences have been released on video as well. The Canadian film, *The Assistant*, is now available on video.

Featuring Gil Bellows, Armin Mueller-Stahl and Joan Plowright, *The Assistant* tells the story of a robbery that goes wrong during the depression era. One of the robbers (Bellows) feels remorse and returns to work for the Jewish store owner he robbed. He then falls in love with the store owner's daughter.

Although it is based on the novel by Pulitzer Prize winning author, Bernard Malamud, it received a theatrical run that was so short, and so obscure, that even I missed it. It later was shown on The Movie Network and has finally found its way onto video.

Although this is not one of the better Canadian films, the cast and the storyline make it worth viewing. Readers should be aware that this video is not appropriate for children.

Also recently available on video is the CBC television movie, *White Lies*. This is the story about a teenager who gets mixed up with a white supremacist cult. The girl eventually sees the errors of her way and attempts to leave her radical lifestyle. Sarah Polley gives an excellent performance in the lead role, ably supported by Lynn Redgrave, as the leader of the racist group.

The film received a great deal of publicity when it was first aired on television and was glowingly reviewed by most critics. It is a powerful film that should find a large audience on video.

It is available through VSC and stores can order it through any video distributor.

And finally, the acclaimed documentary recently telecast by TVO, *The Nazis: Warning From History* is now available in a six-cassette-box set.

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PERELMUTER, Rita - on Nov. 13, 1999, late of 85 Skymark Dr.

TYLMAN, Henryk - on Nov. 13, 1999.

SHULMAN, Anna - on Nov. 14, 1999.

KAY, Toby - on Nov. 15, 1999, late of 1925 Steeles Ave. E.

WISE, Morris - on Nov. 15, 1999, late of 170 Waterloo Ave.

MILLER, Adele - on Nov. 17, 1999.

FOX, Joseph Martin - on Nov. 18 1999, late of 107 Searle Ave.

KOTCHKINA, Serafina - on Nov. 18, 1999.

SOLOMON, Celia - on Nov. 18, 1999.

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GRESHAM, Bertha Muriel - on Nov. 20, 1999.

MYERS, Helen - on Nov. 20, 1999.

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GOLDBERG, Henry - on Nov. 4, 1999, late of 28 Krieger Cres.

HOTZ, Hilda - on Nov. 5, 1999, late of 3000 Bathurst St., #907.

MARKUS, Joel - on Nov. 5, 1999, late of 42 Shallmar Blvd.

KWINTA, Mike - on Nov. 7, 1999, late of 3181 Bayview Ave., #613.

APPLEBAUM, Hymy - on Nov. 8, 1999, late of 248 Simonston Blvd.

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GOLDBERG, Ruth - on Nov. 9, 1999, late of 164 Searle Ave.

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BARANOVSKI, Dmitri - on Nov. 15, 1999, late of 120 Torresdale Ave., #1404.

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330 OBITUARIES

ROSEN, Gunther - on Nov. 21, 1999, late of 2603 Bathurst St.
WEISBROD, Harry - on Nov. 21, 1999, late of 115 Everden Rd.
BAUM, Helen - on Nov. 22, 1999, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
ISAACSON, Louis - on Nov. 22, 1999, late of 14 Cowlick Ave.
RICH, Beatrice - on Nov. 22, 1999, late of 110 Promenade Circle.
WEISER, Max - on Nov. 23, 1999, late of 3560 Bathurst St.

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335 UNVEILINGS

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Funds set up in Matti's memory

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Her voice rising with emotion, Mrs. Baranovski, who was accompanied by Matti's father and stepfather, said she hopes "that those responsible face the courts as adults. Children do not kill children. Children do not kill."

Chanukah, she said, is a time to recall miracles, and it gives rise to the hope that the murder of her son "will be the absolute last."

She ended simply with, "I wish you all a happy Chanukah."

Rabbi Levi Jacobson of the Jewish Russian Community Centre read aloud messages of condolence sent by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and Ontario Premier Mike Harris.

There will never be justice as long as the Young Offenders Act is not amended, said Police Services Board chair Norm Gardner.

"Legislators take pride in the compassion we afford to those who break our laws, who create intimidation, in acts of disorderly conduct and crime," Gardner said.

"Perhaps that compassion is too broad. There can still be compassion, but with a greater deal of discipline and punishment."

Keith Landy, chair of Canadian Jewish Congress' Ontario region, announced CJC would set up a task force on youth violence, while Natan Aronshtam of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto said UJA would establish a memorial fund for Jewish youth in Matti's name.

The Jewish Russian Community Centre will also set up a special fund to establish a youth and leadership program in Matti's memory.

Rabbi Joseph Zaltzman, the centre's executive director, said the only way out of darkness and evil is through daily good deeds and acts of kindness.

Rabbi Zaltzman lit the first candle on the menorah, followed by Matti's father, Vitaly Baranovski, Liberal MPP Monte Kwinter and local city councillor Mike Feldman.

Matti Baranovski's mother Olga and stepfather Elliot Korczak at last Sunday's menorah lighting and memorial service in memory of the slain 15-year-old boy. [Ron Csillag photo]

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Single female, 29, 5'7", long curly brunette hair, hazel eyes, teach piano, working on performing degree, enjoy classical music, movies, theater, dancing, long walks. Seeking a Jewish male, 30-40, established, similar interests for best friend. AD#1453

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GIVE ME A CALL
Single female, 20, college student, enjoy movies, dining and dancing, phone conversations, a real people's person. Seeking a Jewish male, 21-30. AD#1048

LET'S CONNECT
Single female, 60, 5'2", brown eyes, good looking, professional. Seeking a male, enjoys travelling, dining out, walks, life, to spend time together. AD#1095

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Single Jewish mom of a 7 yr old daughter, medical professional, romantic, enjoy dining, dancing, cooking, theater, reading, fishing, 60's music. Seeking a Jewish male, widower or divorced, kids OK, established, financially secure, humorous, loves children's. AD#1614

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Single female, well educated, kind, attractive, successful, financially secure, professional, honest, sincere. Seeking a male, 53-65, accomplished, well educated, established, who enjoys good conversations, travelling, theater, classical music, sports, outdoors. AD#1368

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Single female, 37, honest, sincere, enjoy movies, dining and dancing, sports, long drives. Seeking a male, honest, sincere, family oriented, for meaningful relationship. AD#1397

LET'S TRAIN TOGETHER
Single Jewish female, 47, professional, 2 children (13 & 16). Seeking a male, who enjoys Chicken Soup, Law and Order, Scrabble, and would like to exercise together and have fun. AD#1343

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SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP
Single male, divorced, 45, one son age 12, university educated, non smoker, attractive Seeking a lovely lady, late 30's - late 40's, who wants to settle down and enjoy life, not into head games. AD#1090

REAL DEAL
Single male, attractive, honest, sincere, athletic, real soulmate, enjoy dancing, music, movies, long walks. Seeking a female, considerate, warm, caring, kind, enjoys outdoors, to enrich and fulfill life and to share dreams with. AD#1313

LET'S MEET
Single male, 32, cheerful, humorous, good communicator, nice, sincere, kind, friendly. Seeking a female, caring, warm, humorous, who enjoys dancing, dining, movies, outdoors and other activities. AD#1551

IT TAKES TWO
Single Jewish male, late 40's, 5'10", blue-gray eyes, gentle, warm, sincere, compassionate, good sense of humour, enjoy theater, long walks, bowling, tennis, cooking. Seeking a single or widowed female, 32-44, Orthodox preferred, similar personality and interests. AD#1350

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Single male, 46, conservative looking, no children, non smoker, humorous, enjoy dancing, old movies, especially Alfred Hitchcock's, long walks, classical music. Seeking a female, sincere, kind, with children OK, prefer non smoker, but a smoker is OK. AD#1091

LET'S CONNECT
Single male, 44, 5'8", brown hair & eyes, honest, open minded, sincere, down to earth, good sense of humour, enjoy dining and dancing, movies, music, long walks. Seeking a Jewish female, honest, sincere, attractive. AD#1617

MY ROSE PETAL
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SOULMATE
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Israeli judo champion teaching students in Toronto

By MICHAEL NOBLE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Liad Acco didn't expect to be spending this winter in Canada. Ten months ago, the seven-time Israeli judo champion and 1997 Maccabiah Games gold medallist was in Israel, training to regain his title and make a run at the Olympics.

Five months ago, following a neck injury, he was in South America clearing his head and preparing to go back to school. Today, he's in Richmond Hill, a judo instructor at Impact Centre martial arts.

Acco's northward turn came suddenly this past summer. The 23-year-old was travelling in Costa Rica when he heard that his former judo instructor, Moni Aisik, had offered him a job in Toronto.

Acco was surprised and honoured by the offer and quickly accepted. It would give him a chance not only to teach judo and train regularly but also to come full circle and work with his childhood mentor.

The future champion was only four years old in 1980 when he walked into Aisik's prestigious Maccabi Tel Aviv club. Under Aisik's tutelage, and later 1992 Olympic silver medallist Yael Arad, he soon blossomed into a young star, capturing three consecutive national titles at ages 11, 12 and 13.

At 14, he joined the Israeli national squad and two years later, in 1992, won his first Israeli championship as an adult. This began a run of four titles in six years, ending with consecutive victories in 1996 and 1997.

A bronze at the 1994 World High School Championships in France, and a gold medal at the 1997 Maccabiah Games round out his impressive resume.

Acco had planned to continue competing in and for Israel and make a run at the 2000 Olympics before a series of injuries got in the way. Knee surgery sidelined him for all of 1998 and after a strong start in early 1999, a neck injury again put him out of commission.

With Sydney out of reach, the young veteran came to the other side of the world, to teach.

In the army, Acco instructed Israeli Special Forces in hand-to-hand combat. Today he works mostly with children.

His current task is a challenging one. He is called upon to guide his students not just in the arts of judo but in the day-to-day challenges of growing up. Students often talk to him about problems they can't bring to anyone else.

"They bring me into their own lives. There are things that may not be comfortable for them to go to their parents with. So they come to me. This is all part of teaching."

Acco relates one occasion when a mother asked him to talk to her son because he was having trouble in school and, "he listens just to you."

Acco said, "She came after one week and she said 'It's a different boy, I don't know what you've done but it's a different boy.' This means a lot to me."

These days Liad Acco is focused on teaching, but that hasn't doused his competitive fire. He trains regularly, has already begun to compete, and at 23 years old, has yet to reach his prime. The future, like the past, is sure to be full of surprises. For now though, his Olympic hopes are on hold.

"This is a dream that for now I put in a little room and close it because now it's not possible for me. When I get another opportunity, I'll jump at it."

Liad Acco

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Maccabi Canada names new director

MONTREAL — Nancy Rubin has been named the first national executive director of Maccabi Canada.

Rubin has more than 25 years of experience and involvement in Montreal's Jewish community, and a strong background in fundraising, communications and management.

This newly created position was described by the organization as most timely, established to build on the organization's growth, to further develop relations within the communities across Canada and to lead Maccabi Canada into the next millennium.

Nancy Rubin

Maccabi Canada is a national non-profit organization dedicated to helping young Jewish Canadians develop leadership skills, a sense of pride in their Jewish heritage, dedication to Canada and to the State of Israel. It is part of the international Israel-based Maccabi World Union, which is active in 57 countries throughout the world.

At the 16th Maccabiah Games, which will take place in Israel in 2001, close to 6,000 Jewish athletes will participate.

The Inside Back

Humanistic Jews reach out

As I was saying...

By RON CSILLAG

It's not that Rabbi Sherwin Wine somehow lost his faith in God. It's that he never had any to start with.

As the founder of the modern Humanistic Judaism movement, Rabbi Wine is less concerned with God and Halachah than with reaching out and scooping up thousands of disaffected and unaffiliated Jews for whom Judaism has ceased to be a religion (or never was), but is rather is a cultural force – an expression of a great civilization – that must be nurtured, engaged in and perpetuated.

Few rabbis have caused a greater stir than this one. Back in 1963, while he was spiritual leader of the Birmingham Temple in suburban Detroit, Rabbi Wine and his followers "came out," so to speak, as a congregation of Jewish atheists, who elected to become officially humanistic the following year.

Today, Humanistic Judaism, which eschews religion and embraces cultural values that also stress the power of the individual to solve problems, claims 30,000 members in some 35 congregations worldwide, including such high-profile Jews as Prof. Alan Dershowitz and Yehuda Bauer, the Holocaust scholar.

Rabbi Wine's secular Judaism still raises hackles among many Jews, but he should not be sold short. He's an undeniably charismatic speaker who is just as concerned with Jewish survival as any believing pulpit rabbi. (He was also named by British Rabbi Dan Cohn-Sherbok as one of 50 key Jewish thinkers of the past 2,000 years, up there with Yehuda Halevi, Maimonides, the Baal Shem Tov and Theodor Herzl. Only four, including Rabbi Wine, are still alive.)

Now 71, Rabbi Wine, who was raised in a Conservative home and ordained a Reform rabbi, was in Toronto late last month to help launch this city's only Humanistic Jewish congregation, Oraynu, formerly the Secular Jewish Association. Over six weekend events and lectures, he attracted some 700 people, proof, he feels, that a large number of people are not being served by the Orthodox, Conservative, Reform or Reconstructionist movements.

Simply, Rabbi Wine and his fellow humanists feel there is more to Judaism than God.

Historically, he told *The CJN* in a wide-ranging interview, Jewish identity has been less a function of religion and more one of nationality and culture. That in turn led to two 20th-century movements: the Yiddishist, which was more or less destroyed in the Holocaust, and the Zionist, which proved to be the most successful nationalist movement of our time.

"Judaism became a set of theological beliefs, but historically that doesn't conform to the reality of what Jews are," he said. "In the Bible, Jews are a nation. When Orthodox Judaism determines the identity of a Jew, it doesn't apply a religious criterion. It's whether your mother is Jewish. That's not a religious criterion. Jewish identity is not matter of Halachah. It's a matter of birth.

"It's very clear," he went on, "that throughout Jewish history, Jews have viewed themselves as more than just a religious denomination. Defining Judaism as a culture and a civilization corresponds to the way Jews were viewed by Jews historically. To narrowly define it simply as set of theological convictions is to violate what has happened in Jewish history."

He sees secular Judaism as part of the continuum of non-halachic Judaism begun by the Reform movement. It was embraced by such early secular Zionists as Herzl, Max Nordau and David Ben-Gurion. Synagogue life, said Rabbi Wine, was not part of their lives, and not part of the lives of the two most famous Jews of the 20th century: Albert Einstein and Sigmund Freud, the former a great Zionist and the latter an intensely cultural Jew.

"The constituency to which Einstein and Freud belonged was not some bizarre little constituency," he said. "It remains a major constituency throughout the world."

The thread running throughout Jewish history is not monotheism or Halachah, he said, "but a commitment to survival."

And it's not the role of Humanistic Judaism to raid the other streams of Judaism, he assured. It's to reach those people who have not been reached by the other denominations, "and who will be lost unless they are."

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About Seniors

Dear Jesse,

I am 88 years old and was married for more than 60 years to a wonderful man who was completely devoted to me. Last month he passed away. It was sudden and unexpected. He took care of things in the house, including shopping and paying the bills. I am an invalid in a wheelchair. I have one son who is unemployed and very involved with his own family. He does not have much time for me. What should I do?

LFS

Dear LFS,

Your first step is to call your local social service centre and meet with a member of their staff who can help determine what you need and recommend various community resources such as home care, meals on wheels, and transportation services.

You might also want to consider exploring alternative living arrangements such as assisted living senior residences. These residences provide meals, housekeeping, recreational activities and sometimes nursing services.

Although this is a difficult transition period, rest assured that there are resources available to assist you and help enhance the quality of your life.

Readers are invited to send any questions they have for Jesse to The CJN. *Jesse represents the management and staff of Jewish Support Services for the Elderly (JSSE) in Montreal.*

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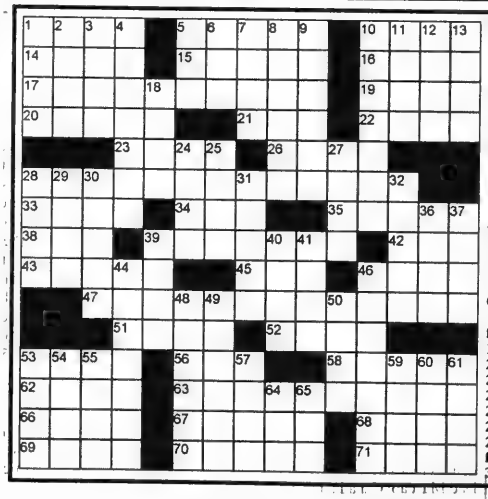

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Critic's Corner

By Matt Gaffney and David Bianco (QSyndicate@aol.com)

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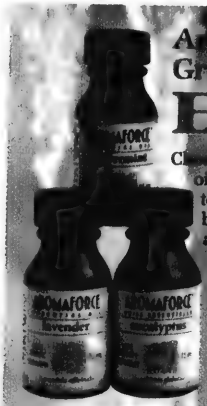

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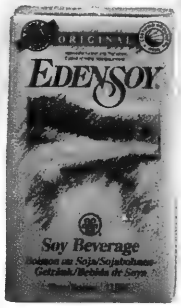

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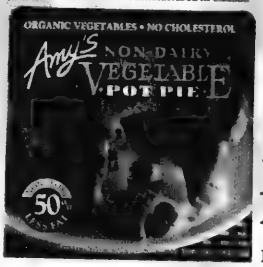

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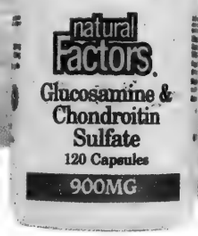

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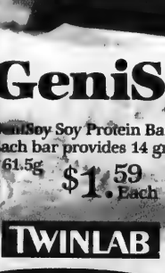

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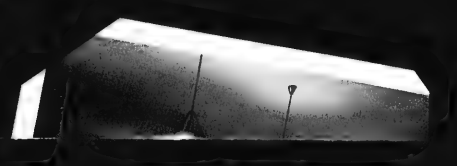

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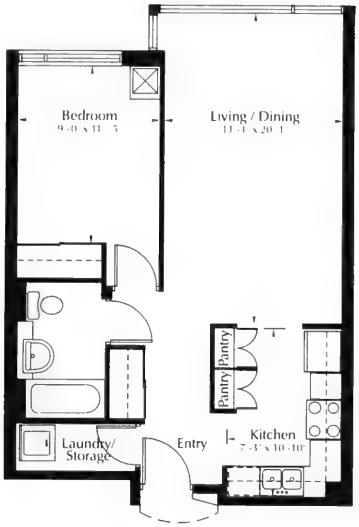

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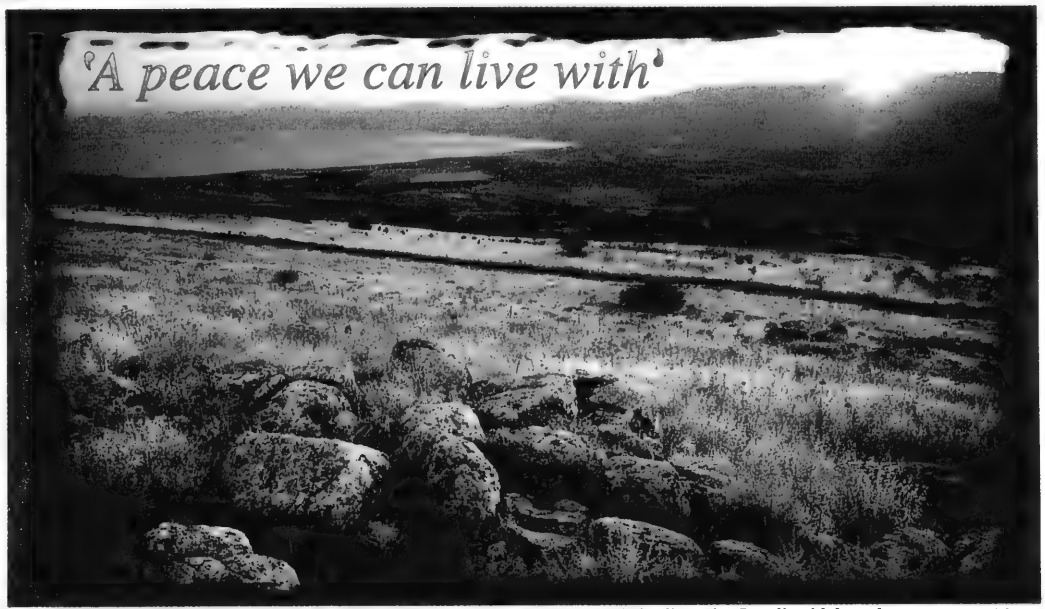

A view from the western section of the Golan Heights. This week Israel and Syria will be discussing Israel's withdrawal. *[RNS/Reuters/photo]*

No concessions made: Israel

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — As preparations began for Israeli-Syrian peace talks in Washington this week, leaders here stated that Israel had made no concessions to Syria's demand for a full withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

"The government did not commit to anything or concede on any issues – not on settlements, water, the border line or the Lebanon issue. All of these issues will be discussed in the negotiations," Foreign Minister David Levy told Israel Radio.

Levy also stressed that Israel would never agree to the Syrian demand for an Israeli pullback on the Golan Heights to the line held by Damascus on the eve of the 1967 Six Day War.

"We will not go into an arrangement which means the line of the Galilee – period. I repeat the government announcement, which is known to all, that there's no return to the line of the Galilee or June 4, 1967," Levy told Army Radio.

The foreign minister's remarks followed U.S. President Bill Clinton's announcement last Wednesday that Israel and Syria would resume negotiations this week from where

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Donating organs is 'a noble thing'

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — To save a life through organ donation is one of the most noble things we can do, says Rabbi Reuven Bulka. Unfortunately, the Jewish community has "missed the boat," he believes.

"When you tell Jewish people that it's permitted to be involved in a transplant, they're always surprised," said the rabbi, who leads Ottawa's Machzikei Hadas Synagogue, an Orthodox congregation. "We haven't sensitized them to the notion that this is a commendable and praiseworthy thing to do."

Special Feature

Rabbi Bulka is chair of the organ donation committee of the Kidney Foundation for Eastern Ontario.

And although he has had congregants who have needed transplants, those cases arose after his involvement with the foundation and were not his motivation for becoming involved, he said.

For a long time, rabbinic authorities prohibited organ transplantation, said Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl of Beth Tzedec Congregation, at a session on Jewish Medical Ethics held earlier this year.

However, as it became evident that transplantation was less an experimental procedure and more a life-saving one, rabbinic opinion shifted, Rabbi Frydman-Kohl said.

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CANADA

Advice For Israel Tourists

OTTAWA — Canadians travelling to Israel, particularly the Old City of Jerusalem, should exercise "caution," the federal government said last week. In a travel information bulletin, the Department of Foreign Affairs said Canadian tourists in the region should carry identification at all times, avoid travel after dusk, travel on public transit, and avoid congregating at bus stops and other public places. Ottawa says the security situation in Israel and the Palestinian areas is "fragile and could change very rapidly," with potential for terrorist violence and sudden closures of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Ottawa said that while Israel is "well-prepared" for Y2K-related problems, "the expected influx of tourists will put additional pressure on the country's infrastructure." Canadians travelling between Dec. 15 and Jan. 31 are advised to be prepared for potential disruptions.

The government has issued Y2K readiness reports on several countries, including Israel, on its Web site.

Collins Loses Challenge

VANCOUVER — A judge has rejected the application by former *North Shore News* columnist Doug Collins that challenged the constitutionality of a section of the B.C. Human Rights Code. The court remitted Collins' challenge back to the B.C. Human Rights Tribunal, where he faces a complaint from local businessman Harry Abrams that his writings were anti-Semitic. The Pacific region of Canadian Jewish Congress welcomed the court's decision.

ISRAEL

Law Won't Change

JERUSALEM — Israel will not amend the law guaranteeing immediate citizenship to Jews who move there, says the country's absorption minister. "We are not going to change the Law of Return," Yuli Tamir said at a news conference in Moscow during her three-day visit there last week. The issue has generated controversy in recent weeks, particularly after reports that the majority of recent immigrants from the former Soviet Union are not Jewish.

Brunner Buried: Report

JERUSALEM — The body of a key Nazi war criminal is buried in a Muslim cemetery in Damascus, according to the *Jerusalem Post*, which cited a European radio correspondent who spoke with Syrian officials. Nazi-hunters claimed for years that Alois Brunner was hiding in Syria, though Syria denied sheltering him. Brunner was private secretary to Adolf Eichmann, chief architect of the Holocaust, who was tried and executed in Israel in 1961.

WORLD

Shoah Memorial

MOSTAR, Bosnia — Local dignitaries and religious leaders attended a ceremony in this Bosnian town to dedicate a Holocaust memorial in the Jewish cemetery. The monument bears the names of 138 Mostar Jews killed in the Shoah.

Chanukah In Shanghai

SHANGHAI — This city's synagogue celebrated Chanukah for the first time in 47 years. Jewish leaders, diplomats and their families participated in the celebration at the Ohel Rachel Synagogue, which was restored in recent years after having been used as a warehouse.

Swiss To Apologize

ZURICH — Switzerland is planning to apologize for its anti-Jewish refugee policy during World War II, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported last week. The apology is expected to be issued by President Ruth Dreifuss, who is Jewish, after a panel of historians releases a report on the nation's wartime refugee policy.

Shul Firebombed

RENO, Nev. — The FBI is investigating the attempted firebombing of a Reno synagogue as a possible hate crime. A Molotov cocktail was thrown at the window of Temple Emanu El last week, but caused little damage. It is reportedly the third incident at the synagogue this year.

Pokémon Swastika

NEW YORK — Nintendo of America, makers of the popular Pokémon cards, said it will discontinue a card with an illustration of a swastika after receiving complaints from Jewish families. One of the Japanese-language cards, not meant for sale in the U.S., depicts a red *manji*, or swastika. In Japan, where the symbol predates the Nazis by centuries, it means good fortune and can also represent a Buddhist temple.

Bodies of 1973 War Dead Returned To Israel

JERUSALEM — The bodies of two Israeli soldiers missing since the 1973 Yom Kippur War have been found in the Sinai Desert in Egypt.

At a news conference last week, the head of an Israeli army search team that had been working in Egypt announced that the bodies of Cpl. Leon Cohen and Cpl. Nadiv Mordechai had been found Nov. 12 near the site of where their tank was hit on Oct. 7, 1973, the second day of the war.

Previous efforts to locate the bodies immediately after the war and in subsequent years failed.

Photographs taken shortly after the battle revealed two mounds of earth near the tank. In later photographs, the mounds were covered by piles of earth from an Egyptian tractor digging defence trenches.

But re-examination of aerial photographs taken of the area shortly after the tank was hit and careful scouring of the zone by Israeli and Egyptian teams led to the bodies.

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Community groups get together to shine light on youth violence

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Two groundbreaking meetings of minds last week brought together representatives of Jewish communal agencies, school officials and police to explore youth ennui and violence in the wake of the beating death of Matti Baranovsky.

A task force on youth violence, announced by Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region chair Keith Landy at the Dec. 5 Chanukah memorial to Baranovsky, took shape following two meetings last Tuesday at the Lipa Green Building.

Perry Romberg of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto is co-ordinating front-line service providers in the Jewish community to take a hard look at what agencies, both Jewish and not, can do to stem youth violence before it begins.

Officials from Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS), Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS), the Jewish Russian Community Centre, and the Board of Jewish Education assembled under Romberg's direction for a preliminary discussion of current services for Toronto's 35,000-strong Russian-Jewish community, and what is needed in their neighbourhood in the future.

'A very serious discussion'

Later that evening, Bernie Farber, executive director of CJC's Ontario Region, and Ellen Cole, who chairs the region's community relations committee, convened a meeting of community agencies, in addition to representatives from the Toronto District School Board, several police officers from 32 Division, which is handling the Baranovsky case, and Judith Kennedy, principal of Northview Heights Secondary School, where Matti had been a student.

Although violence is not a traditional hallmark of the Jewish community, the meeting was called to address the perception that violence among Jewish youth – especially among immigrants – is increasing, Farber told *The CJN*.

It was, Farber said, "a very serious discussion."

While Matti's death was obviously a violent act, the Bathurst Street corridor between Finch and Steeles Avenues, home to a large Russian-Jewish population, is not high crime area, Farber noted.

The one-time meeting allowed those present to "basically just brainstorm," said Cole. "It was very productive, and a lot of good ideas were raised."

Among them were how to engage disaffected youth. Possible solutions discussed are afterschool programs, putting social workers in parks where teenagers hang out, and persuading local businesses to hire students after classes.

The meeting also "tried to assuage fears that there is an epidemic of violence in the Jewish community," said Cole. Matti's death "was like an eruption. It brought the issue to the fore."

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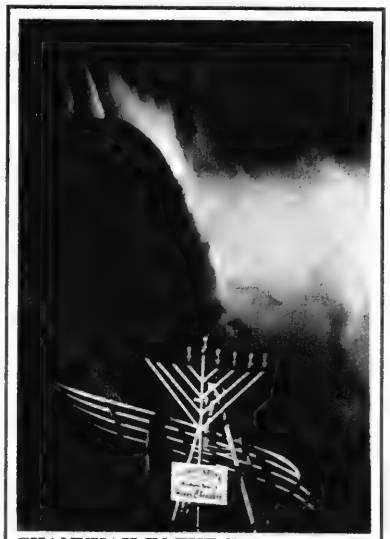
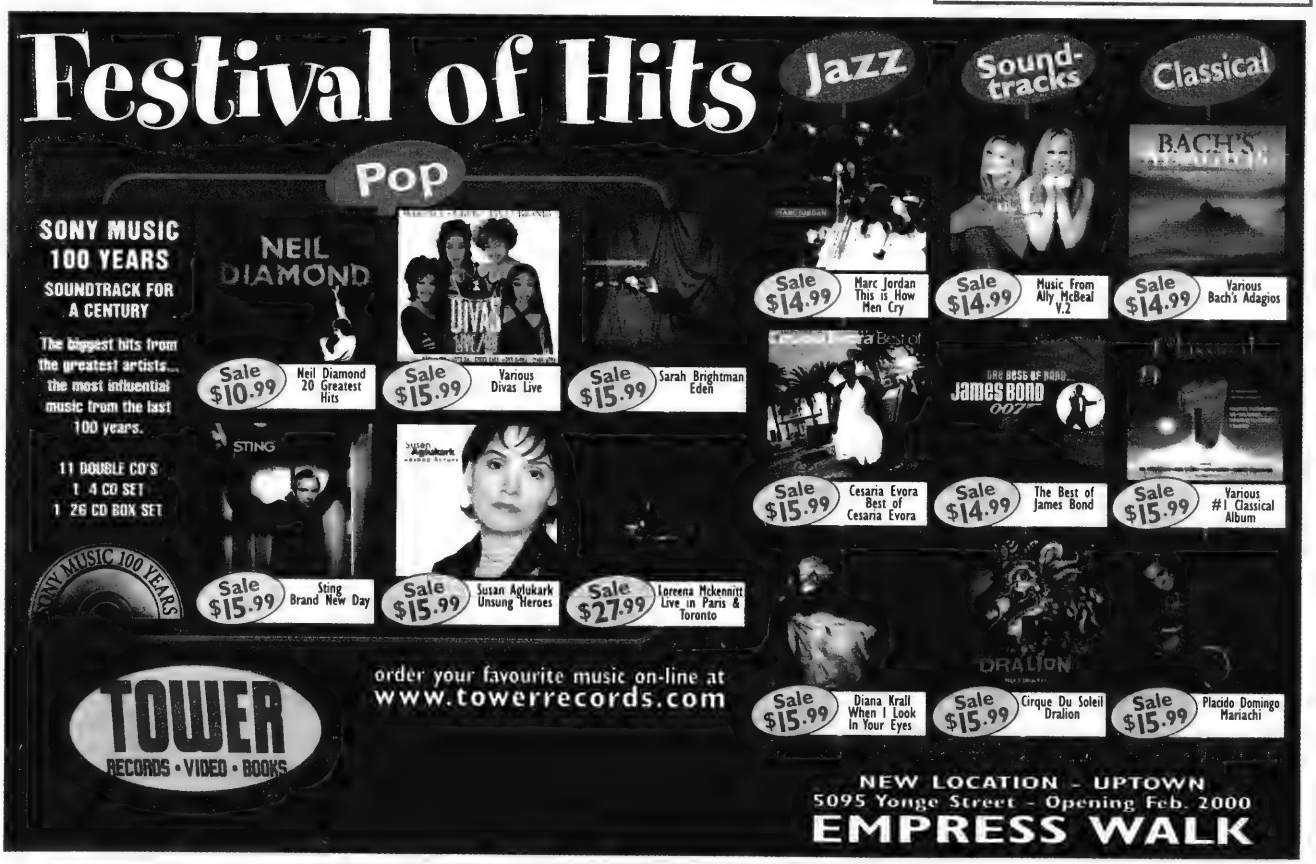


CHANUKAH IN THE FALLS: Members of the Western New York Jewish Community light the fifth candle on the chanukiah overlooking Niagara Falls. Avi Mirman of the Chabad House, uses a butane torch to light the candles with help from Rabbi Noson. [RNS/Reuters photo]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From the editor's desk

Touring in Jerusalem

As I wrote in this column last week, I recently returned from a short, intense, six day visit to Israel courtesy of the Ministry of Tourism and El Al Airlines.

I was a tourist in the fullest sense of the word, exhausted and exhilarated at the end of each day, musing to find the *mot juste* for my notebook and marvelling with the memories of the places I had been.

Three of my six days were devoted to Jerusalem.

Even though I have been to Jerusalem a number of times, feel familiar and quite at home in Jerusalem and have read a great deal about Jerusalem, the anticipation of imminently being there, prevented any meaningful distraction during the long but smooth plane ride there.

Among the material I read on the flight was a copy of a lecture by Elie Wiesel titled *Jerusalem: Israel's Link with the Diaspora* that he delivered in 1997 at the Martin (Szusz) Department of Land of Israel Studies at Bar-Ilan University.

The central question Wiesel posed in the address was "How is one to explain the attachment that Jews throughout the centuries have felt for Jerusalem?"

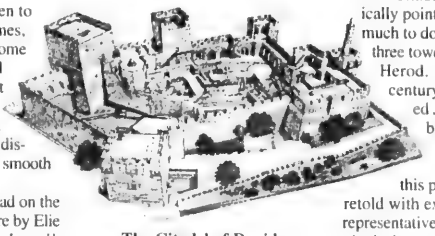
"Jerusalem *ir hakodesh* does not mean a holy city but a city of holiness. The nuance is important. In this city, more than anywhere else, man aspires to sacredness.

"Why should a Diaspora Jew dream of Jerusalem's secret wonders with love?" Wiesel asked.

"Is it because Jerusalem is said to be the heart of Jewish history, the centre of its spirituality? It is impossible to replace Jerusalem – or to ignore it... What would Jewish prayer be without Jerusalem?... Anchored in Jewish memory, it endows Jewish history with its one dimension of immortality. It is there that the distant past attains its climactic fusion with the redemptive future."

These words *"[where] the distant past attains its climactic fusion with the redemptive future"* were to be the emotional and spiritual jet propulsion for the mini whirlwind tour that was to unfold in the next few days.

After I unpacked my bags and settled into my room at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Mount Scopus, my guide, Ruth Eisenstein and I, set out for the Tower of David in the Old City to visit the Citadel Museum.



The Citadel of David.

To get there, we drove via Har Hazeitim, the Mount of Olives. The panorama westward was breathtaking beyond words.

As it was near noon, the sun was very high in the bright blue sky. The quality of the light illuminated the horizon as if it were a finely-detailed backdrop to a movie set.

We stopped by a high ridge for a few moments to enable me to snap a couple of photographs and simply, to stare at the view which was so remarkably different than the view at which I stared barely 24 hours earlier from the living room of my suburban Toronto home.

"The distant past" seemed at that moment to be so fully present.

We were met at the Tower of David Museum by Caroline Shapiro, the director of public relations and by Adi Levitan, our 23-year-old, Debra Winger-look-alike instructor.

"This is a live museum," Levitan emphasized. "Every stone is alive." This was her recurring theme throughout the 90 minutes that she guided us through the museum.

I quickly understood what she meant. The theme applied to every historical and archeological site in Israel where the museums themselves were the very locations written about in the pages of our sacred texts and history books.

The Citadel itself, Levitan ironically pointed out, had really not much to do with King David. Its three towers were built by King Herod. Since the second century BCE, it has protected Jerusalem from possible northern incursions.

The more than 3,000 year history of this place – the citadel – is retold with exhaustive attention to representative detail, uncanny technical innovation and obvious concern toward the patience and understanding of the tourist.

Typical of all Herodian structures, it is a magnificent architectural achievement, combining aesthetics with pragmatics. It dominates the Old City from the city's highest point.

One walks on its ramparts high above the traffic on the street, seeing in every direction a visual resonance from our *"distant past"* and hearing in our hearts the echo of our ancient rabbis whispered delight: "Whoever did not see Jerusalem in all her glory never saw a beautiful city."

I left the citadel with goosebumps. And this was only the first hour of the first day of my short visit. *MBD*

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MUSIC SWEETENS THE DEDICATION: Adina Herbert and Jordan Saperia added to the special feeling of the dedication last week of the Anne and Max Tanenbaum Education Centre, the newly expanded Community High School of Toronto. *Please see page 5.* **[Stephen Epstein photo]**

Greater Toronto Area

CHAT dedicates expanded campus

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "Well, we did it!" exclaimed CHAT president Baila Lubek at the dedication luncheon for the Anne and Max Tanenbaum Education Centre, the expanded facility of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto.

"How far we have come since May 28!" she said, referring to the day of the groundbreaking, as well as to the renovation of the existing school. The new centre has doubled the size of the building, with 21 new classrooms, a library, a computer centre, an athletic wing and a central atrium.

Lubeck praised the efforts of staff and volunteers, as well as the generosity of donors to the project. She also noted the partnership of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and the Toronto District school Board in the project.

Before the luncheon program, headmaster Paul Shaviv, "in the presence of Anne Tanenbaum," [the major donor], affixed the ornamental mezuzah, which was crafted by former student Brenda Gasner Lass.

The participants then made their way to the donor board, where former headmaster Rabbi Marvin Pachino and Tanenbaum cut the ribbon to dedicate it.

Lubek noted that Tanenbaum had returned from Florida especially to take part in the dedication.

Alan Sandler, president of UJA Federation, said the new facility was a tribute to the "vision, unity and maturity of the Jewish community of Toronto," as well as a sign of the commitment of UJA Federation to Jewish education.

Shaviv said the dedication "is not the celebration of a completion – it is the celebration of a beginning. It marks a going forward, a wonderful and significant beginning."

Vice-principal of general studies Sheldon Friedman, announced the inauguration of the annual CHAT Award for Volunteerism. It is being named the Howie Meyer Award for Excellence in Volunteerism in honour of the first recipient, Howie Meyer, who was co-chair of the building committee.

Toronto councillor Mike Feldman presented a plaque to Brian Lass, chairman of the board of CHAT, on behalf of Mayor Mel Lastman and Toronto City Council.

Plaques of appreciation were also presented to management team member Terry Cyr, to Lubek, and in absentia to Mel Finkelstein, an active member of the lay leadership.

CHAT students Adina Herbert, accompanied by guitarist Jordan Saperia, and Orli Cohen gave musical presentations, which were enthusiastically received by the luncheon participants.

Hamotzi was said by Arthur Tanenbaum, former executive director of Associated Hebrew Schools, and benching was led by Seymour Epstein, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education.

In the afternoon, about 300 people came for an open house and a tour of the school.

Reflecting on the dedication of the new campus, Shaviv called it "another wonderful occasion in a wonderful and important year for CHAT.

"It showed the strength of the school leadership, and the success of our partnership with UJA Federation, but most of all it was a purposeful beginning to the major tasks that still lie ahead of us."

Brian Lass, chair of CHAT board; Howard Meyer, and Sheldon Friedman, general studies principal.

CHAT students at the dedication ceremony.

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Israel aims to balance religious interests: Ben-Ami

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Israel is allowing a mosque to be built near a basilica in Nazareth so as "to strike a balance" between competing religious interests, says Shlomo Ben-Ami, Israel's minister of public security.

Denying a recent Vatican assertion that Israel's decision has sown Muslim-Christian discord, Ben-Ami said Israel has done everything in its power to calm the situation.

In an interview, he levelled two bold accusations.

He blamed Palestine Authority president Yasser Arafat, as well as Saudi Arabia, for fomenting the tension. Without elaborating, he said that they were following a narrow "political agenda."

Ben-Ami also claimed that the Vatican had gone through "the motions" by responding to Arafat's appeal to Israeli Arabs not to build a mosque next to the Basilica of the Annunciation.

The simmering controversy began about two years ago when Israeli Muslims, spearheaded by the Islamic Movement, protested a decision by the municipality of Nazareth – Jesus' boyhood hometown – to clear a plaza near the basilica for Christian millennium pilgrims.

Arguing that the land belonged to the Wakf, an Islamic religious trust, Muslims erected a tent on the site. Last Easter, violence boiled over, prompting the former Israeli government, led by Benjamin Netanyahu, to impose a compromise.

Under the plan, which was finalized by the current Israeli government headed by Ehud Barak, Muslims were permitted to build a small mosque, leaving sufficient room for a plaza.

Ben-Ami, who heads a ministerial committee responsible for implementing the compromise, said that Israel had been duty-bound to find "a difficult equilibrium" in Nazareth, where Muslims outnumber Christians by a significant margin (42,000 to 18,000).

Here in Toronto at the invitation of the Sephardi Kehila Centre and Canadian Jewish Congress, Ben-Ami pointed out that the distance between the basilica and the mosque will be 300 yards.

And, he added, construction of the mosque will not start unless Muslims "behave in an orderly way," and certainly long after Pope John Paul II's scheduled visit to Israel in March 2000.

Shlomo Ben-Ami

In an implicit rebuke to the Vatican, Ben-Ami said the compromise solution has enabled Israel to restore order at the site. The "ugly tent" which had limited freedom of movement was removed, and a police station was built to ensure that Muslims do not harass Christians.

Ben-Ami, a former history professor and Israel's first ambassador to Spain (1987-91), dismissed an accusation by the mayor of Jerusalem, Ehud Olmert, that the compromise was "wrong, a mistake, and not too smart."

Turning to another topic, Ben-Ami declared that social and political means, rather than police methods, are the most effective way to combat the Islamic Movement in Israel. Last September, three of its members were killed when they attempted to blow up several Israeli commuter buses.

"The best way to undermine it is to [offer] services that the Islamic Movement provides to the people. When you have a vacuum, others fill it. The needs of Israeli Arabs have been neglected for years," he said, referring to municipal, educational and social welfare budgets.

The late Yitzhak Rabin, he explained, launched a massive initiative of public investment in the Israeli Arab sector.

Israel's obligation is to perpetuate Rabin's legacy by providing "decent conditions for their development." This policy, he said, was abandoned after Rabin's assassination.

Ben-Ami disclosed that Israel intends to allocate equitable funds to Arab municipalities. But this process will not begin until 2000. Israel inherited a deficit from the previous government, and overall economic recovery must take precedence over the needs of Israeli Arab citizens, he said.

Conceding that some of their grievances are justified, Ben-Ami said he personally believes that Barak should have appointed an Arab to the cabinet. "This may happen in the not far distant future," he said, suggesting that the prime minister will address this issue once the peace process is well in hand.

Commenting on the current dispute which has delayed a five percent Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank, Ben-Ami said Israel has a unilateral right under the Sharm-el Sheik memorandum to decide what lands to relinquish to the Palestinians.

Looking farther ahead, he said it is in Israel's interest to sign a final status agreement with the Palestinians by September 2000, Barak's self-imposed deadline.

"We will do our very best for it to happen," he said. However, Ben-Ami was not certain whether the deadline would be met.

He declined to say whether Barak favors a Palestinian state as part of a permanent status accord. But he said such an entity should be demilitarized and barred from entering into military alliances with third countries, and Israel should maintain control of the Jordan Valley.

The border issue, which encompasses Jewish settlements in the territories, will be the toughest nut to crack, he acknowledged.

He said he opposes the unofficial 1995 Beilin-Abu Mazin scheme, which envisages a 90 percent Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank.

Ben-Ami refused to be drawn into a discussion of how much of the West Bank Israel should ultimately give up. But he said, "The question is one of trade-offs. We'll do our best to accommodate the legitimate Palestinian demands, and I hope they'll reciprocate."

The safe passage accord, signed recently, is working out so well that he is considering the removal of Border Police units from the area. "I'm not sure they have much work to do," he said, observing that not a single Palestinian has been arrested on security charges so far.

He expects the second safe passage route to be operational in February, provided Israel and the Palestinians can agree on the location of the exit.

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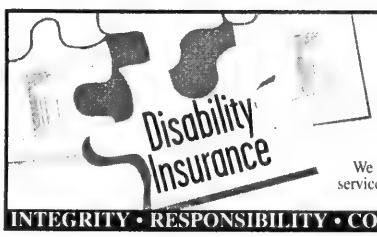

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St. Catharines man is facing deportation

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — An 89-year-old St. Catharines man is facing possible loss of citizenship and deportation for allegedly concealing his wartime activities on applying to immigrate here in 1947.

Jacob Fast, a Ukrainian-born retired mechanic, father and grandfather who became a Canadian citizen in 1954, was served on Oct. 1 with a notice of intention to revoke his citizenship.

A motion relating to the action in the Federal Court of Canada, scheduled for last Thursday in Ottawa, was adjourned. A new date has not yet been set.

The government has alleged: that Fast failed to divulge that he was "a German citizen and therefore an enemy alien and inadmissible to Canada;" "collaboration with German occupation authorities in Ukraine;" and "association with the German Security Police and Security Service (Sicherheitspolizei und SD)."

The SD (Sicherheitsdienst des Reichsführers-SS) was the Nazi party's intelligence service, according to the *Encyclopedia of the Holocaust*.

"This is not a war criminal case," said Fast's lawyer, Peter Doody. "There is no allegation that he committed any crime at any time."

"I don't gainsay the horrific nature of what went on [in the Holocaust] at all, [but] when the government doesn't even say he committed a crime, is this a just thing? I don't think so," Doody said.

Fast is denying all allegations.

His case marks the 16th in a series of revocation of citizenship and deportation proceedings initiated by the Canadian government, said Paul Vickery, director of the War Crimes section of the Department of Justice.

Similar trials are usually completed within about a year of the beginning of the process, he noted.

"We're glad to see things are moving in the right direction," said Moshe Ronen, national president of Canadian Jewish Congress. "Canada on the international stage has been playing the moral conscience of the world."

Ronen believes the federal government is "doing a good job" in Fast's case.

For Ronen, Fast's advanced age is not an issue. "Our position is that we should not reward longevity."

Lobby menorah ban vexes condo owner

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A downtown Toronto condominium owner says he was discriminated against by being refused the right to erect a menorah alongside a Christmas tree in his building's lobby.

"I just find this whole thing appalling," said an exasperated Gary Raich, who lives in the Market Square condo complex.

Raich, who's lived at 80 Front St. E.for eight years, said he was told by the building's property manager in a letter a year ago that yuletide decorations in the lobby "are secular in nature and do not reflect the beliefs of any particular religion or culture."

The property manager said he doesn't "see the need or feel it would be appropriate to introduce specific symbols of a particular religion."

When Raich raised the issue again this year, the president of the condo board wrote him saying that because the building's residents adhere to many faiths, and some to none, "it would be inappropriate to have any religious symbols in our common area.

"We decided that it would be acceptable to use a Christmas tree again because we do not regard it as a Christian symbol but as a seasonal emblem," wrote board president Alberto Menendez.

Raich told *The CJN* that went against a unanimous show-of-hands vote at the board's annual meeting in favor of having a menorah in the lobby.

He said he was pleasantly surprised by the response of board members, except for one who told him privately that the presence of a menorah would cause ill feelings towards Jews.

But by not allowing a menorah alongside the usual Christmas tree, "they've shown a complete lack of respect," Raich said, adding he's been backed up by several other Jewish residents in the 182-unit building.

Raich has taken his complaint to B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights, where spokesperson Amelia Golden said a Christmas tree is a symbol of Christmas, which is a Christian holiday.

"There should be an inclusive policy for all religions, and [the condo board] should include chanukiyot."

Golden said the condo board will meet Dec. 22, when its policy will be given further consideration. But, she said, that's too late for Chanukah this year.

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They happen also to be Canadian

As of this writing, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien has not yet tabled the Quebec referendum review legislation. Even so, its purported contents have been much discussed in the media. According to those reports, the bill will focus on three key areas in the next referendum process: the nature of the question, the nature of the vote and the nature of the negotiations with Quebec should a clear question yield a clear majority in favour of separation.

In moving forward with the review legislation, the prime minister is taking the next step in this critically important debate following the Supreme Court referendum reference some 16 months ago.

It is a logical step and we commend him for taking it.

In its ruling, the Supreme Court provided the legal framework within which Canada would be compelled to negotiate the dismantling of the country. The court was explicit, if not detailed. "A *clear majority vote* in Quebec on a *clear question* in favour of secession would confer democratic legitimacy on the secession initiative which all of the other participants in Confederation would have to recognize…[with] principaled negotiations."

The prime minister's initiative attempts to incorporate the Supreme Court wisdom into the referendum process.

In accordance with the court's ruling, that process will have three stages: the question, the vote, and the resulting negotiations, if any, between Canada and Quebec.

The National Assembly of Quebec determines the referendum question, but Parliament – that is, Canadians, too – will be able to assess its clarity. The people of Quebec will vote upon the question, but Parliament – that is, Canadians, too – will be able to assess the clarity of the result.

Not to include Parliament in the referendum process in this manner, would not only offend the Supreme Court's ruling, it would also offend the rules of elementary fairness and morality.

Federalist critics of the prime minister's initiative have taken issue with the timing of the proposal, not with its substance. They argue that the risk of rekindling smoldering separatist passions by tabling the bill outweighs any potential benefits that may result. But this criticism collapses in the face of the critics' gaping inability to pinpoint a better time to launch the initiative.

In his condemnation of the prime minister, Bloc Québécois member Daniel Turp relied on a legal opinion by Université de Montréal law professor André Lajoie, who maintained, according to the *Globe and Mail*, that "the meaning and the clarity of the question depends upon those to whom the question is asked: Quebecers."

Lajoie's attitude misses half the point, namely, that Quebecers, at the time they will be voting, will happen also to be Canadians. Moreover, and more importantly, the majority of those Quebecers have consistently voted that they want to remain Canadians.

Parliament owes a duty of representation to them as well as to the rest of the country in the referendum process.

Thankfully, the prime minister understands this.

CAPTIVE IN IRAN

The government of Iran still holds the following members of the Jewish community as prisoners. Each is a universe of life and existence unto his own. And each has a name. Let us not forget them.

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Dry Bones

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Free High Holy Day seats

Jonathan Woocher, the executive vice-president of the Jewish Educational Service of North America, recently criticized high prices for High Holy Day seats and other Jewish services. In this regard, it is interesting to note how one community, Greater Miami, sought to make such services affordable and thereby bring equity to the process.

Bruce Yudewitz, director of Community Planning and Allocations for the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, has detailed how, for the first time this year, the Greater Miami Jewish Federation offered a community-wide program making free High Holy Day seats available to people in the community, and 2,700 people attended.

This may well be a program which the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, on examination, should consider emulating.

Charles Abshez
Toronto

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Attacks *CJN* policies

I have been reading your paper for about 15 years now. I am 36. I was born non-fully-observant yet traditional.

Your paper tries to truly reflect the community without understanding several points: The real assimilated Jews don't read *The CJN*, so stop trying to target them; with a current crisis of 50 percent assimilation and intermarriage, you have an obligation to positively influence Jews as much as possible to act and think more Jewishly; many Jews today have a spiritual thirst not being met.

Instead, you are busy promoting the Western values of secularism and pluralism. Holidays aside, you give a disproportionate amount of coverage to whatever voices want to be heard without enough coverage of traditional Judaism. I understand that your editorial board and board of directors are made up of high-powered liberal and "progressive" thinking people. That's exactly how your newspaper comes across.

Interviews with celebrities don't even discuss Jewish issues and perspectives. There are never critiques about any wayward organization except for Jews for J. Is there anything you stand for Jewishly? Is it any wonder that we are losing so many Jews?

Richie Cohen
Toronto

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Settlements endanger peace

It is most unfortunate that *The CJN* has chosen to highlight the removal of illegal settlers from 12 "outposts," without placing this action into perspective ("IDF removes settlers," Nov. 18).

There were 42 settlements established during the final year of Benjamin Netanyahu's government, all of which were created by the so-called "settlers' movement" and all of which were and are an affront to peace efforts. They create a significant drain on Israel's economy while not adding any real security to the country in light of modern warfare.

Ehud Barak's two-faced solution was to do a deal that left 30 still in place. This will not help to bring peace, nor will permitting any further colonization of the territories by people who insist on a "greater Israel" and war, after war, after war.

Bernard Katz
Toronto

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Mistrusts 'new historians'

I was shocked and disgusted by Morton Weinfeld's "What is truth?" (*CJN*, Nov. 25). The so-called "new historian" school of anti-Zionist historians is credited, if we use their "history" properly, with giving us the opportunity to strengthen the moral case for Zionism, according to Weinfeld. Either Weinfeld has been misled, or he is trying to mislead those readers who are not familiar with this subject.

Benny Morris's accounts (chief among the "new historians") have been seriously challenged by Shabtai Teveth, David Ben-Gurion's chief biographer, Robert Satloff (Washington Institute For Near East Studies) and Professor Ephraim Karsh in *Fabricating Israeli History — The New Historian.* I recommend this book to all those who want to learn about this subject.

Readers of *The CJN* should know that the purpose of these anti-Zionist "new historians" is to portray Zionism as the "original sin" underlying the region's violent history. Respected Israeli author Aharon Megged wrote in *Ha'aretz* in 1994, in an article entitled "The Israeli Suicide Drive:" "It would be erroneous to call this 'myth debunking.' The work done before our eyes is merely the rewriting of the 100-year Zionist history in the spirit of its enemies and opponents."

Jeffrey Roberts
Toronto

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Recognize Israel's rescue help

I note with interest the comment by the president of the American Red Cross that the exclusion of Israel's Magen David Adom is a betrayal of the sacred principles of the Red Cross movement and should not be tolerated any longer.

A number of years ago, I wrote to the former executive director of the Canadian Red Cross complaining about Israel's exclusion and in a rather matter of a fact way, he responded that Israel was content to have observer status. I found this unsatisfactory and wrote to the Canadian president of Magen David Adom and was rather taken aback that there was little enthusiasm for my continuing my protest.

Arab countries have for years been able to fly the crescent and it seems ridiculous to me that Israel's humanitarian involvement would be excluded from the International Committee of the Red Cross given the visibility of Israeli rescue teams almost anywhere in the world where a tragedy occurs.

If soldiers wearing the Star of David are acceptable in Turkey to aid earthquake victims, then that should be good enough for the acceptance of Magen David Adom by every other country that is a member of the Red Cross.

Bert Raphael
President
Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada

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Perspectives

A page of Saskatchewan Jewish history

By MYRIAM SHECHTER
Special to The CJN

It all started as a mystery. We were driving along Highway 18 in southeastern Saskatchewan when we noticed a sign on the side of the road: Hirsch. A small village, a few houses. "Strange name for a Sakatchewan farming community," I thought. All around us, phosphorescent yellow canola fields as far as one could see, ahead the highway, straight as an arrow, and above all, the enormous prairie skies.

Unexpectedly, on our left, there was a tall gate with a big sign above it: "Hirsch Community Jewish Cemetery," topped by a large Magen David. In front of the gate stood a burnished bronze commemorative plaque; beyond the wire fence of the cemetery, tombstones – some newer ones, some crumbling under the weight of the passing years – shared a vast expanse of dry grass with rows of young trees rustling in the gentle prairie wind. Another mystery: a Jewish cemetery on a deserted Saskatchewan road in the middle of nowhere?

Time stood still and we stepped into history. The bronze plaque read as follows:

Hirsch Colony 1892-1942. Erected in commemoration of the Baron de Hirsch Jewish agricultural colony. Jewish immigrants who mostly came from Czarist Russia, Romania, Austria and Poland were assisted by the Baron de Hirsch Institute and the Jewish Colonization Association. These colonists were motivated by a keen desire to escape religious persecution and racial discrimination, with the rights to own and farm their land and freely adhere to their orthodox faith. Erected by former colonists and descendants in co-operation with Saskatchewan Department of Tourism and Renewable Resources.

Reverently, we opened the cemetery gate and stepped inside. Simple tombstones attested to the passing of these Jews who came from all over eastern Europe in search of a life free of persecution and who found it far away from their native villages and shtetls, in a cold and unforgiving land. Some tombstones only told a name and a date: Judah Blank, died December 16, 1904; Himie Barnblat, died April 4, 1908. Other ones mentioned the age as well: Israel Berner, age 20 years; Nathan Muscovici, age 17. Untold stories of hardship and of hopes. We found out about all this and much more when, a few hours later, we met the indomitable Gertie Lev who almost singlehandedly had saved the Hirsch Community Jewish Cemetery from disrepair and oblivion.

Over coffee and cookies in Gertie's hospitable living room filled with family pictures and Jewish memorabilia, we plunged ourselves into the intertwined histories of the Hirsch Community Jewish Cemetery and Gertie's busy life as the only Jew in Estevan, a lively southern Saskatchewan town. As we pored over her well-documented scrapbook, chock-full of old papers, articles and yellowed photographs, the story of the Hirsch settlement came to life and we discovered a slice of Canadian Jewish history.

The imposing entrance gate to the Hirsch Community Jewish Cemetery.

Why would eastern European Jews come to settle in far-away Saskatchewan – then known as the Northwestern Territories – more than 100 years ago? In 1881, Russian Czar Alexander II was assassinated by revolutionaries who made the Jews their scapegoats; the "May Laws" of 1882 expelled the Jewish population from villages and prohibited Jews from renting or buying land for agricultural purposes. A series of pogroms followed, prompting a large scale emigration. In 1884, an immigration handbook in Yiddish found its way in eastern Europe encouraging settlement in Western Canada, where the Canadian Pacific Railway was opening vast agricultural lands. John A. MacDonald, the Prime Minister of Canada, was persuaded by Sir Alexander Tilloch Galt, one of Canada's Fathers of Confederation, to accept a number of eastern European Jewish refugees, offering them land and the freedom to practise their religion.

Mrs. Gertie Lev shows her scrapbook.

Between 1886 and 1906, six farming communities were established in Saskatchewan. The first one, dubbed by the local population "The New Jerusalem," did not survive after six years of inadequate winter shelter, heavy snowfalls, and drought. Other colonies were more successful; among them was Walpella, of early Bronfman fame: Ekiel and Mindel Bronfman arrived there as colonists, but shortly afterwards they moved east, eventually founding the Bronfman dynasty, well known for Jewish communal leadership and, of course, Seagram whiskey.

Another successful colony, Edenbridge, was established by Lithuanian Jews who had previously settled in South Africa. Although this colony does not exist anymore, most of the members of the founding families still live in the area and the colonists' synagogue – Beth Israel, built in 1908 and an active place of worship until 1964 – was subsequently declared a Saskatchewan historic site. And this brings us to the Hirsch colony and to its namesake, Baron Maurice de Hirsch.

Baron de Hirsch, a rich financier and philanthropist, regarded the creation of a Jewish state as a fantasy. He believed that the violent outbreaks against eastern European Jews were due to the fact that they were different from others and, therefore, they should strive to become more like their neighbours. Consequently, he established the Jewish Colonization Association, with the purpose of helping Jews become farmers in North and South America. Because he favoured Argentina as a preferred colonization site, the village of Hirsch remained the only Canadian farming community supported and funded by Baron de Hirsch's charity.

The first wave of colonists arrived in 1892 via Montreal, where some of them had been residing from one to five years. According to Mrs. Levi's records, this group also included "30 daughters and 43 sons." More colonists joined them, refugees from Russia, Poland, Romania, Austria. Although some of them eventually left to work as tailors, shopkeepers or peddlers, most of the settlers persevered in their backbreaking labour and tried to cope with poor crops, difficult living conditions, and loneliness.

The tombstones stand witness to years of struggle, perserverance and hope.

They continued to receive material and technical support from the Jewish Colonization Association and soon the community grew to include a school, a hotel, a synagogue. Also during the first year of the settlement, one of the colonists, Mr. Blank, donated an acre of his farm for the Hirsch Jewish Cemetery where, over the years, about 150 Jews from Hirsch were laid to rest.

About 100 descendants of the colonists from the Jewish farm community of Hirsch, as well as family and friends, gathered 88 years later to attend the consecration and designation of the Jewish Cemetery as a historic site. They came from Toronto, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Montreal, Estevan, and Hirsch. After the dedication ceremony, all the participants drove to Estevan where Gertie Lev and her husband Morris, the only Jewish couple left in town, hosted a reception.

At the time, Morris and his brother Gordon were still working on their farm in Hirsch where a number of families had managed to survive and prosper, despite the initial lack of farming experience and lean years of drought and crop failures.

When Gertie married Morris and moved to Estevan, just 18 km west of Hirsch, her family worried how a "city girl" like her would cope with being a farmer's wife. Not Gertie. She took her life in stride and got involved. One of her first endeavours when she arrived in Estevan 27 years ago was the restoration of the Hirsch Community Jewish Cemetery, which was in a terrible state of neglect at the time

Gertie reminisces: "How can Jewish people let a Jewish cemetery go to such disrepair? I went to the boys [the Kleiman brothers, fourth generation farmers in Hirsch] and I said 'My God, how can you, being Jewish, not see to it that this was taken care of?' So I went to the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society [in Winnipeg] and I told them how disappointed I was that the cemetery was not being taken care of … I feel that it's a stigma against my being Jewish that they've got a Jewish cemetery that's so terribly looked after."

And look after it she did. As a designated historic site, the cemetery is now a reminder of an important period in the history of the Jewish people and of Saskatchewan. For the descendants of the original colonists, it serves as a focal point, a concrete way to stay in touch with their cultural and historical roots.

Years later, Gertie lost her husband Morris, her brother-in-law Gordon and his wife Irma. To fulfil their last wish, she arranged to have trees planted in the cemetery and had a plaque made in their honour. Displayed at the cemetery entrance, the plaque reminds visitors of the Lev family "who pioneered and farmed in the Hirsch Area since 1928."

We told Gertie how impressed we were with the cemetery, the memorial plaques and the young trees growing among the weathered old tombstones. Surrounded by her memories and the warmth and friendship of her community, she answered: "I am a Jewish ambassador without portfolio."

We had arrived in Estevan with an unsolved mystery; we were leaving with our mystery solved and had acquired a wealth of knowledge and a new and gracious friend.

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Opinions

The movie Cattle-Jew Levi

On the last day of my recent visit to Munich, I scanned the advertisements of the movie theatres. One title immediately caught my eye: *Viehjud Levi* (Cattle-Jew Levi is as close as one can come to rendering it in English). But what the translation does not convey is the fact that a trader in cattle – an occupation almost entirely peopled by Jews – was generally demeaned.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

I myself had cattle dealers in my ancestry, and I remember the embarrassed discussions that took place concerning them.

So, naturally, I was intrigued by the title and also by the reviews, which were generally highly favourable.

The plot was simple – Levi, a Jewish cattle-dealer, was attracted to the daughter of the owner of the village inn and his sentiments were reciprocated. Their relationship was judged with indifference by some of the farmers and with antagonism by the growing group of Nazis whose influence was on the increase. *Cattle-Jew Levi* is set at the same time as the musical *Cabaret*, just before Hitler's assumption of power.

The film portrays the Jews in highly favourable tones: Levi is honest, of good cheer, modest and courteous. The Nazis do not like the attention he gives to the innkeeper's daughter; they boycott her father and harass the Jew. When he is made fun of and is physically attacked, he decides that there is no future for him in this environment. He drives away, and the fading rear lights of his automobile end the movie.

There is no question that he evoked sympathy in the audience, but at the cost of certain inconsistencies.

While Levi proclaims at one point that his family has lived in Germany for more than three generations, he is attired not like an ordinary country merchant, but in Jewish "uniform" – black yeshiva dress, yeshiva hat and the absence of a tie. But in no respect does he display any traditional observance: The moment he comes into the room he takes off his hat and eats and drinks in the inn along with all the others.

Regrettably, Levi appears as a single individual unconnected to any Jewish community that, in its own way, would not have tolerated his liaison with a gentile girl. Jews in Germany's farm country were highly traditional.

My dad – whose family resided in the country for hundreds of years – came from a little village with a few Jewish families, all of whom were poor, but so connected to their Jewish heritage that they would not send their children to public school. They saved enough money to give them what we would call a day school education. But they dressed like everyone else and none of them wore a Levi-like uniform.

These reservations aside, the movie was well constructed and quietly successful in arousing sympathy for the chief character. For at least two or three minutes after the film ended, the audience sat quietly – no doubt everyone was aware that this kind of anti-Jewish animosity had dreadful results. After all, Munich was the city where it all started.

A path for the righteous

I have watched a lot of Christmas specials in my lifetime. Each December the average couch potato is assaulted with merry mayhem in TV-land. The shows end with singing of carols and a message of peace on earth and goodwill towards men. I'm always left feeling hollow.

What does goodwill towards men mean? Does it entail not pulling your sister's braids? Not shooing away the neighbour's cat with a rake?

Why is peace on earth only demanded during a few select weeks?

I'm left wondering if we even understand the concept. Would we recognize goodwill in someone? Would I?

Jennifer Fox on campus in Halifax

A few weeks ago I was honoured to meet someone who embodied goodwill towards her fellow man.

Mrs. Cora Greenaway grew up in Holland. She was 18 when England declared war on Germany. Six months later in 1940, her country was invaded and a German civilian government was established.

Mrs. Greenaway, née de Jong, isn't Jewish. She says that at first the new government left her family and other Christians alone because they were "such good Aryans." Mrs. Greenaway didn't agree with that sentiment.

She saw the Germans take away the possessions of her Jewish friends, take away their rights and finally take them away.

"What's up? They're gone," she recalls. By 1942, she describes the situation "like a noose; getting tighter and tighter."

Mrs. Greenaway, who's a much-honoured member of the art community in Nova Scotia, remembers how it was before the occupation, before the loss of so many lives.

She recalls the best cabaret in Holland was owned by Jews. She also remembers a time when people weren't classified by religion. "Before the war you never thought this person was Jewish."

During the war, Mrs. Greenaway became a messenger of sorts.

She was part of a group that helped Jews escape or hide. She relayed messages, she got extra ration cards which eventually would feed a family in hiding. She was only 20. A year younger than I am right now.

This was not her only mitzvah. There was a couple in Amsterdam with a baby, a baby who wouldn't have survived the war without her help.

Mrs. Greenaway went to Amsterdam to take the child to someone who would pass it along, like a relay baton, until it was safe.

She recalls the mother wanting her to stay, while she wanted to leave before curfew. "Her one and only child, but I'm taking it away."

She eventually met her contact person who informed her "you're late." She replied, "So would you be if you had to do what I had to do."

Telling her story, she clenches her hands and makes guttural sounds where words seem to fail to express her rage, her sadness, and her memories.

"You had to do something, you couldn't sit down and do nothing."

After the war, she saw people come back to their homes and find nothing. She saw people look for their families and fail.

She discovered that her friends, both Christians and Jews, had died in the camps or from fighting back.

"All my friends were gone."

Mrs. Greenaway is what we call a Righteous Gentile. At the Holocaust museum in Israel, Yad Vashem, there's a path for these people.

A tree and a name plaque mark their mitzvah. I don't know if there's one for Mrs. Greenaway, but there should be.

There's another honour I'd like to bestow on this woman, and all those like her. Every time I hear the phrase goodwill towards men, I will think of her.

My trip to Israel

Given that my job here is to be a student voice and given the time of year, I am certain you are preparing to read yet another column of complaints: Why do we live in the coldest city? Can you believe how much reading I have to do? And that 20-page paper just isn't getting written! Well, seeing as I was able to vent in the first 50 words of the column, I can now discuss a far more enlightening topic: my recent trip to Israel.

Erica Horn on campus in Montreal

At the beginning of November, as chair of city-wide Hillel in Montreal, I was fortunate to have been one of three students among a total of 20 delegates, community leaders from across the country, to go on a fact-finding mission to Israel, where we attempted to gather first-hand information on the future of the Palestinian Authority and the settlements.

Before I left, I was extremely nervous – not because I knew we were travelling to Hebron, Beit El or any other potentially vulnerable areas, but because I didn't know what to expect. And being one of only three students, I was unsure what was expected of me. Also, I knew that once I was there, I wasn't going to want to come home – and I was right.

On this trip, I spent two days in a conference at Bar-Ilan University and the BESA Institute and then two days travelling to settlements in the West Bank. I met with politicians, community leaders and settlers, in the hope of understanding their true sentiments on the future of Israel and the creation of the Palestinian State.

Prior to my departure, I admit that I knew only the bare bones of what was going on in Israel and the details remained extremely shadowy. After four days of high intensity political discussions and briefings in Ma'arat Hamachpelah, Beit El, Ariel, Otniel and other places, I had more questions and far fewer answers.

I began to realize the true complexity of the situation and witness how influential personal emotions are in politics. The "tour guide" on our bulletproof and shatterproof bus that we used for travel into Hebron was in charge of PR for the Yesha Council (Hebrew acronym of Judah, Samaria and Gaza). The passion with which she spoke about her settlement and her right to live where she wanted, fascinated me. Her determination and willingness to fight for what she believed in showed me how tough you have to be to live in that country and to make sure you don't get bulldozed over (literally).

Despite all the uncertainties in my mind, I made one clear observation: Israelis have come to accept the notion of the creation of a Palestinian state far more readily than Jews in the Diaspora have.

The politics were proving overwhelming to me, and I was therefore extra excited that I would be spending Shabbat in Jerusalem.

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On Nov. 14, I landed at Dorval at 6:15 am. When I got into the car, I told my mother, "I had the most unbelievable Shabbat ever!"

To describe the awe of my Shabbat would require at least 25 pages. I was swept off my feet by the ruach in the streets on Friday afternoon, by how calm everything was at the sounding of the Shabbat horn, by the women swaying to the tunes of kabbalat Shabbat in synagogue, and by the feeling of holiness around the Shabbat dinner table.

I have found myself immersed in deep conversations, each beginning with, "So, now that you've participated in the conference, what do you think is the future of the Palestinian Authority?" And I repeatedly found myself at a loss for an answer.

Since my return, I have tried to anticipate what was still expected of me. I eventually solidified two resolutions.

The first is that I can now implement student programs to educate others about what is actually going on in Israel and how Diaspora Jewry can help, because I have more material to counter unfounded claims about Israel made by students trying to provoke Jewish student organizations.

The second one does not stem from the organized portion of my trip but rather from my Shabbat experience. My goal is to try to make every Shabbat as amazing as the one I experienced in Jerusalem, even as I count the days until I can return.

But, for now, I have to suit up for the cold, read over 350 pages and write a 20-page paper – admittedly comparatively trivial concerns.

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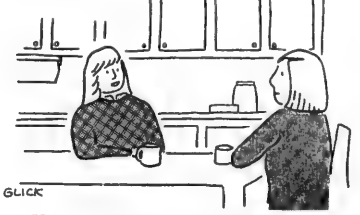

"Our rabbi's employment contract requires the synagogue to provide him each year with a new Tallis – I guess you could call it a fringe benefit!"

The Kirshner File

Sam Borenstein worked from the heart

As a young, aspiring reporter in Montreal in 1964, one of my first stories was about Sam Borenstein, the iconoclastic painter.

After the piece appeared in the *Westward News*, the now-defunct weekly owned and edited by a rambunctious Irishman named John O'Meara, Borenstein gratefully gave me a print of one of his seething expressionistic landscapes of the Quebec countryside.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

Painted in Piedmont on Jan. 10, 1961, it is a typical Borenstein canvas, an explosion of vivid red, blue and white brushstrokes. It is a winter scene of bare trees, two simple cottages and a river partially coated in snow. Inexorably drawn to its simplicity and its robustness, I had it framed. Thirty-five years on, the print still hangs in my house, a constant reminder of an artist who marched to no one's rhythm but his own.

When I met Borenstein, a kindly and solicitous person who apparently could be mercurial, unpredictable and volatile, he was at the height of his creative powers, and had already succeeded in making something of an impression on Canada's artistic community.

Now, three decades on, his work can be found in major museums across Canada and in the United States – the Art Gallery of Ontario, the National Gallery in Ottawa, the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, the Musée du Québec, the Hamilton Museum of Fine Arts, and the Hirschhorn Museum in Washington, D.C.

But even 20 years ago, Borenstein was something of a force in the art world. Such was his reputation that, in 1978, William Kuhns and Leo Rosshandler published *Sam Borenstein*, a lavishly-illustrated coffee-table book in his honour.

Yet, 30 years after his untimely death, it is debatable whether he has received the recognition he deserves. As art dealer and friend Walter Klinkhoff has observed, Borenstein occupies "a small place in Canadian art history."

Best known for his Laurentian landscapes, flower studies and portraits, Borenstein did not attain the fame he sought, probably because his flamboyant and emotionally-charged style was at variance with the conservative and reserved tastes of Montreal collectors.

As Klinkhoff put it: "Evidently, Borenstein was out of step. Emotion was to be recollected in tranquility, reason was to prevail over passion …if an artist's production was to be accepted as Canadian in form and spirit. Borenstein's paintings … do not qualify under these terms. If anything, they are on a collision course with the idyllic renderings of landscapes developed in Canada, following the practice set and the lead given by the Group of Seven."

Influenced by van Gogh and Soutine

Influenced by van Gogh and Soutine, Borenstein was a painter of "wrenchingly strong colors and writhing shapes," as critic Lawrence Sabbath has noted. He worked from the heart and was totally dedicated to his craft, even when he could not make a living from it.

Borenstein barely scraped by, doing what he could to support his beloved wife Judith and their three children, Norman, Maxine and Joyce (a Montreal filmmaker whose sensitive documentary, *The Colors of My Father: A Portrait of Sam Borenstein*, won a Genie and was nominated for an Academy Award). He sold antiques. He drove a taxi. At one point, Judith was the breadwinner.

Judith & Sam Borenstein

Born in 1908 in Kalvaria, Lithuania, Borenstein was the son of a rabbinic scholar whose wife died of influenza in 1918, the year of the great plague. The family immigrated to Canada in 1921 by way of Danzig and Liverpool.

Dropping out of school, Borenstein toiled in a garment factory and learned to be a cutter. Not cut out for the shmatta business, he enrolled in art classes at the Monument National. Often, he spent his days sketching on Mount Royal or St. Helen's Island.

In 1938, he met Judith, who sustained him through years of rejection and disappointment. She was a lifelong admirer, being impressed by the honesty and spontaneity of his paintings.

They spent summers in an old school house in the Laurentians, and in winter, he could be seen with a palette painting street scenes of Montreal.

Klinkhoff, a fan, gave Borenstein his first solo exhibition in 1958, and a second one in 1961. Sir George Williams University (Concordia) mounted a Borenstein retrospective in 1966.

Borenstein had many years left when he succumbed to cancer. He died on Dec. 15, 1969, two days after being admitted to the Jewish General Hospital.

Thirty years later, he is fondly remembered by those who had the fortune to meet him. "He was a kind of magician," says Joyce Borenstein. "He could transform a country village into a painting blazing with color."

Need one say more?

The plundering of Jewish works of art

Of late, great works of art looted by the Nazis from Jews during World War II – mainly paintings, drawings and sculptures – have been turning up in droves. Among the most notable examples:

Last January, Claude Monet's *Waterlilies 1904*, said to be worth $9 million (US) and owned by the Parisian collector Paul Rosenberg, surfaced.

A month later, Austria's minister of education ordered the return of a cache of paintings, some by Dutch master Franz Hals, to their original owners, Alphonse and Louis Rothschild and their heirs.

In July, much to its embarrassment, the Israel Museum in Jerusalem discovered that one of its prized pieces, Camille Pissarro's *Boulevard Montmartre, Spring 1897*, was really the property of the late Max Silberberg of Breslau, Germany.

While the Nazis were busy planning and implementing the Holocaust, they plundered the finest collections – private and public – in Europe.

France, the world's centre of art during this period, bore the brunt of the thefts, and Jewish collectors were the chief victims.

Hector Feliciano, in *The Lost Museum* (HarperCollins), reveals the details of this burgeoning scandal, the consequences of which still resonate. Feliciano, an American journalist, spent seven years researching the topic. His efforts have paid off. This is a first-class account, focusing on five French-Jewish families, the Rothschilds, the Rosenbergs, the Bernheim-Jeunes, the David-Weills and the Schlosses.

The German occupying force in Paris, he writes, went to great lengths to organize the confiscations. Adolf Hitler and Hermann Goering, being avid collectors, instigated the process.

The scale of the plunder was vast. In France alone, no fewer than 120 railway cars filled with 4,170 crates trundled into Germany. The crates contained 21,000 art objects from 203 different collections. By Feliciano's reckoning, tens of thousands of stolen art works are missing to this day.

But, as he suggests, Switzerland was a clearinghouse for purloined art, and after the war, Swiss bureaucrats stifled an authentic investigation. Shades of the Swiss bank scandal.

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Bernard Baskin

Another year? This columnist wants to assure uncertain and burdened readers that no pleasure has been found – on a sustained level – equal to that of reading good books. They offer us knowledge, delight, strength and solace.

Some books, of course, can be read in an hour or two and returned to the shelf; others require a lifetime to savour their richness. These latter volumes should be owned and cherished – to travel with, to sleep beside, the most satisfying of all companions.

New books, or old books – what does it matter? If you have not read a book before, it is to all intents and purposes new, whether it was printed yesterday or 300 years ago.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge wrote in the early 19th century: "Readers may be divided into four classes: Sponges, who absorb all they read and return it nearly in the same state, only a little dirtied. Sand-glasses, who return nothing and are content to get through a book for the sake of getting through the time. Strain-bags, who retain merely the dregs of what they read. Mogul diamonds, equally rare and valuable, who profit by what they read and enable others to profit by it also."

Above all, when does one find time for books? One finds time by taking it.

As we confront a new year, what should a Jew know to be considered informed about Judaism? May I suggest the following 10 areas of knowledge:

- The ability to read Hebrew fluently enough to participate in a religious service.
- A knowledge of "functional" Hebrew and Yiddish. This means familiarity with those words and idioms which all Jews used, irrespective of the language they spoke, and which remained untranslated because they represented specifically Jewish conceptions, ideals and practices. Familiar examples include Shabbat, Tanach, kosher, *get*, kavod, rachmonus. There are many hundreds more which become part and parcel of the vocabulary of an informed Jew.
- A familiarity with Jewish customs and ceremonies: their usage, development and meaning through the centuries.
- A knowledge of major theological ideas. These constitute the heart of Judaism. Many Jews remain uninformed about such concepts as God and man, life and death, covenant and chosenness, messiah, prayer and the essential differences from Christianity and Islam.
- A survey of Jewish history from ancient times to the present, including events, movements and personalities across the centuries. Without a knowledge of the past, we lack the key to the present.
- Familiarity with the Tanach, the Hebrew Bible, with a grounding in its background, language and ideas.
- A smattering of knowledge about the Babylonian Talmud, including an awareness of its purpose, major figures, fundamental ideas and ethical teachings.
- An appreciation of modern Hebrew and Yiddish literature. Many of these masterpieces are now available in English translation.
- A knowledge of the history of Zionism, the modern resettlement of Israel, and the various schools of Zionist and Israeli thought – as well as the astonishing saga of the half-century of struggle and accomplishment.
- Basic information on the many-sided contemporary Jewish scene in North America and around the world.

Books in all the areas indicated above, are now widely available. They have reached an all time high, both in quality and in quantity. The new year is an opportunity to embark upon a program of planned study. The rewards are multiple and unending.

Challah on the highway

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

Today I am going to look at challah resources on the Jewish Highway.

But before I begin, I must address the families of all the bubbies, grandmothers and savtas out there. If your family has been passing a cherished challah recipe from generation to generation, NOTHING on the Internet will ever come close.

However, if you aren't one of the fortunate ones, there is a treasure trove of recipes out. And who knows, you may stumble across a recipe that one day your grandchildren will thank you for.

Although the word challah has come to refer to the golden loaf prepared for Shabbat and holidays, the term comes from the mitzvah in which bakers remove an olive-sized piece of dough and burn it in the oven as they say a special blessing **[http://www.bridgesforpeace.com/dfjfoodhallah198.htm]**.

This "taking of challah" commemorates the Israelites who gave a portion of the dough from each large batch of home-made bread as an offering to the Lord which was offered to the priests of the Temple (Num. 15:17-21). **[http://bible.ort.org/bible/htm/numbers/torah/15151517.htm]** For more detailed laws of taking challah at Skokie, Illinois' Kollel Toras Chesed **[http://www.mcs.net/~kollel/www/halacha/halacha.html]**.

The mitzvah of taking challah is considered one of the three fundamental mitzvot associated with Jewish women **[http://www.ahavatisrael.com/am/women.html]**.

The others are niddah, the observance of the Torah's guidelines for maintaining the purity of marital life and the lighting of candles to welcome the Shabbat and festivals into our homes.

A challah, of course, is far more than just another tasty egg bread. It is a golden loaf steeped in thousands of years of tradition. From the baking to the cutting to the eating, there are many beautiful rituals associated with challah.

There are traditions about why it's braided **[http://www.ohr.org.il/ask/ask163.htm#Q1]**, why some people refrain from eating the end slice of the bread **[http://www.ohr.org.il/ask/ask087.htm#Q1]** and why the blessing is said over two loaves on Shabbat **[http://www.bridgesforpeace.com/dfjfoodhallah198.htm]**.

In Exodus 16:5, the children of Israel were commanded to gather a double portion of manna for the Sabbath. "On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days." **[http://bible.ort.org/bible/htm/exodus/torah/16041605.htm]**

Nowadays, the two loaves are symbolic of the double portion of manna given to the Israelites on the sixth day.

Another common custom is to add raisins to Rosh Hashanah challahs to augur a sweet year. That's what Auntie Rivka does in her Never Fail Challah for Rosh Hashanah **[http://www.empirekosher.com/neverfail.htm]**.

Jeffrey Rosen, however, used an even sweeter ingredient in his challah when he had his girlfriend over for Shabbat **[http://www.jewishsf.com/bk970124/suppido.htm]**.

"As she cut into the challah, the knife stopped cutting when it touched something inside the challah. Earlier in the day, I discreetly removed a small piece from the bottom of the challah, placed a small grey jewelry box in the centre of the challah, and reattached the piece of challah. She screamed and said a rat was in the challah. She looked inside the challah again and took out the grey jewelry box. She opened up the box and took out the ring. I asked her to marry me and she said 'yes.' She kept the jewelry box which has a knife mark on the top – a sign to remember our engagement."

Jeffrey and Amber Rosen now share all their Shabbats together in Palo Alto, California.

Challah-lujah!

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Spinoza: Fame or shame?

By AVI BENLOLO

A controversial figure in Jewish history, Baruch de Spinoza was excommunicated from Amsterdam's Jewish community in 1656 because of his divergent views of Judaism.

Spinoza was born in Amsterdam on Nov. 24, 1634 to either Portuguese or Spanish Jews who sought refuge in the Netherlands from the Spanish Inquisition.

His philosophical views, which emerged in adulthood, were rooted in the teachings of the Talmud, the Kabbalah, the Bible and the commentaries of Ibn Ezra and Maimonides. His language repertoire included, Spanish, Portuguese, Hebrew, German, French, Italian and Latin.

In reading Spinoza's infamous work, *A Theologico-Political Treatise*, one is not sure whether to regard him in fame or shame.

Spinoza insulted his tight-knit Jewish community by attacking the entire notion of a deity, and charging there was no one "chosen people" – that all humans are alike.

Spinoza was in effect challenging the very same Jewish values that had led his parents and their peers to flee the Inquisition. The community therefore promptly proclaimed him a heretic.

Spinoza's thoughts and actions however could be understood as a manifestation of the Enlightenment – a period in which philosophers thought truth was something definite which can be achieved by rational method.

He was a well known figure within the inner circles of European intelligentsia and his work was of revolutionary proportions for his time, despite being rarely referred to by sociologists and political scientists in contemporary academia.

His passion and motivation seem to have been based on a personal quest for equality, liberty and civil rights under a sovereign democratic state – a fairly new concept in a post-feudal era. Perhaps because he himself felt persecuted he longed for the institution of these values in society.

Spinoza wrote, "since everyone has by nature a right to act deceitfully ... the basis and aim of a democracy is to avoid irrational desires and to bring men as far as possible under the control of reason so that they may live in peace and harmony."

Having been marginalized for his philosophical views, Spinoza pursued the notion of personal freedom through a social agreement. He wrote, "men must necessarily come to an agreement to live together as securely and well as possible if they are to enjoy as a whole the rights which naturally belong to them as individuals."

Ultimately, Spinoza was a character in conflict in Jewish history. His internal torment with religion versus his belief in individual liberty was manifested in his treatise.

Perhaps Spinoza's aspirations for a better society are vindicated by the establishment of democracies throughout the world.

Jews of 19th-century London

Wells, in Jewish literature, are often sites of fortuitous happenings, but that was decidedly not the case for a certain Mrs. Hyams as she passed through Duke's Place, East London, in September 1873.

According to the London *Jewish Chronicle*, the lady "stumbled over the pavement close to the Great Synagogue and found herself precipitated beneath a stone, and fell into an unused well, existence of which was unknown. The depth of the well was over 20 feet and breadth 8 or 9 feet. An immediate alarm attracted persons in the neighbourhood and Lewis Isaacs soon procured a ladder, and with the aid of one workman the lady was rescued."

Mrs. Hyams suffered shock and internal injuries, and a few weeks later Mr. Hyams of Aldgate stood before the London Sewers Commission, requesting compensation for his wife's mishap. According to a subsequent story in the *Chronicle*, she had fallen into the abandoned well after the ground gave away beneath her.

"In reply to a question, the petitioner stated this was a well which had not been used for some time. Wood had been placed on top of the well which became so rotten, it had given way. On suggestion of the chairman, the matter was referred to the Streets Committee."

A recently-published book carries this record of the Hyams family misfortune and many other stories from Jewish London of the 1870s. Anyone with Anglo-Jewish ancestry will be interested in perusing *The Jewish Victorian: Genealogical Information from the Jewish Newspapers, 1871-1880*, edited by Doreen Berger (Robert Boyd Publications, UK).

Berger has transcribed all of the birth, marriage, death and social announcements from three London Jewish newspapers – the *Jewish Chronicle*, *Jewish World* and *Jewish Record* – for that intermediate decade of Jewish history which immediately preceded the era of Jewish mass migration to England (and America). She also included many interesting news accounts.

Consider the brief tempest occasioned by the arrival to London of Rabbi Hirsch Dainow, known as the Polish Magid. Defying an order by the Chief Rabbi that he not be permitted to speak "except under ecclesiastical sanction," the charismatic rabbi spoke and drew a large crowd. The scene was repeated for several weeks, the number of listeners growing with each renewed prohibition against the rabbi's public lectures.

"On Sabbath last, the crowd of auditors was so great intervention of two constables was required and they had difficulty in expressing the unruly ardour of the throng, who pressed forward in the hope of gaining access to Zetland Hall."

Soon a fund was established to bring Rabbi Dainow and his family to London permanently. No sooner in London, however, than the Polish Magid died of pleurisy at age 45.

If you're seeking relatives, it may be hard to find them here, since so many people shared a handful of anglicized surnames such as Barnett, Davis, Harris, Hart, Jacobs, Levy and Salomon; and since, further, Victorian-era propriety preferred an initial over a complete first name. Nevertheless, these nearly 600 pages are a remarkable contribution, for which Berger deserves our thanks.

Because of the breadth of material included, one can read these entries as one would a novel – sometimes with laughter, too often with tears.

Consider, lastly, the case of Mrs. M. Jacobs, whose body was found in the River Thames: "It is said her death is the result of a practical joke played upon her. Some fifteen or twenty years back the husband of this woman deserted her and went to America. She might have fared badly, but for the charity of the benevolent. Whether or not she heard from her husband leaves room for conjecture; but on the day of her disappearance she received a letter purporting to be from him with an English postmark, stating her husband had embarked for this country. Without breathing a word to anyone she left her home without bonnet or shawl, saying she was going on an errand in the neighbourhood. She did go to a chandler's shop and bought some sand to enable her to sink quickly and was no more seen till her body was found in the river five weeks later and recognized by means of an earring she wore."

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Organ donated to First Nations

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

THORNHILL — A Wurlitzer organ that has sat unnoticed and unused at Temple Har Zion for several years, has a new home at the Shawanaga First Nation, near Parry Sound.

Chief Dwayne Pamajewon was at the temple recently to accept the organ, which will be used at one of his community churches.

Cantor Martin Steinhouse of Temple Har Zion, said that they first met Pamajewon when campers and staff from Camp George – a newly established camp near Parry Sound, affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism – were helping to paint a church that was on the property, as part of a tikkun olam project.

"We noticed an old organ that had begun to rot, and when we asked the chief if he wanted our organ, he was very happy."

While there, Steinhouse said, the campers visited the Shawanaga health and wellness centre, and met with the chief. "They really got a feel for what native Canadians are like. It is very important for our kids to learn about other cultures, and in turn, kids at Shawanaga had a chance to learn a little bit about Judaism."

Chief Dwayne Pamajewon of Shawanaga First Nation (left) accepts the key to a Wurlitzer organ from Claude Hermann, president, Temple Har Zion.

Planned for this summer, is an exchange day between Camp George and Shawanaga First Nation.

"Our visit to Shawanaga was the culmination of a three-week project. By going out into the community, campers learned what tikkun olam is all about. It is important for youth to learn that we care about other communities as well as our own," said Steinhouse.

In accepting the key to the organ, Pamajewon, who drove down in a truck in order to take back the organ, said, "We are very grateful for this gesture from Temple Har Zion. We will enjoy having the organ in our community.

"This will help bridge a relationship between the two communities, something that needs to be done more often."

Lung cancer claims Cohen

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — An overflow crowd of hundreds of people filled the main hall and a secondary hall at Hart House at the University of Toronto last week for a memorial service for Toronto novelist Matt Cohen, who died Dec. 2 of lung cancer at the age of 56.

Obituary

Cohen authored some 30 books between the publication of his first novel, *Korsoniloff* (1969) and his last, *Elizabeth and After* (1999), which won the Governor General's Award for English-language fiction in November.

Although in deteriorating health, Cohen attended the awards ceremony in Ottawa, where he joked that he had once hoped to receive such an honour while still in possession of a full head of curly hair.

Matthew Cohen was born in Kingston, Ont., on Dec. 30, 1942, to Jewish parents who were second-generation Canadians and who "spoke unaccented English and had long ago made their psychological acts of assimilation," he once said.

The grandson of a rabbi, he often used Jewish characters and explored Jewish themes in his novels, which included *The Spanish Doctor* (1984), *Nadine* (1986), *Emotional Arithmetic* (1990), *Freud: The Paris Notebooks* (1991) and *The Bookseller* (1993).

Many of his books were translated and became bestsellers in France, the Netherlands and other countries.

Cohen once said he was thought of predominantly as a Jewish writer in Europe, but first and foremost as a Canadian writer in his own country. In a few of his books, including *Elizabeth and After*, he seems to tread a fine line between the two possibilities, using Jewish characters on a distinctly Canadian landscape while downplaying traditional Jewish literary themes involving exile and feelings of uprootedness.

He delved far more deeply into matters of Jewish consciousness and history in *The Spanish Doctor*, which focuses on Jewish characters in pre-Inquisition Spain.

Nadine, set in France, tells a story of Holocaust survivors. That story is continued in *Emotional Arithmetic*, which brings the narrative to the fictitious eastern Ontario town of Salem, a common setting for Cohen's novels.

Cohen's friend, the poet Dennis Lee, described him as a dedicated father and someone with such a passion for literature that he would read long-running serialized stories to his children at bedtime. Cohen and his wife, Patsy Aldana, had a son and a daughter. He also had two step-children.

"Matt was very bright; he was just mad for ideas," Lee said. "He reinvented himself for *The Spanish Doctor*, a project for which he explored Jewish themes in history and the complex interplay between the old world and the new."

In his eulogy, Rabbi Dow Marmur said Cohen's contribution to Canadian literature "has added much to our love of Canada and added much to our understanding of Jewish identity.

"All who knew Matt Cohen speak of his unique, engaging and often self-deprecating sense of humour so characteristic of Jews," Rabbi Marmur said.

"A man who could finish two books in the few months between being told of his terminal illness and his death is one whose hope never abandoned him."

Rabbi Marmur also noted Cohen's dedication to his family: "Of all his creations, none were more important to him than his children and his family. They were the anchor of his life. They made it possible for him to live in serenity and to die in peace."

Cohen started the manuscript that would become *Elizabeth and After* in 1986 and had been ready to abandon it. Encouraged by his editor, he eventually completed the work, only to see it bring him his greatest recognition in Canada with the Governor General's award.

Cohen had been shortlisted for that honour twice before, most recently for his 1996 novel, *Last Seen*. Ironically, that book deals with a character who loses his brother to lung cancer, just as Cohen had done in real life.

That his own death from lung cancer should follow so closely is a sad case of life imitating art.

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Heading For Another Record Campaign

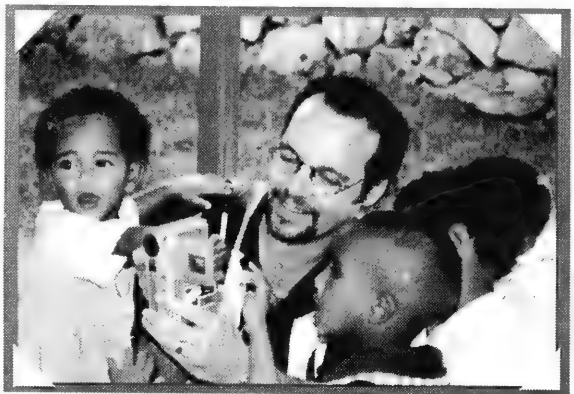
UJA Federation's Campaign 2000 is expected to reach at least $42 million.

So far, the campaign stands at approximately $35 million, with about 4,000 existing donors still to be contacted. The total to date is more than $2 million ahead of last year. If the current trend continues, Campaign 2000 will hit the $42 million mark, setting a new record. Last year's campaign raised $40.5 million.

A series of telethons, currently underway, marks the final push of this year's drive.

Mel Wolfond, who is co-chairing Campaign 2000 with David Engel, attributes the campaign's success to a strong economy and a "tremendously generous community." He is particularly pleased with the number of increased gifts made by thousands of donors. "People have been stepping up to fill in the void left by government cutbacks and growing demands for human services," adds Wolfond.

Funds raised by the UJA Federation annual campaign are allocated to local and oversees beneficiary agencies that assist the vulnerable, rescue Jews from danger all over the world and strengthening Jewish identity.



Peter Ekstein and other leading UJA contributors recently participated in a mission to Kishinev and Israel where they visited newly-arrived Ethiopian Jews at the Mevasseret Zion absorption centre near Jerusalem. Funds raised by the UJA Federation annual campaign have helped to finance the rescue of 70,000 Ethiopian Jews. Photo: Jeff Springer

"Above all, the success of the campaign is all about people," says Engel. "Everyone from those who visit face to face with contributors to those who help organize events and make countless telephone calls are the ones who truly make things happen."

"Hitting the $42 million mark is crucial for our agencies which are faced with mounting demands for programs and services and they should be able to count on funding for people in need," adds Wolfond.

If you would like to make a gift to UJA Federation's Campaign 2000 please call (416) 631-5705, mail a cheque to UJA Federation, 4600 Bathurst Street, Toronto, M2R 3V2 or visit the *Jewish Toronto* Web Site (www.jewishtoronto.net) for Internet payments.

Congratulations To A Class Act

UJA Federation President Alan Sandler congratulates Anne Tanenbaum at the recent dedication of the new Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT). She was the leading contributor toward the construction of the newly re-furbished Anne and Max Tanenbaum Education Centre which now houses over 1,100 high school students in the heart of Jewish Toronto. Phase one of the $8.5 million capital project was a joint venture of UJA Federation and CHAT as part of the Jewish Toronto Tomorrow community development initiative.

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Scholastic Connections

Meirav Alon shows grade 5 USDS students where Eilat is located on map of Israel.

Local Jewish day school students are becoming a little closer to Israeli school children thanks to a recent visit from a group of Jewish educators.

The nine teacher delegation from Israel spent a week getting to know students and teachers, both in and out of the classroom, as part of the ongoing Partnership 2000 (P2K) initiative sponsored by UJA Federation. The visit was the second part of a teacher exchange program that began when a contingent of 20 Toronto area day school teachers participated in a mission to Eilat and Israel's southern Eilot region twinned with Toronto.

"We felt a very warm welcome," says Daniella Gerassy, who headed the contingent of educators, representing the nine schools participating in the P2K Living Bridge program. The program, funded by UJA Federation, builds lasting connections between Torontonians and Israelis living in and around Eilat. Gerassy believes that hundreds of letters written by school children from Eilat that were distributed to local students will go a long way toward creating lasting personal ties.

"The children were so excited to receive the letters," notes Gerassy, who will also be carrying hundreds of return letters home with her. "It was wonderful how curious the kids here are about what life is like for their counterparts, who are just as curious about them."

"We are here to engage the students and teachers and interest them in discovering new links to their friends in Israel," adds educator Yonatan Posen. While in Toronto all nine delegates spent a few hours teaching in various classrooms across the city. "Your community's Jewish education is very impressive," notes Posen. "We have a lot to learn from each other."

Teacher Yonatan Posen, with grade 8 Associated students, says strengthening Jewish identity is just as important for Israeli school children as it is for those living in the Diaspora.

"We have been doing wonderful things for the people living in Eilat and the region of Eilot for 10 years," explains Warren Kimel, who Co-Chairs UJA Federation's P2K initiative with Randy Shiff, which sponsors a number of community development programs in addition to "people to people" Living Bridge projects. "P2K offers wonderful opportunities to develop mutually beneficial ties based upon common goals and a common identity," adds Kimel.

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New BBYO director aims to revitalize organization

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — After eight years of declining membership, B'nai Brith Youth Organization needed a boost.

Membership had dwindled to 230, and awareness of the organization was low, said Jeff Wagman, chair of BBYO's adult board of directors.

So it created a new position – director of development – and hired Dena Libman.

Libman, 26, has a BA in history from York University, and in July, she received a master's degree in social work and a Jewish communal service certificate from New York's Yeshiva University.

She began her new job in September. "It's the best kind of job," she said recently at her office on Bathurst Street.

"You can stare at a budget all day, and in the evening, you're surrounded by 40 teens that just make [you] laugh," she said with a smile.

Libman is responsible for recruiting volunteers, increasing BBYO's membership and raising awareness of the organization.

Dena Libman

These are important tasks because BBYO's membership began declining in 1991 when B'nai Brith Canada withdrew its funding, Wagman said.

"We were cut off totally overnight and we were evicted from Hove Street. We spent five years concentrating on finances and nothing else," he said.

In the mid '60s and early '70s – the heyday of BBYO – the organization had more than 1,000 members, but by the early '90s, membership had dwindled to about 500, and the community barely knew the youth group still existed, Wagman said.

He realized the organization had to raise its profile. So BBYO increased its marketing to the community and recently revitalized its alumni association.

In late July, Libman was hired, and at the end of September, BBYO moved from Centre Street to its current location at Council House, the National Council of Jewish Women building at 4700 Bathurst St.

Most of BBYO's members live north of Steeles, and Libman hopes the new North York location will attract more members from the 416 area.

In fact, she hopes to recruit members from all across the GTA.

"When I get a phone call and the question is 'Is there a chapter in my area?' I want the answer to be yes, whether that's a call from the Beaches, High Park, York Mills or Richmond Hill," she said.

Libman also hopes to recruit recent immigrants.

"I had the impression from our members that there wasn't an interaction between newcomers and Canadian teens and I think that [interaction] is important for both groups."

She is working with Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) to form a new BBYO chapter for Russian teens.

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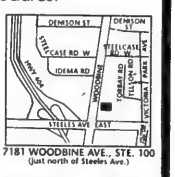

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Toronto high school set to celebrate 40th anniversary

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — After the first reunion of William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate Institute in 1985, Larry Anklewicz says he was "on a high for a week."

The Toronto lawyer and freelance writer is looking forward to repeating the experience five months from now. A graduate of the class of 1962, Anklewicz is chairing the reunion committee to commemorate the school's 40th anniversary next May 27, a Saturday evening.

The school, located on Tillplain Road in North York, was originally planned as a junior high, Anklewicz told *The CJN*. But the rapidly increasing student population at Northview Heights Secondary School, on Finch Avenue West near Bathurst Street, meant another high school was needed to serve the area.

Southview Secondary School opened in 1960 and a contest to rename the school was run under the auspices of the history department, Anklewicz recalled.

Students voted on the name "William Lyon Mackenzie" following presentations by 10 of their peers on 10 famous Canadians at a school assembly.

Anklewicz himself made a case for using the name Thomas D'Arcy McGee, who – like Mackenzie – was a politician and journalist and – unlike him – one of the few Canadian politicians to be assassinated.

Mackenzie, the school, used to have a Jewish student population of about 90 percent.

"The school closed down on Jewish holidays, [but] not officially," Anklewicz said. Today, an estimated 50 percent of the students are Jewish.

Among Mac's better-known alumni are Jeanne Beker of *Fashion Television* fame; David Bloom, chair and CEO of Shoppers Drug Mart; Steve Jacobs, weather anchor at CFTO-TV; talk show host Marsha Lederman of radio station Talk 640; Karen Mock, national director of B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights; actors Avery Saltzman and David Eisner; Stephen Speisman, Ontario Jewish Archives director; not to mention *CJN* editorial staff Jeff Rosen, Leila Speisman and this reporter.

"I think almost every profession is full of Mackenzie graduates," said Anklewicz, whose wife Gerry (née Singer) teaches English at the school.

The reunion committee is appealing to alumni for memorabilia, such as photographs, to display at the reunion.

Unlike Mackenzie's previous reunions, which marked the school's 25th and 30th anniversaries, the upcoming event boasts its own Web site, http://reunion.wlmac.toronto.on.ca. Thus far, more than 120 alumni have registered on it.

Inquiries have come from as far away as Singapore, said committee member Ron Gold, a contemporary of Anklewicz' and the school's first student council president.

"I hope as many people as possible will come out," said Gold, whose wife Dianne was the first student to return to Mackenzie as a teacher (she now teaches French at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto). Their son Joe was student council president from 1991 to 1992.

Admission to the reunion will be $12 in advance, $15 at the door.

For further information, to offer assistance or memorabilia, call Mary Lavoie at the school, 416-395-3330, or e-mail Anklewicz at ankle@interlog.com.

Alumni

CLARIFICATION

Regarding the article "Jerusalem – the Capital for Secular and Religious Jews" by Gil Troy (*CJN*, Dec. 2), the unnamed radio reporter to whom he refers is Eliezar Wharsman.

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Or Haemet fundraiser opening to the public

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

VAUGHAN — Or Haemet Sephardic School is opening its annual dinner to the public for the first time this year.

The event, a fundraiser, will take place Jan. 10, 2000 at the Sephardic Kehila Centre at 7026 Bathurst St., in which the school is housed.

"Drawing upon our unique heritage, we wanted to centre the dinner around the hilula of a tzaddik," said Messod Boussidan, vice-president of Or Haemet.

A hilula, for the uninitiated, is more or less, the Sephardi counterpart of an Ashkenazi yahrzeit. The difference is that it's a celebratory event, explained Boussidan. The upcoming dinner will honor the memory of Rabbi Yisrael Abuhatzira, the Moroccan sage also known as the Baba Sali (Arabic for father of prayer).

The word hilula is Aramaic for wedding, signifying the "concept of the great soul of a tzaddik being wedded with God," said Boussidan. "We honour his work and his accomplishments."

The hilula is "meant to elevate the soul of the tzaddik," added Meir Gabay, dinner chair. "Every brachah, the divrei Torah, are all meant to elevate [his] soul."

Moroccan Jews also refer to the Baba Sali as Haadmor Rebbi Abuhatzira, the first honorific being an acronym for the Hebrew words Adoneinu, Moreinu v'Rabeinu (our master, our teacher and our rabbi).

The dinner will also honour the memory of Leon Oziel, a Moroccan Jewish community leader in Toronto.

Oziel will be the first inductee into Yachin ou Boaz, a new honour to be bestowed annually by the school. Its name refers to the two main pillars of the Beit Hamikdash.

The evening's program will feature keynote speaker Rabbi Shlomo Diamond, rosh kollel, Sephardic Torah Centre and rosh yeshiva, Ilan High School for Girls in Deal, N.J.

Les Frères Edery, a Montreal group specializing in Andalusian music, will perform, and Shir Yedidout, the Sephardic Kehila Centre's new five-member adult choir, will make its debut. The choir's name refers to a book of piyyutim (liturgical songs) written by early Spanish, and later, Moroccan Torah scholars.

Tickets to the dinner are $180 per person. For further information, contact Yaël Elfassy at 905-669-7654, ext. 225.

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Greater Toronto Area

Judaism, transplants not contradictory: rabbi

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The challenges, from a Jewish perspective, revolve around related issues such as determining time of death and the Jewish belief in immediate burial, according to Rabbi Bulka.

He believes the Jewish community has allowed such issues to "obscure the big picture."

"In fairness," he admitted, "it's hard to adjust to a new reality. We've always believed in immediate and full burial...There's no reason why we have to feel sorry we took that stance, but it created a mind-set that says anything less than that is halachically unacceptable, when in fact just the opposite is the case."

The general consensus among his colleagues is that brainstem death – the medical criterion – is also acceptable from a Jewish perspective, he said.

There is nothing fundamentally contradictory about Judaism and transplants, said Rabbi Bulka. "There may be nuances. We would be very insistent that the only thing taken out is what was necessary, but that everything else be treated respectfully...so that a full and complete burial can take place."

Rabbi Reuven Bulka

Jews, who place such a high premium on saving a life, should be at the forefront of addressing the shortage of organs, he said. In Canada alone, more than 100 people a year die while waiting for organ transplants.

Even though new medical techniques have made it possible in some cases to save two lives with one organ, for example, by dividing a donor liver in two, availability of donor organs remains a critical problem.

Rabbi Bulka believes his colleagues should encourage their congregants to think in terms of saving lives through organ donation. "It hasn't happened with the type of fervour I think it should."

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In October 1998, *CJN* typesetter Larry Tremblay began a medical leave of absence from work. Cirrhosis of the liver, due to unknown causes, had eroded his health, and he needed a transplant.

Larry Tremblay

"I think it's raised the consciousness of a lot of people here about the whole issue. I'm impressed with the patience and courage he's shown," said Gary Laforet, the paper's general manager. "Everybody's excited about the prospect of him returning to work."

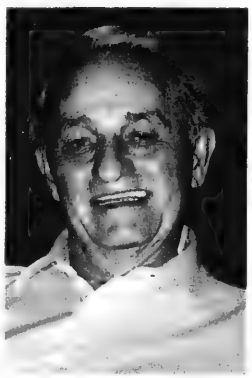
Tremblay received a new liver in August at the Toronto Hospital.

Although he experienced post-surgical complications – necessitating a four-week hospital stay and a three-week convalescence at the Baycrest Centre – he is recovering well and says he hopes to be back on the job next spring.

Before the transplant, Tremblay suffered constant fatigue, mood swings, apathy, weight loss and severe fluid build-up. About twice a month he'd enter hospital to have fluid drained from his body – up to seven litres at a time.

Tremblay, 62, says he knows he is lucky. At any one time, there are approximately 1,200 people on the waiting list for organ transplants in Ontario. The list is constantly in flux, as new names are added and others are deleted. Only about 600 to 650 people a year receive new organs.

At the top of the list are the sickest patients, usually those in intensive care.



Sam Ganz

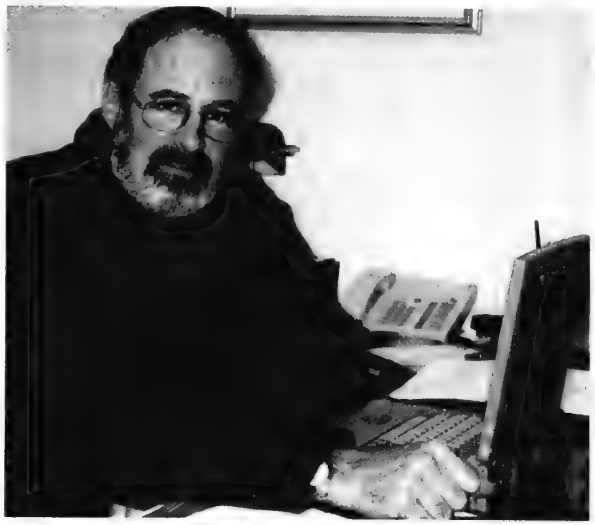
But to qualify for a transplant, a patient must be well enough to have a good chance of surviving.

"If I believe the chances of survival are significantly less than 50 percent, they don't get a transplant," said Dr. Gary Levy, director of the Toronto-based Multi-Organ Transplant Program and a professor of medicine at the University of Toronto.

"It may not be right but it's reality...because of the shortage of organs. If we don't succeed, two people die – the one who never got to get a transplant, and the one who did and failed."

The one-year survival rate for all organ transplants is about 80 to 90 percent, said Levy. "People aren't aware that it works," he said, noting that some female patients have borne babies – healthy babies – after their transplants.

After five years, the survival rate for transplant patients drops to about 70 percent, but some of the deaths are due to unrelated causes, Levy pointed out.



Dr. Gary Levy **[Frances Kraft photo]**

18-month wait for liver not uncommon

Gender, socio-economic background and race are not taken into consideration when a recipient is selected, but body size is, Levy said.

The size of the organ being donated must be compatible with the size of the recipient. "All other factors being equal, you wait your turn."

The program Levy directs coordinates transplants of organs including hearts, lungs, livers, kidneys and pancreas for the greater Toronto area and the province of Ontario.

Tremblay's 18-month wait for a liver was not uncommon. The average wait for a liver is 12 to 18 months, said Levy. For kidneys, recipients wait three to four years. Hearts and lungs are usually found within six months.

While Tremblay was on the list, he and his wife Linda made sure they were constantly accessible by phone, cell phone or pager.

From his own experience and what he gleaned attending informational meetings for transplant candidates, Tremblay came up with what he called his four rules of thumb for transplant patients:

- faith in your creator;
- faith in your medical staff;
- the love and help of your family;
- the will to survive.

"Without those," he said, "I don't think anyone should even consider transplants."

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While Tremblay is still awaiting the go-ahead to return to work, Sam Ganz has already passed that milestone.

A 70-year-old businessman, he received a new liver in January, was able to play golf this summer and is now working at his family-run company every day.

Rabbi Frydman-Kohl

Both Tremblay and Ganz gave credit to their wives and families for their support, noting particularly their wives' vigilance when preparing meals. The men also praised the dedication of the medical professionals they encountered, and mentioned that many people prayed for them. Each of those factors, they believe, played a role in their recoveries.

A Holocaust survivor, Ganz was first diagnosed with a liver problem about 20 years ago. He believes he acquired hepatitis C when he was in concentration camp.

"It's a very slow-progressing sickness," he said.

About five years ago Ganz' condition deteriorated when he was hospitalized for a severe episode of internal bleeding. He received four pints of blood, medication and a "not very encouraging" prognosis.

Suffering from fatigue but otherwise functioning well, Ganz sought a second opinion and was advised to consider a transplant.

"It was like a shock to me. A transplant is something you read about."

He remained on the waiting list for about two years, but, after a family meeting with Levy, it was decided to remove his name because he was doing so well. He continued to be monitored closely.

"Then my liver went bad," Ganz recalled. When an ultrasound showed malignant tumors, he went back on the list, as an urgent case.

Within three weeks, he received a new liver at the Toronto Hospital. He said the wait was difficult, knowing nothing was being done to treat the cancer, and not knowing how soon an appropriate liver would become available.

Surgery and recovery proceeded without complications, and Ganz was assured the cancer had not spread.

He attributes his smooth recovery – nine days in hospital – to the fact that he took care of himself prior to surgery by exercising and eating a healthy diet, as his doctors recommended.

From a psychological standpoint, the support of his family was equally important, he said.

But Ganz' own "optimistic outlook on life in general, and this situation in particular, helped him an awful lot," said his wife Gitta.

"I see the sun shining most of the time," agreed Ganz. "I consider myself extremely lucky."

Greater Toronto Area

Women's role in the Bible examined at lecture

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — While the Bible presents a patriarchal society, it does not prescribe patriarchy as an ideal way of life, said Sara Horowitz, a professor of literature at York University's Centre for Jewish Studies.

"Patriarchy itself isn't sacred ... [it] is the society that existed back then...The Bible is there to show us how to behave ethically, but [it] has to do so in the context of a real society," she said.

Horowitz, the former director of the Jewish Studies program at the University of Delaware, spoke at a lecture titled Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places? Women in the Bible.

The talk was part of a learning series presented by Women: An Agenda for Change, a program of the Toronto chapter of Canadian Friends of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, in partnership with Beit Rayim Synagogue.

Horowitz discussed several women in the Bible who were strong and proactive despite living in a patriarchal society.

"We constantly see women in the Bible who step out from the mould and the Bible does not step on them and it does not leave us with the impression that they did something wrong," Horowitz said in an interview following the talk.

She cited the story of Tamar and Judah in Genesis, as an example. According to the biblical tale, Tamar's first and second husbands, Er and Onan, who were brothers, were killed by God for being wicked.

The law, in biblical times, stipulated that if a man dies without children, his wife has to marry within the family and bear a child to pass on the deceased man's family line.

Judah, father of Er and Onan, thought his daughter-in-law was a "killer wife" and told Tamar to remain a widow in her father's home until his son Shelah was grown. But Judah, fearing Shelah would be harmed by Tamar, tried to prevent the marriage once Shelah was of age.

Essentially powerless, Tamar takes action by disguising herself as a harlot and seducing Judah so that she can become pregnant and carry on the family line.

"[She] fulfills biblical law even though her father-in-law tries to prevent this from happening," said Horowitz. "It is clear that God thinks she does the right thing.

"You think that if you read a biblical story about a prostitute...she's not going to be the one who is put forth as a model or the hero of the story and yet she is. She's the only one who acts with any propriety or any responsibility to upholding biblical law."

Horowitz also discussed Rebecca, who is described in the Bible as not just beautiful but strong and generous as well.

Horowitz had divided the audience into groups to study biblical betrothal scenes that take place at wells.

One group studied the scene at the well where Rebecca meets Abraham's servant; he has been instructed to find a wife for Isaac, Abraham's son.

The servant asks Rebecca for some water to test her strength of character. She proves her generosity by giving both the servant and his camels water.

In all the other betrothal scenes, the women need help getting water from the wells.

Rebecca's scene "emphasizes her self-sufficiency. She doesn't need the man at the well to help – she's helping him," Horowitz said.

Rebecca is aggressive; she is a doer and a go-getter, Horowitz added. "The Bible approves of her strength."

Rebecca is consulted as to whether or not she wants to travel with the servant to his master's house; in contrast, Isaac, who is considerably more passive than Rebecca, is not even present when his wife is being chosen, Horowitz said.

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Task force to canvass Russian families

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It also cast a light on Toronto's growing Russian-Jewish emigre population. But Cole said community officials and the police are satisfied that violence "is not specific to them."

Romberg said his team will meet several more times before it issues a final report of recommendations, before the end of January.

Because there are many non-Jewish Russian families in the Bathurst Street corridor above Finch Avenue, Romberg feels "this isn't just a Jewish issue. It's a neighbourhood issue."

In many of the densely packed high-rise buildings in the area, both parents work, affording young people time – sometimes too much of it, Romberg said.

The task force will canvass Russian families, especially young people, on what programs are available, and what more can be done.

Romberg said local Jewish groups, such as B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) and the National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY), will also have a role to play.

In addition to the ad hoc task force, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto said it would establish a memorial fund for Jewish youth in Matti's name, while the Jewish Russian Community Centre (JRCC) pledged to set up a fund for a youth and leadership program in Matti's memory.

Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman, executive director of the JRCC, told *The CJN* the fund in Matti's name is aimed at helping Jewish teens develop social skills, self-esteem and to "explore their background."

He decried the lack of organized afterschool activities. He said too many teens have too much time on their hands and too little supervision.

"We have a lot of work ahead," the rabbi said of the CJC-led task force.

JF&CS executive director Gordon Wolfe said his agency has been involved with the Russian community for a long time, having had social workers at Northview Heights, Fisherville, Rockford Road, and other schools for years.

He said JF&CS social workers also provided trauma counselling to Northview Heights students following Matti's death.

Rabbi Zaltzman said the JRCC fund will be fueled by private and organizational donations. Contributions may be sent to: JRCC Matti Baranovsky Fund, 5987 Bathurst St., unit 3, Toronto, M2R 1Z3.

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גידי קורן וחברים

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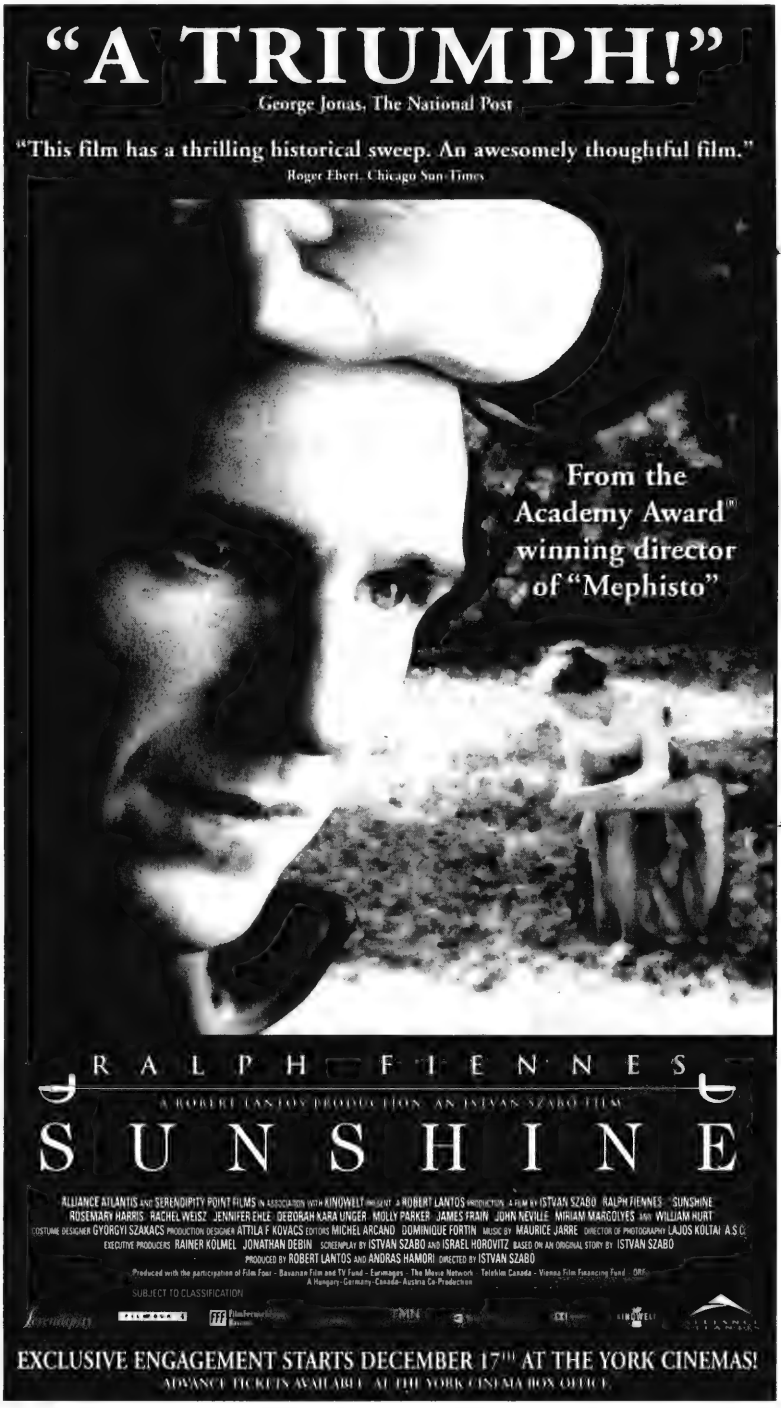

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HOLIDAY DEADLINES

What's New and About People deadlines:

Please note: There will be no issue Dec. 30.

Due to the holiday season the deadline for Jan. 6 issue is Monday, Dec. 20.

Monday, Jan. 3, is deadline for the Jan. 13 issue.

I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 391-1836, fax 391-0829.

Thursday, Dec. 16

LUNCH & LEARN

At the Downtown Jewish Learning Council Lunch & Learn, **Rabbi Michael Skobac**, director of education for Jews for Judaism, speaks on Battle for the Jewish Soul, noon to 1 p.m., at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre. Babysitting available. Dietary laws observed. 924-6211.

Sunday, Dec. 19

LIFE & DEATH OF SARAH

The Life and Death of Sarah is the topic for the Progressive Singles Bible Interactive Group led by presenter **Chana Sargon**, 8 p.m. Beth Tikvah Synagogue. 221-3433.

YUJJIES LECTURE

YUJJIES (Young Urban Jews, 20 and 30 something) lecture, Jewish Meditation:When the Student is Ready the Teacher Appears, with **Rabbi Michael Skobac,** Jews for Judaism, 7:30 p.m. at Indigo Café, 2300 Yonge St. Sponsored by Kolel: The Adult Centre for Jewish Learning, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and Les and Minda Feldman Family Foundation.

Monday. Dec. 20

Y2K-JUDAISM

Y2K-Judaism Heads Into the Next Millennium, Part II, lecture by **Susan Jackson**, director, Jewish Continuity, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, 8 p.m., Beth Torah Synagogue, 47 Glenbrook Ave. **Mollie** 733-3634.

ON BEING JEWISH

Symposium on Being Jewish series at Beth Tikvah Synagogue presented by **Henry Alkin** continues with Ensuring Jewish Continuity, 8 p.m.

SUPPORT GROUP

Jewish Parents and Families of Gays and Lesbians meets 7:30 p.m., Jewish Family & Child Service, 6th floor, Lipa Green Building. Phone in confidence. **Ruth** 763-9111.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League-Thornhill West presents Nutrition and Weaning, 7:30 p.m., 199 Glenmanor Way, Thornhill. **Joyce** 905-881-8779 or **Nancy** 905-889-7445.

Tuesday, Dec. 21

CHUG TANACH

Chug Tanach meets 8 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue to study Jeremiah, Chapter 6. Presenter **Ephraim Blatt**. Text in Hebrew, discussion in English.

And What Else Is New

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MACKENZIE REUNION

Attention all alumni, staff, and former and present staff of William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate A 40th anniversary millennium reunion is planned for May 27 at the school at 20 Tillplain Rd. in North York. Reunion plans include a mini-fashion show, a souvenir program and special and distinct areas for groups of alumni to meet and reminisce. For more information, call the school at 395-3330.

LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION

LINC (Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada) provides free English language training to adult immigrants living in York Region, including Bradford and Uxbridge. The A-LINC Centre provides free assessment and referral service to LINC eligible persons. Those wishing to enrol in a LINC class must first make an appointment with the A-LINC Centre 905-707-1555 or 1-800-477-4217.

Appointments are now being booked for the January 2000 term of classes. Make appointment before Dec. 23. LINC is funded by Citizenship & Immigration Canada.

SINGLES SCENE

Whirley Ball for 25-35 group, Thursday, Dec. 23, 8:30 p.m. at the Rinx (Orfus Rd.) RSVP **Rhonda** 905-731-9441.

Dance 2000 for 35-55 group, Saturday, Jan. 15, 8 p.m. (ladies complimentary till 9 p.m.) Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

Upcoming, Ski Day at Uplands.

JF&CS GOUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service groups. Register. **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800, ext. 215.

Kids Have Stress Too!, a new 3-session series for parents to learn practical strategies to help your kids cope with everyday fears, frustrations and disappointments that children will experience, begins Jan. 19.

Social Skills Programs Adolescents, activity-based socialization experience with other teens their own age, begins February.

PALS Social Skills for 6 to 11-year-olds, interactive social skills group for parents and children, begins Feb. 7 and 9.

Parenting Can Be…1, 2, 3 Magic. 3 session groups for parents to learn behaviour management techniques based on **Thomas Phelan's** book *1, 2, 3 Magic* begins January.

Woman's Anger Group, learn to understand what your anger is really about and how to deal with it, begins Jan. 25.

Divorce: Will This Feeling Ever End?, move beyond the pain, develop strategies to cope and learn new ways to regain control, begins Jan. 25.

FOR SENIORS

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club Israel trip planned for the spring. Upcoming daytime trips include cruises, theatre outings. **Lena** 785-5773. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Dec. 16, bingo; Dec. 23, video, concert with **Luciano Pavarotti** and **Placido Domingo;** Dec. 30, New Year's party, members only. **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 630-5771.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Sunday dance Dec. 19; Year 2000 celebration dinner dance Jan. 2; trip to Niagara Falls, Niagara Casino, $10 per person, receive back $10 in vouchers, Jan. 4; *Eddie Cantor Story* lunch-time theatre downtown, Feb. 14. 395-7881.

Young at Heart Seniors Year 2000, Feb. 1-29 at glatt kosher Saxony Hotel includes almost everything, double occupancy $2,985, efficiency available, partners available. **Helen** 635-6343. No Shabbat calls.

New Image 50 Plus dance for single seniors, Saturday, Dec. 18, 7-10:30 p.m., Earl Bales Community Centre. **Mollie** 733-3634.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. 225-2112.

Osteoporosis Support Group meets Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1:15-2:30 p.m. Renew friendships, review the past year and plan for the millennium. **Joan**, resource person, ext. 126.

Movie matinee, *Patch Adams* with **Robin Williams**, Thursday, Dec. 23, 1:15-3:15 p.m.

Winter semester of Current Events with **Doug Haddow** starts Thursday, Jan. 6, 10:15 a.m. **Bookie Kwart.**

Israeli Club Etrog: Do you speak Hebrew? Join club members every Tuesday at 7 p.m. for movies, lectures, dances, sing-alongs, bingo. Dec. 21, political lecture, **Yaen Vered**; Dec. 28, free evening. New Year's party in Hava Nagillah Club. **Anna** ext. 110.

Movie, *Vertigo*, Sunday, Dec. 19, 2:30 p.m.

WAGMAN CENTRE

Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. 785-2500.

Lunch & Learn 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Kosher dairy lunch, informative lecture. **Mara Swartz** ext. 2275. Reserve at Wagman Service desk.

BLOOR JCC

Bloor Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 924-6211.

Registration now underway for Winter Break Camp for kindergarten to Grade 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Each day focuses on a different specialty funshop in the morning, allowing children to experience and explore a variety of activities and interests. Director **Michal Weinfeld.**

Extended Day – to accommodate working parents, there is additional supervision from 4-5:30 p.m.

ABOUT PEOPLE

LANIADO APPOINTMENT

Noreen Azoulay, newly appointed executive director of Canadian Friends of Laniado Hospital, comes to her new position with an extensive background in Jewish communal service having served as Honour Roll director for the Men's Service Group of Baycrest; executive director of Canadian Friends of Jerusalem College of Technology; and executive director of the Montreal office of Canadian Friends of Haifa University. She is currently planning the 9th Annual Joseph Weil Lecture featuring **John Loftus** to be held in February on behalf of Canadian Friends of Laniado, and can be reached at 785-8946.

Noreen Azoulay

TURKISH MISSION

Canadian Jewish Congress president Moshe Ronen (second from right) presents a cheque in the amount of $25,000 to Avrum Rosensweig (third from right) executive vice-president of Ve'ahavta: The Canadian Jewish Relief and Humanitarian Committee, for the joint CJC/Ve'ahavta relief mission to earthquake-ravaged Turkey. Pictured with them are mission participants (from left) Steve Boorne, Alison Epstein, Peter Silverman and Steven Epstein. Presentation was made at Pearson International Airport.

NCJW CONVENTION

Pictured at the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada 30th Biennial Convention held in Winnipeg recently are (from left) Sheila Mostyn, president NCJW, Toronto Section; Carol Slater of Vancouver, newly installed national president of NCJW of Canada; and Roz Fine, installed as national vice-president of NCJW of Canada.

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Governor General joins Chanukah celebration

BY DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — Governor General Adrienne Clarkson and her husband John Ralston Saul were guests of honour at a Chanukah celebration held at Congregation Machzikei Hadas.

Rabbi Reuven Bulka told the guests that Clarkson and the synagogue have something in common: the original building used by Machzikei Hadas, was in the neighbourhood where Madame Clarkson and her family lived when they arrived in Canada.

The governor general, in turn, spoke warmly of her childhood in that neighbourhood, and of the welcoming friendship her family had received from their Jewish neighbours. "The history of my family here in Ottawa is inextricably connected to the Jewish community," she said.

"I do feel a great connection with the Jewish people and with the Jewish community in Ottawa. When I was growing up, it was a very small town and I felt very much it was a place of diversity, ethnicity...a beacon for the future.

"In the world, you are a group of 14 million human beings, and you continue to light a light for justice, for civilization and for everything that is right and true. I thank you for that."

Joel Taller, president of the congregation, presented Clarkson with a silver chanukiyah, the first at the governor general's residence. "I can assure you," she said, "that it will be lit every year," said Clarkson.

Following the musical portion of the program presented by the Hillel Academy choir, Clarkson and Saul joined the congregation for refreshments.

Later the same evening, David Sultan, ambassador of Israel to Canada, and his wife, entertained members of the community at a Chanukah party at their residence, Kinneret.

Jewish Book Fair gets record sales

BY MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Tamar Barr, director of cultural arts and special events for the Rady Jewish Community Centre, says that this year's annual Jewish Book Fair held recently at the Asper Jewish Community Campus, had record sales.

"There were a lot of people, right from the first day we opened, and sales were steady throughout. We sold a lot of product."

The fair opened with readings by local authors and writers Sheldon Oberman, Allan Levine, Carol Rose, Sharon Chisvin and Robyn Meyerowitz.

Among the highlights of the week were presentations by historian David Kirk of the University of Victoria, who spoke about Nazi kidnapping of Slavic children during the Holocaust in order to raise them as Aryans, and the life of Christian Zionist Pierre Van Paasen; and Malka Marom (formerly part of the duo of Malka and Joso) talking about her new novel, *Sulha*.

"The turnout for Marom was really strong," says Barr. "We also had good attendance at our story-telling cabaret with Laurie Block, Kayla Gordon, Sheldon Oberman and Rabbi Neal Rose."

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(Darren Mark & Ari) **Present: The 10th Annual Matzo Ball.** Fri., Dec. 24 at Whiskey Saigon, 250 Richmond Street W. 9:30pm. 3 levels of dancing. **Largest Jewish X-mas party in Toronto.** Lots of parking in area. Tickets $12-adv thru Ticketmaster: 416-870-8000 or DM&A Hotline: 416-760-3771.

Judaism Heads Into next Millennium:II. Susan Jackson **Mon, Dec. 20,8pm.** Beth Torah, 47 Glenbrook. Refreshments, No Charge 733-3634

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Poverty among Jews explored at conference

'There's a reluctance in the Jewish community to acknowledge it': Moscovitch

By MATT BELLAN
The Jewish Post & News

WINNIPEG — Poverty is as widespread among Canadian Jews as it is among all other groups, according to Allan Moscovitch.

"Jewish poverty is similar to the pattern of poverty generally in Canada," Moscovitch, a professor and former dean of social work at Ottawa's Carleton University, told a national conference on Jewish poverty at the Asper Jewish Community Campus last month.

At the conference, attended by social workers, leaders of Jewish federations and other experts, Moscovitch, who has written or edited several books on poverty, cited figures from the 1996 Canadian census showing that 17 percent of Canadian Jews are poor, the same as for Canadians in general.

He and several other speakers at the two-day conference maintained that Canadian Jews have traditionally downplayed the extent of Jewish poverty in this country.

"There's a reluctance in the Jewish community to acknowledge poverty," he said in a follow-up interview, echoing a sentiment expressed at the conference.

"We like to believe we all live in homes with three-car garages, and at least one or two Mercedes in the driveway," said Rabbi Lindsey Bat Joseph, spiritual leader of Temple Beth Orah in Edmonton since 1996.

The vast majority of Canadian Jews don't fall into the ranks of the wealthy, Rabbi Bat Joseph said, adding that she had lived "below the poverty line, raising two children" for about a decade.

"We don't want to see poverty," Rabbi Bat Joseph said. "We point fingers at our government, and say it's somebody else's fault."

North American Jews don't like to acknowledge the poverty in their midst, because that contradicts their self-image, she added in a later interview.

"We like this image that we're well to do, that we're the immigrant community that made good. It's the North American dream – coming off the boat as poor immigrants, and doing well.

"I think there is a certain embarrassment about poverty," Rabbi Bat Joseph said. "We like to think that we take care of each other, because that's what our tradition teaches."

Mark Zarecki, executive director of Ottawa's Jewish family services agency, expressed similar views about Jewish communities' reluctance to accept the reality of Jewish poverty.

"We have in Jewish communities a misperception that all Jews are wealthy," he said.

As a result, the Jewish poor often consider themselves outsiders in their own communities.

"Among the poor, they're treated as Jews. Among the Jews, they're treated as poor."

Many tend to assimilate, partly because they're embarrassed about being poor, and it can be expensive to live Jewishly, he said.

"We have to show them the Jewish community can be inclusive," Zarecki said.

The Ottawa Jewish community has started a Tikvah Fund to help the city's Jewish poor, and a Jewish community "food bank" now has 600 clients a year, he reported.

Moscovitch said many experts define poverty in Canada, using a term called the low income cutoff (LICO).

"We measure how much people spend on food, clothing and shelter, and add 20 percent," he explained.

Moscovitch added, however, that the definition of poverty can vary widely, depending on who is studying it.

The Fraser Institute, a right-wing think tank, for example, defines the LICO as $19,517 for a family of four.

Toronto's Social Planning Council, the "most generous," defines it as "more than $40,000" for a family of four living in a large city.

The percentage of Canadian Jews living in poverty also varies widely from one region of the country to the next, Moscovitch said.

It is highest in Quebec, where it is estimated that 21.2 percent of the Jewish community is living in poverty. The Jewish poverty figure is 14.4 percent in the Atlantic provinces, 14.2 percent in Ontario, and averages 17.5 percent in the four Western provinces, he said.

Sandy Hyman, a Winnipeg social worker and president of Winnipeg's Jewish Child and Family Service, said only 13 percent of Winnipeg Jews fell into the poverty range in the last major Jewish population study here.

She acknowledged in a followup interview, however, that the statistics she was quoting were from 1995 Winnipeg Jewish community population study, based on 1991 and earlier Canadian census data.

Hyman said poverty in Winnipeg's Jewish community, as it is elsewhere, is particularly widespread among single-parent families, university students, the mentally challenged and people with long-term psychiatric problems.

Immigrants also make up a large percentage of Canada's Jewish poor, Moscovitch said. "Of the 59,000 [Canadian Jews] who are low-income, 24,000 are first-generation Canadians, 17,000 came to Canada in the last five to six years, and 12,000 came since 1980.

"Ten thousand of the 59,000" also have some kind of physical, mental, or psychiatric disability.

Greater numbers of women than men are in the ranks of the Jewish poor, and single Jewish men and women are more likely to be poor than married Jews, he said.

Linda Kislowicz, executive director of Jewish Family and Child Services in Montreal, said she and her counterparts across the country decided to hold this first national Jewish poverty conference to address issues that are of special concern to Canadian Jews.

"We felt there was a different set of issues" than for such agencies in the United States and "it merited a meeting.

'Great desire to learn, change'

"Each of the communities represented here has different policies and degrees of service. But there's a great desire to learn and change."

Koslowicz outlined what her agency does to help the poor in Montreal, where the Jewish community of about 100,000 is the second largest in Canada.

"We are never a primary source of income," she said of her agency. "We don't see ourselves as a first line of defence."

Her agency asks low-income Jewish Montrealers whether they've gone to their families and other sources for help first, she said.

When the agency does help them financially, it also often offers them other services to help them become more independent. Financial counselling is provided to teach clients to "use their money more effectively," and quality second-hand clothing is given to them so that they can dress well for job interviews, she said.

Maxine Finklestein, executive director of UIA-Federations Canada, which provides some funding to the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council and other federations, said it is important for conference participants to decide what happens next.

"The whole mission for klal Yisrael is responsibility for one another…We're mandated to fulfil this principle, in keeping with available resources," Finklestein said.

Funding is particularly helpful for Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, and for helping Jewish students at university campuses, she said.

Other Jewish community organizations can also pitch in to help the Jewish poor, Finklestein suggested.

"We don't know of any community that's ever gone broke by giving tickets to a community event…It's shameful that someone wasn't able to participate in a community event, because he couldn't afford to go."

CORRECTION

In last week's article about Toronto's Intersynagogue Kosher Food Bank, a number of lines were inadvertently omitted.

The last paragraph of the article's first column should have continued as follows:

Cash donations, used to purchase perishable items such as chickens (currently available at the northern location only), are also welcome.

Jewish agencies and other synagogues have been or are being notified that the food bank exists, so that they can make referrals.

Edghill hopes that food bank users can similarly be channeled to other organizations, so that they can become self-sufficient. "We're looking for ways to help," she said.

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Evangelism can come from unexpected places

By SARAH FLOYD
Special to The CJN

Three members of the clergy representing Islam, Christianity and Judaism, recently came together at the University of Saskatchewan to discuss the historical and doctrinal aspects of each of their faiths.

The Jewish Students Association (JSA) co-sponsored the event with the Muslim Students Association (MSA). On the surface, this appeared to be an opportunity to learn and to create new understanding among the followers of the different faiths on campus. This is how I, as a member of the organizing committee, thought the event would play out.

I was a little uncertain about the motives of one of the groups, but felt that our committee would do our best to prevent misunderstandings and to make the evening successful.

There is only one Jewish student group on the U of S campus, as there is only one Muslim student group. As with most universities on

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the prairies, however, there are many different Christian student groups. When choosing someone to represent the Christian side of the interfaith dialogue, as this presentation was billed, the MSA invited Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC) to be the Christian representative.

I was somewhat concerned about this choice. According to some of the chaplains I spoke to on campus, evangelical activity is one aspect of the CCC mission statement. I was worried that the group's representative would use this opportunity to proselytize to a large audience that included many non-Christians.

As a Jewish campus professional, I am responsible for ensuring that the JSA is not associated with an event promoting a different religion. Understanding is important, but it should not be confused with any superiority statements. Many times in our discussions surrounding the organization of this event, I stressed that this was to be an opportunity for learning, not for proselytizing – I felt that this point was clear to everyone.

The evening of the event arrived. The committee met before it began to ensure all details were taken care of. The Jewish representative would speak first, followed by the Christian then the Muslim.

The Jewish speaker was eloquent in his presentation, giving a summary of the historical and doctrinal aspects of Judaism.

Next, the Christian speaker presented his perspective of Christianity. Although it came from an evangelical background, I felt in no way that he had attempted to proselytize from the stage. He simply stated how he felt, reiterating time and again that these were the teachings of his stream of Christianity. There were no superiority statements, as I had thought there would be.

Finally, the Muslim speaker had his turn. If I had listened between the lines to the language used in our pre-event planning, I might have been more prepared for what happened. Indeed, I could possibly have prevented it.

In the planning stages, it was decided that the order of the speakers would be Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Each would build on the other. I understood this to mean a historical development, not the steps in the development of one monotheistic religion. Apparently, this interpretation was not shared by all.

As the Muslim speaker began, it became clear that his intention was to proselytize, "proving" to both Jews and Christians alike that Islam was the only "true" religion, and that Judaism and Christianity had only existed to provide a basis for the development of true monotheism: Islam.

I was surprised. I have many Muslim and Christian friends, and I have only ever felt vulnerable to evangelism – if at all – with a few of the Christians. This was a new experience.

So what did I learn from this experience? Evangelism can come from unexpected places, and it is always good to be an active listener. This would allow me to separate people's spoken intentions from their unspoken ones.

The Jewish community on the prairies is small, and in some ways, we feel quite vulnerable to outside influences. While we have the same pioneer spirit as other Western Canadians do, we have the added concern of needing to nurture our own survival. An environment that promotes cross-cultural understanding is invaluable.

And so, while the program last month may not have provided this level of insight, it is important that we continue to dialogue with the other religious and ethnic groups in Western Canada, as well as in the rest of our country.

Sarah Floyd is the campus coordinator for the University of Saskatchewan's Jewish Students Association.

Jeffrey Spivock wins Israel Experience photo contest

TORONTO — Jeffrey Spivock of Montreal, a student at Ryerson Polytechnic University, is this year's winner of the Israel Experience photo contest.

More than 100 people attended the awards ceremony for the second annual contest, sponsored by the Canada Israel Experience Centre, *The Canadian Jewish News*, EL AL Israel Airlines, Roots Canada and UIA Federations Canada.

Spivock, who won an EL AL round trip ticket to Israel, thanked Charles Bronfman for his generous support of the Israel experience. He said that the trip to Israel had taught him tolerance for those with different political views and values, and that Bronfman's "investment in Jewish youth had already yielded significant interest."

The Andrea and Charles Bronfman philanthropies have been supporters of the Israel Experience over the last decade. Since 1997, Stephen Bronfman and Ellen Bronfman-Hauptman have contributed to Canadian Israel experience programs.

Jen Arron, a photography student at Ryerson, and winner of the 1998 photo contest, said that her summer in Israel "inspired her both spiritually and professionally."

Karen Morton, chair of Birthright Israel Canada, said that "the competition gave Canadian Jewish students an opportunity to express the best of their creative abilities in capturing their most evocative impressions of Israel."

Top 10 winners of the contest were Spivock, Michael Dacks, Michelle Astrug, Anna Stevenson, Idit Giterer, Carolyn Ruben, Deanna Rabinovitz, Jonathan Levinoff, Allison Friedman and Aaron Wenner.

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Syrian leader Assad is finally ready to talk peace

By DOUGLAS DAVIS
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LONDON — Syrian President Hafez al-Assad is a reluctant interview subject. So when he wants to speak to the world he uses proxies:

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the Syrian state media to communicate with the Arab world and British author and confidant Patrick Seale to communicate with the West.

It was through Seale that Assad warmly praised the newly elected Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak earlier this year, signalling that after more than three years since talks broke off, he was ready to talk peace again.

And it was through Seale again that he sent a message last Friday, after President Clinton's announcement about the resumption of talks in Washington, that "this is an important moment in the long, and often frustrating history of Middle East peacemaking."

"For the first time, three leaders – Clinton, Assad and Barak – are serious about making peace," Seale noted, echoing Assad's voice in the London-based daily, *al-Hayat*.

But despite reports that many details in the dispute between Israel and Syria have already been resolved, Seale added a veiled warning: "The success or failure of this enterprise will determine Israel's future relations with its neighbours. The stakes in the coming negotiations are very high indeed."

Both Barak and Clinton have their own, very different, reasons for concluding a deal with Syria, but the balance has shifted, and it is on Assad that history is pressing most heavily and most urgently.

What, if anything, has changed? Four factors have entered the equation that were not present when Syrian and Israeli negotiators met in 1996.

First, the health of Assad, 70, is reported to have seriously deteriorated – he is known to suffer from cardiovascular disease and is said to be battling leukemia and diabetes. According to some reports, he is able to work no more than two hours a day.

Second, there are growing doubts within presidential circles that his son and heir, Bashar, a former ophthalmologist, will be either willing or able to succeed him, despite years of grooming.

Third, Barak has pledged to withdraw – unilaterally, if necessary – from Israel's security zone in southern Lebanon by next July, which would undercut Assad's excuse for keeping some 40,000 troops in Lebanon, deprive him of his proxy war, via Hezbollah, against the Israeli presence, and thus remove a key negotiating card from his deck.

Fourth, Clinton's presidency is nearing its end, and Assad must calculate that the outgoing American president, with nothing to lose and much to gain, will be prepared to pressure Israel to make the concessions in order to crown his Middle East diplomatic efforts.

As Seale noted last Friday, "Clinton is anxious to end his second term with a spectacular foreign policy success that will enhance the record of his eight-year presidency and erase the memory of the shameful Monica Lewinsky affair."

Above all, a senior Arab political source said that as Assad's powers wane, his attention is focused almost obsessively on the succession and on his desperate, seemingly losing battle to promote Bashar.

Having witnessed the seamless transition of power when Jordan's young King Abdullah succeeded his late father, King Hussein, last February, Assad is now apparently banking on an alliance with Israel as a means of securing the Syrian succession for his son.

But it is uncertain whether Bashar has the natural authority or even the stomach for the job in a state where the cult of personality has been elevated to an art form.

There are constitutional obstacles to Bashar's succession. He is 35 years old, and the constitution says that the president must be at least 40.

Moreover, he holds no official position within either the ruling Ba'ath party or the government.

Even if those formidable, but largely technical, problems can be overcome, there are other more difficult hurdles in front of Bashar.

After intensive efforts to prepare him for the presidency since the premature death of his brother, Basel, in a mysterious car crash five years ago, Bashar has yet to win the respect of the military, political and economic power centres in Damascus.

Waiting in the wings with increasing impatience is Assad's 63-year-old brother, Rifa'at, a former Syrian vice-president who was exiled in 1986 after an abortive coup. Rifa'at still commands widespread support among the Assad family's minority Alawite sect in Syria.

Rifa'at, who is said to be enthusiastic for peace with Israel and to have held secret talks with Israeli officials, is so popular that Assad waited until February 1998 before formally stripping him of his post and expelling him from the party.

Those moves, however, failed to blunt his popularity.

After rounding up some 1,000 of his supporters in September, Assad's attempt to storm Rifa'at's Syrian stronghold in the Mediterranean port city of Latakia – a 13,692 square-yard compound, complete with its own port – was thwarted by members of Rifa'at's well-armed, well-trained private militia.

Last month, Assad launched a combined air, sea and ground operation and succeeded in overcoming Rifa'at's loyalists and destroying the compound in what was described as "a bloodbath."

Still, Rifa'at retains substantial support and remains a potent challenger for succession when Assad leaves the scene.

Assad made important concessions that permitted Clinton, when announcing the resumption of talks, to fudge the issue of just where negotiations had reached when they were broken off in 1996.

Perhaps for health reasons, however, Assad is continuing to refuse to meet the Israeli leader face to face during negotiations: "He will wait until agreement is reached on a full peace package before shaking hands with Barak on the White House lawn," Seale said.

That moment, say Israeli and Syrian officials, may now be just a matter of months away.

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No concessions made, says Israel

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they left off in 1996. Clinton is due to open the summit between Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa.

Barak hailed the unprecedented political level of negotiations, saying it was what Israel had sought for years. With this, he did acknowledge that crises are ahead.

"The Syrians are champions of brinkmanship," Barak told the Israeli daily *Yediot Achronot*. He said he believes his own straight-talking manner played a part in Hafez al-Assad's decision to reopen the talks.

"Assad decided to resume negotiations after it was proven that what I say I will do, I do. I promised to advance negotiations with the Palestinians, and the negotiations moved forward," Barak said.

He added that Assad was also persuaded to resume negotiations by Barak's declared target date of July 2000 to pull Israeli troops out of Lebanon, where Syria is a main power broker.

Reports said the summit meeting, to be followed by intensive discussions in the region, will initially address technical matters regarding the format of the negotiations. The substantive issues on the negotiating agenda will include the final border, security arrangements including early-warning stations for Israel, control of water resources and the nature of peace-time relations, including diplomatic and commercial ties.

Barak speculated that negotiations with Lebanon could be positively influenced by the Syrian track, but would be held separately.

He also expressed confidence that a promised national referendum on a future Israeli-Syrian peace deal would receive overwhelming support.

Initial reaction from the Israeli opposition indicated otherwise.

"We will mobilize as many people [as needed] to oppose this," said Likud MK and former defence minister Moshe Arens. Arens and other opposition members charge Barak with capitulating to Syrian demands, including a full withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

Opposition leader Ariel Sharon said the Americans were informed that Barak was ready to withdraw to the 1967 borders. He accused Barak of pushing the talks with Syria in order to avert criticism of his social and economic failures.

"Barak failed and needs an 'achievement' to distance criticism," Sharon said in a Likud meeting, "and for this he is ready to give up the Golan Heights without anything in return, and to endanger Israel."

In light of the developments, the ties holding Barak's diverse coalition together showed some strain.

"I am concerned about this and truly hope there was no understanding regarding an Israeli withdrawal that enabled the resumption of talks," cabinet minister Yitzhak Levy, the head of the National Religious Party, told Israel Radio.

"The NRP remains committed to its opposition to giving up the Golan Heights or dismantling Jewish settlements there."

Some 18,000 Israeli Jews reside on the Golan Heights. Their reaction was mixed.

Yehuda Wolman, chair of the Golan regional council, said peace is impossible if it is based on the dismantling of Jewish settlements.

"My face is turned towards the battle to preserve the Golan," Wolman told Israel Radio.

However, Katzrin resident Yoav Tzur said Barak had laid out his objectives clearly in his election campaign, and however painful, peace with Syria carries a price.

"I have lived here for 21 years," he said. "I built my home here... If we make peace with Syria, then we have to pay a price. It's clear."

"We are praying for peace – a peace with the Golan," said Sammy Bar-Lev, head of the regional council of Katzrin, the Golan's largest town, with 6,500 residents.

"It must be a peace we can live with, not a Yamit-style peace," he adds, recalling the return of that Sinai settlement to Egypt in 1982, in which some Israeli settlers were forcefully evicted and the town was razed to the ground.

Later that year, Israel passed a bill that applied Israeli law and jurisdiction to the Golan. The international community never recognized the move, and the de facto annexation has provided the Golan's Jewish residents with little reassurance about their future.

Bar-Lev, a 30-year resident of the Golan, talked of years of uncertainty as successive governments debate the territory's fate. He is sure that the Israeli public will reject any agreement with Assad that involves the return of the Golan.

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Slave-labour firms named

By TOBY AXELROD
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BERLIN — The American Jewish Committee has compiled the largest known list of German companies that used slave workers during the Nazi era.

The list, which contains 257 company names, is expected to put pressure on Germany and German firms negotiating a fund to compensate slave labourers.

The organization publicized the list last Tuesday – one day before the next round of negotiations was scheduled to resume in Washington.

Up to now, the longest list, with names of 80 companies, was compiled by a German group known as Action Reconciliation.

"History will not allow these firms to hide," said Eugene DuBow, outgoing director of the AJC's Berlin office.

Even the new list is far from final, according to a source close to the project.

Certain archives in Germany remain closed, but hopefully "we will blast them open," the source told JTA last Monday, a day before the new list was to be released.

The settlement negotiations have brought together representatives of Holocaust survivors, the German, U.S. and Eastern European governments, and some 50 German companies.

The Week in Israel

Dec. 6

• Israel will not close a new entrance to an important mosque in Jerusalem despite pressure to do so, said cabinet minister Haim Ramon. Ramon said the opening to Al-Aksa Mosque is necessary to ensure the safety of Muslim worshippers during the month of Ramadan. Jerusalem mayor Ehud Olmert had called for the entrance to be closed.

Dec. 7

• Israel's envoy in Amman warned that Jordanian silence over a censure of journalists who visited Israel could harm relations between the two countries. The Jordanian journalists were readmitted to a Jordanian press association only after they signed a statement saying they opposed normal relations with Israel.

Dec. 8

• Egypt and Israel are slated to open a diplomatic dialogue focusing on the new shape the Middle East will take after final peace agreements in the region are concluded, *Ha'aretz* reported. The director general of the Foreign Ministry, Eytan Bentsur met with his counterparts in Cairo to begin the talks.

Dec. 9

• The widow of Israeli spy Eli Cohen has asked to be included in Prime Minister Ehud Barak's entourage in talks with Syrian officials next week in Washington. Nadia Cohen said she hopes to make a personal plea to Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa to allow the return of her husband's remains to Israel as a goodwill gesture.

• Israel launched a diplomatic push to convince Thai authorities not to execute two Israeli citizens convicted of dealing drugs.

Dec. 10

• Two Hezbollah gunmen were killed and an IDF soldier was lightly hurt in one of the heaviest days of fighting in south Lebanon in several weeks. The fierce exchange came soon after the announcement that peace talks between Syria and Israel would resume next week in Washington.

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Saga of Swiss accounts comes to inconclusive end

By MITCHELL DANOW
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — The saga of dormant Holocaust-era accounts in Swiss banks has come to a somewhat inconclusive end.

After hundreds of auditors pored over bank records for three years, a panel overseeing the massive research effort identified nearly 54,000 accounts that may have belonged to victims of the Nazis. It said that the names on about half of them should be published in an effort to find the owners or their rightful heirs.

But there were many more accounts with so little documentation that the teams of researchers were undecided.

The "whole story" of the panel's work is "what we didn't find," Israel Singer, secretary general of the World Jewish Congress and an alternate on the panel, was quoted as saying Dec. 6, the day the report was released.

He was referring to two million accounts opened between 1933 and 1945 that lacked almost all traces of documentation.

It will never be known how many of them had been opened by Jews who believed that Swiss banks would provide a safe haven for their funds during the Nazi era.

In its report, the panel found several instances in which individual banks destroyed records pertinent to the investigation. As a result of these findings, Swiss police have begun a criminal probe that may target the banks involved, JTA has learned.

The panel, formally known as the Independent Committee of Eminent Persons and headed by former U.S. Federal Reserve chair Paul Volcker, was created by the World Jewish Restitution Organization and the Swiss Bankers Association in May 1996 to investigate the dormant accounts.

Jewish groups accused the Swiss banks more than four years ago of hoarding the wealth of Holocaust victims.

The accusation not only tarnished Switzerland's long-cherished reputation as a neutral country during the war; it also mushroomed into a hunt for Jewish assets from the Holocaust and Nazi-looted gold that is still in many western European nations, the United States, Brazil and Argentina.

Analysis

The Volcker Commission's report lent credence – based on documentation it found in the records of several unnamed Swiss banks – to long-standing charges that the banks turned a deaf ear to the needs of Jewish depositors while responding to the directives issued by officials in Nazi Germany.

In addition, the total number of accounts described in the panel's report far exceeds initial estimates presented by the Swiss banks: In testimony three years ago before a U.S. congressional panel, Swiss Bankers Association representatives said they could only locate 775 accounts worth about $32 million (US).

Perhaps the most important conclusion of the panel is that it saw no reason to revise the $1.25-billion settlement that Swiss banks agreed on last year, to pay Holocaust-era claims.

This provided some relief for Swiss bankers. They had feared that the commission's findings could jeopardize the settlement, which was meant to put an end to what many have seen as the darkest chapter in modern Swiss history.

Holocaust victims or their heirs with valid claims to the dormant accounts will be the first to receive moneys from that settlement. Had the commission estimated that their claims would exceed the $1.25 billion, all bets might have been off.

Although that will not be the case, the newly discovered dormant accounts unearthed by the Volcker panel may influence Judge Edward Korman, who is overseeing the settlement in a New York court, to delay the date when the court-appointed official, Judah Gribetz, issues his recommendations on how the settlement is to be distributed.

Gribetz is currently slated to make that recommendation Dec. 28, but the date reportedly may have to be pushed back to allow time to factor in the Volcker panel's findings.

In the past three years, the Volcker panel employed some 650 auditors at a cost of about $300 million to comb through the records of 59 Swiss banks.

The commission, which included three Jewish representatives and two alternates, and an equal number of representatives approved by the Swiss Bankers Association, painted a mixed picture of the banks' activities, saying on the one hand that it found "no evidence of systematic destruction" of records.

But the report also said it had "confirmed evidence of questionable and deceitful actions by some individual banks" in handling the accounts of Holocaust victims.

The report recommended waiving Swiss banking secrecy laws to publish the names of 25,187 dormant accounts. There was not sufficient information about the remainder of the 54,000 accounts it located to merit their publication.

It remains unclear whether Swiss bankers will follow the panel's recommendation and publish the 25,187 names. Kurt Hauri, the head of the Swiss Federal Banking Commission, would not speculate on whether the names would be published. He said the body would make the decision early next year.

In 1997, two separate lists were published that included some 16,000 names linked to dormant accounts worth about $54.4 million.

Swiss bankers, not surprisingly, were pleased that the commission found no proof that they had systematically destroyed records.

Georg Krayer, president of the Swiss Bankers Association, has apologized "for all the disappointments and hurt feelings" caused by the banks' "insufficient" knowledge about the sufferings of Holocaust victims before the controversy erupted four years ago.

But at the same time, he said, "with the exception of a few isolated cases, the banks' conduct during the period in question was correct."

Jewish leaders, however, had a different view of the panel's findings.

"It is a devastating report," said Elan Steinberg, executive director of the WJC. "It confirms the fears of Holocaust survivors and validates their testimony of 50 years, and it is replete with examples of misconduct on the part of the banks."

In Jerusalem, Avner Shalev, chair of the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial – which provided the names of millions of Holocaust victims to the panel so that it could match the names against dormant accounts – said the Volcker Commission had "brought a bit of justice into the open, into the light."

In addition to the Volcker panel's report, the Swiss people will soon have to contend with a second report on the nation's wartime past.

That report, drafted by an international panel of historians known as the Bergier Commission, will focus on Switzerland's treatment of Jewish refugees during World War II.

It is expected to contain a stinging rebuke of the Alpine nation's wartime policy toward the refugees.

Last week, Swiss Jewish leaders met with government officials to discuss a possible anti-Semitic backlash in the wake of the Bergier panel's report.

In the meantime, Orthodox families in Zurich say they are afraid to go out alone because of possible attacks.

"We are advising our members to go out in groups of at least two or more," one representative of the community, speaking on condition of anonymity, told JTA.

JTA correspondent Fredy Rom in Zurich contributed to this report.

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Women's equality focus of talk by Rosalie Abella

By VIVA PRESS
CJN Israel Bureau

JERUSALEM — Justice Rosalie Abella spoke recently at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem on Equality: Human Rights for Women.

"It's an exciting time to come here," said Abella, who is a judge on the Ontario Court of Appeal.

Abella spent her week in Israel lecturing to judges across the country, speaking to the Women's Committee in the Knesset, and talking to law students.

Abella divided her talk at the university into three main issues: equality, human rights, and the role of the courts.

Abella explained how Israel's Basic Law borrows concepts from the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. "We've had [more than] 10 years of experience," Abella pointed out.

"There is a resonance in concerns we [Canadians and Israelis] share," said Abella.

Abella's lecture was given as the first Bullock lecture. The Bullock chair was set up by the Hebrew University for a scholar to deliver an annual lecture or seminar.

Abella, who has been to Israel a number of times, also praised the Knesset Status of Women Committee and said, "they've done a lot and will probably do a whole lot more."

Asked for her impression on equality in Israel, Abella said she believes "there's a strong group of people who are determined that there are equal rights for women."

However, the Association for Civil Rights in Israel said in a recent report that women are still discriminated against in the workplace.

Almost 14 percent of working women earn less than the minimum wage, compared to five percent of working men, ACRI said in its report marking the beginning of International Human Rights Week.

In the research, which covered employment, education, and criminal affairs, ACRI found that discrimination in these fields is "an accepted and deeply rooted norm."

The report, its authors wrote, "presents a harsh picture of the dimensions of discrimination. Even though in the declarative sphere Israel supports the principle of equality, and despite a series of laws that bans discrimination, the reality is extremely grim."

Not only do a larger proportion of women than men earn less than the minimum wage, but the percentage of unemployed women is higher than that of unemployed men.

While more women attend university than men, only 22 percent of senior faculty and 7.8 percent of full professors are female.

The report found that 13.62 percent of women employees earn less than minimum wage, compared to 5.01 percent of men, and that only 35 percent of the job retraining budget went to women.

Nahum Ido, the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry spokesperson, denied that women are discriminated against in funding for job retraining courses.

Ido denied that the ministry allocates less job retraining funding to women than men. Women constitute almost 50 percent of these courses and the ministry has a special fund for women to encourage them to participate, he said.

New war crimes act introduced

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

OTTAWA — A new Canadian Crimes Against Humanity Act, if passed, will revive the option of criminal prosecutions against war crimes suspects and crimes against humanity suspects.

The legislation was tabled last Friday, International Human Rights Day, by Lloyd Axworthy, foreign affairs minister, and Anne McLellan, minister of justice and attorney general of Canada.

"I am proud that Canada is the first country to introduce such comprehensive implementation legislation," said Axworthy, referring to the International Criminal Court established last year to deal with serious international crimes.

"In doing so, we are…ensuring that Canada is at the forefront of making the International Criminal Court a vital, functioning entity."

The act, which would replace the current war crimes provisions of the Criminal Code, would create new offences of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and breach of responsibility by military commanders and civilian superiors.

"The government of Canada remains committed to using all available avenues to bring to justice persons suspected of committing genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes," said McLellan.

The amendments would "reaffirm Canada's pledge to Canadians and to the international community that Canada is not, and will not be, a safe haven for war criminals," she added.

Canadian Jewish Congress welcomed the news. "While we need time to examine the specific details of the bill carefully," said CJC president Moshe Ronen, "we endorse in principle the government's initiative to re-establish the viability of the criminal prosecution route to deal with war crimes and crimes against humanity cases in Canada."

Criminal prosecution in such cases came to a halt after the Supreme Court of Canada's 1994 acquittal of former Toronto restaurateur Imre Finta, the first person charged under federal war crimes legislation.

More details next week.

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Health

New drug helps treat Alzheimer's patients

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The new drug Aricept (donepezil) is of "modest benefit" in treating patients with mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease, Dr. Shelley Sternberg recently told the 20th Dr. Ira Pollock Clinic Day at Wagman Centre.

An enhancement of cognition results from treatment with this drug, and it seems to delay the progression of the disease for about six months, said Sternberg, assistant professor of medicine at University of Chicago and a former Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care staffer.

Experience with the drug at Baycrest over a two-year period suggests that the disease is actually held back for about a year, said Dr. Michael Gordon, vice-president of medical services at Baycrest who chaired the meeting.

Sternberg said, however, that patients taking Aricept must be watched for possible agitation and for drug interactions.

She said administration of Aricept raises many ethical problems, including when to stop the drug, since there is still uncertainty about how long it may arrest the disease.

"There are no guidelines on when to stop. I think that after six months a decision should be made," she said.

In response to Sternberg's paper, Gordon said families are reluctant to stop the drug, but he added: "We've put the drug on hold. It seems to hold out benefit, but there are things about its long-term use we don't know."

In his own lecture following Sternberg's, Gordon discussed the issues involved in telling patients they are suffering from Alzheimer's disease. Even the question of whether to tell them is a tricky one, he said, but concluded that most patients should be told of the diagnosis.

When they are told, however, it can be difficult. "Once or twice a month I hear from families who are concerned about what I may say to the patient. I had a woman stomp out of the office saying her daughter had misled her about the reason for the visit," he said.

Hadassah medical projects

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Hadassah WIZO of Canada has announced that its newest medical projects include a comprehensive breast clinic at Assaf Harofe Medical Centre and an artificial heart program at Hadassah Hospital.

Patricia Alpert, national past president of the organization, who presented the projects at the recent 36th national convention held in Ottawa, said that they feel great affinity to the breast cancer project.

"This is something we will support with our hearts and souls."

Assaf Harofe has been trying for several years, she said, to create a multi-disciplinary medical facility for women with breast cancer. Planned, is a facility that will bring together diagnosticians, surgeons, oncologists, plastic surgeons, psychologists, social workers and other medical consultants.

The Hadassah Hospital project, she said, involves inserting a left ventricular assist device (LVAD), an artificial heart pump, which can be an interim solution for patients waiting for heart transplants, and in some instances, for long-term maintenance.

In some patients, she said, recovery of heart function was observed following the use of the LVAD, even to the extent of being able to remove it without a subsequent heart transplant.

A highlight of the convention, in which Marion Mayman of Ottawa was elected president, was the presentation of a humanitarian award to Hiroki Sugihara, in honour of his late father Chiune, consul general, Japan for Lithuania during World War II. By issuing visas, he rescued over 6,000 Lithuanian Jews.

At the presentation, Hiroki Sugihara met Alan Marshall, the grandson of someone to which his father had issued a visa. "Because of [Chiune], there is life," Marshall said.

Also at the convention, Herb Gray, deputy prime minister of Canada was presented with the Canadian Award, and Ronald Lauder, chair of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations received the Rebecca Sieff Award.

HEART OF GOLD: Dick and Dora Bromstein (centre), volunteers for Leukemia Research Fund Canada, receive enthusiastic applause as the Heart of Gold awardees at the awards evening. The award is given to volunteers who give their time and effort to help the organization.

About Nutrition

By LISA WEINBERG

Q. Can you tell me a few non-meat sources of iron?
A. Try kidney beans, cream of wheat cereal and raisin bran muffins made with molasses. Raisins and molasses are both good sources of iron.
Q. My children love to snack on nuts after school. Is this a healthy snack?
A. Nuts are a very healthful snack. They are rich in protein and heart healthy monounsaturated fats as well as fibre. Nuts do, however, contain a lot of total fat and calories, so watch the portion sizes. And be careful not to offer whole nuts to young children who can easily choke on them.
Q. I am looking for some treats and desserts to make for my kids that are healthier than traditional cookies and snack foods. What baked goods can you suggest?
A. Try Rice Krispie squares, oatmeal cookies, chocolate chip bran muffins, banana nut bread, carrot muffins, date squares and granola bars.

Lisa Weinberg is a registered dietitian/nutritionist, specializing in pediatric and adult nutrition in Toronto. If you have any nutrition questions, send them to The CJN.

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Starring in Istvan Szabo's *Sunshine* are (from left) James Frain, Jennifer Ehle and Ralph Fiennes.

Director's pacing never falters in epic Genie-nominated movie

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Sunshine is one of those vast, sweeping inter-generational family sagas which draws in audiences by virtue of its compelling story line, its sumptuous production values and its generally convincing performances.

Although three hours in length, it is rarely boring. This, first and foremost, is a tribute to director Istvan Szabo, whose grasp of the material and whose pacing never falters.

Playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres starting on Dec. 17, *Sunshine* unfolds across a span of three generations – from the Habsburg Empire to the present day – and leaves a viewer with a distinct message: you cannot escape your roots.

The film, co-produced by Canadian Robert Lantos, is set in Hungary, and revolves around the wealthy and assured Sonnenscheins, whose calm, sedate existence is torn asunder by love, war, tribal nationalism and anti-Semitism. Shot on location in Europe, it begins with a big bang and ends with a measure of personal redemption.

Formerly tavern keepers, the Sonnenscheins have grown rich as distillers of a popular herbal beverage. The clan is headed by Emmanuel (David de Keyser) and his wife, Rose (Miriam Margolyes). They are traditional Jews who place their hopes in their smart, ambitious son, Ignatz (Ralph Fiennes).

Ignatz, however, has no interest in the family business. A conformist lawyer in the civil service, he aspires to a judgeship, knowing full well that his Jewishness is a disadvantage on the greasy pole of success.

Accommodating himself to the racism of the times, he changes his surname to Sors, which is considered "more Hungarian." His brother, Gustave (James Frain), travels a different road as a left-wing revolutionary. Gustave warns Ignatz that he will never really be accepted as a Hungarian, but he dismisses the observation.

Spice is added to brew when Ignatz falls afoul of his parents' wishes and pursues his alluring first cousin, Valerie (Jennifer Ehle). The wedding takes place in a beautifully photographed ceremony in Budapest's main synagogue. Eventually, their seemingly perfect marriage crumbles.

The second part of *Sunshine*, whose dramatic appeal is supplemented by historical file footage of Hungary's descent into World War I and then into fascism, is dominated by Ignatz's handsome, dashing son, Adam. He is also portrayed by Fiennes.

A champion fencer, Adam takes his family's penchant for assimilation one step further by converting to Christianity. He does so to advance his promising athletic career. His wife, Hannah (Molly Parker), is a Jewish convert as well.

As a person, Adam is a snob and maybe even an anti-Semite, but as a sportsman, he is superb. In a scintillating scene at the 1936 Berlin Olympics, which is shot against the backdrop of a gigantic swastika, he wins the gold medal in a furiously fought match.

Despite his fame, Adam finds himself excluded on racial grounds from an army officers' club. But, being naive, he blithely ignores this snub and the passage of a major anti-Semitic law subjecting Jews to second-class citizenship. An unblinking patriot, he believes that these bad times will pass. As darkness descends on Hungary, he has an affair with his brother's wife (Rachel Weisz), an episode which hardly advances the plot.

Hungarian Jews

The fate Adam ultimately meets, in a Hungarian labour camp on a freezing winter day, is simply excruciating. Symbolic of civilization's thin veneer, his demise is a distillation of the horrors which occurred during the Holocaust. Szabo directs the scene with tact and a great deal of artistry.

Ivan, Adam's son, played by Fiennes yet again, joins the postwar Communist government's secret police force. By doing so, he thinks that he can exact vengeance on his father's murderers. But Ivan quickly discovers that the new regime, though anti-fascist, is ideologically changeable and anything but philo-Semitic.

In short order, the government unmasks a supposedly anti-Zionist conspiracy. Adam's superior, a general whose wife Adam is bedding on the side, warns him "to keep Jews off your team."

Thoroughly disillusioned with the Communists, Adam breaks ranks with them, suffering the consequences of his heresy. With the dissolution of the Communist era, he embraces his Jewish identity, changing his name back to Sonnenschein and, as he puts it, breathes freely at last.

Though occasionally didactic, *Sunshine* radiates seriousness of purpose and wide-ranging intelligence. Definitely not a coarse, garden variety soap opera, this film is imbued with a steadfast moral compass which rarely leads it astray.

The script, co-written by Szabo and Israel Horowitz, moves things along nicely, but suffers from pat phrasing here and there.

Fiennes, a remarkable actor, has no trouble carrying the picture from one generation to the next. His co-stars, particularly Ehle, Rosemary Harris (the elderly Valerie), William Hurt (a Communist police official) and de Keyser, acquit themselves with aplomb.

Sunshine, which can be enjoyed and appreciated on different levels, is the ideal movie to usher out the 20th century, the most destructive in history.

Last week, it was nominated for 14 Genie Awards, more than any other film.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

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Reich says he first wrote the book for his grandchildren, who "have given it favourable reviews."

The book's first printing was entirely sold out – "all 10 copies" – at the recent Jewish Book Fair in Toronto. No doubt the author's lively imagination, inventive way with words, and sense of humour had something to do with its initial success.

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Inside the Broadway Musical: One sleepless night in 1926, American composer **George Gershwin** read a novel, *Porgy*, and wrote author **Dubose Heyward** for permission to turn it into an opera. It took seven years before the two started working on the project in earnest. They were perhaps spurred into action because an independent producer was attempting another version of the work, featuring the lyrics and music of *Show Boat* collaborators **Oscar Hammerstein** and **Jerome Kern**, and starring Al Jolson in blackface.

When *Porgy and Bess* finally premiered in 1935, the *New York Times* sent two reviewers to the opening, uncertain whether the production was a dramatic work or a musical. While the former critic was enthusiastic, the music critic had mixed feelings, writing that "the style is at one moment of opera and another of operetta or sheer Broadway entertainment."

That's just one of many important evolutionary moments of the Broadway musical highlighted in *Enchanted Evenings: The Broadway Musical from Show Boat to Sondheim*, by **Geoffrey Block**. The book is an engaging, well-researched discussion of 14 seminal works including *Anything Goes*, *Pal Joey*, *Carousel*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *Guys and Dolls*, *My Fair Lady* and *West Side Story*.

There's also a chapter on *The Cradle Will Rock*, the 1937 "labour musical" that has recently been revived as both a **Jason Sherman** play and a new movie.

Serious fans of the Broadway musical, including professional musicians, will find this a compelling read. Oxford Press, $56.

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Arts Briefs

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• *Not a Christmas Show* profiles Canadians who do not celebrate Christmas, such as **Andrew Katz**, a young man from a small rural community in Michigan. Vision TV, Dec. 23, 7 p.m.

• **Tony Bennett** sings with the **Ralph Sharon Quartet**. Roy Thomson Hall, Jan. 17, 8 p.m. $59.50 to $125. 872-4255.

Benefits & Foundations

• *Jack and the Beanstalk: Verminator Too's Revenge* is a fun-filled kid's show that discusses the threat of homelessness. A benefit for Covenant House, a youth shelter. $15. Theatre 620, St. Vladimir's Institute, 620 Spadina Ave. at Harbord. Dec. 16 to Jan. 9. 763-8544 or 872-1111.

• Epilepsy Ontario's annual charity fine art sale continues through Dec. 20 in Suite 308, Promenade Mall. Originals, signed prints and lithos by **Matisse**, **Dali**, **Dubi** and other artists are for sale at great prices. All proceeds go to children's services. 905-764-5099.

• The Ontario Arts Council and the Samuel and Saidye Bronfman Family Foundation have jointly established a task force to study how to strengthen the health of arts in the community. The task force's report, due March 31, 2000, is expected to help private funders and various levels of government.

Author's stories centre on Orthodox people

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
CJN Staff

TORONTO — On the top floor of a downtown book store all eyes are riveted on the young man with dark flowing locks reading at the podium.

From his attire – jeans, worn boots and a casual brown sweater – the young man, Nathan Englander, looks like a graduate student. But he is, in fact, a best-selling author.

Englander's first book, *For the Relief of Unbearable Urges* (Knopf), a collection of short stories published in March, has been showing up on many best book of the year lists.

All the stories in this collection have a Jewish theme, and many centre on Orthodox protagonists. It is a subject the Jerusalem-based Englander, 29, is familiar with, having grown up in a haredi community in Long Island, N.Y. Today, however, he writes from the vantage point of a secular Jew.

Some 150 people attend the reading he gives in Toronto, which has been organized by the New

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PHOTOFEST

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Englander's stories centre on Orthodox characters

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Leadership Division of the Toronto Chapter of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Englander is on the last leg of a promotional tour in North America. He has been on the road for six months.

On this night in Toronto he reads from the book's title story, *For the Relief of Unbearable Urges*, about a chassidic man who is given dispensation by his rebbe to see a prostitute because he has been spurned sexually by his wife.

In *The Gilgul of Park Avenue*, a Protestant man has a revelation that he has a Jewish soul – an Orthodox Jewish soul – while riding in a taxi. He gradually incorporates Jewish ritual into his life, much to the incredulity of his wife.

The book deals with issues of identity, Englander tells the audience during the question and answer period.

He recounts the transition in his identity from Orthodox to secular Jew. It happened in Israel, where, he says, he saw secular Jews strongly identifying as Jewish.

The way he was raised, people who were not religious were not considered Jewish, he says. "I was raised not to respect secular Judaism. In Israel I discovered I could be both."

Englander was a student at State University of New York at Binghamton and did his junior year at the Rothberg International School at Hebrew University in 1989-90. During his very first week in Israel, he says, he became a secular Jew. "I got into a car on Shabbat."

But Englander says the move away from the Orthodox world in which he was raised took years, explaining that as a teenager he had questioned the lifestyle and found refuge in literature and writing.

He went away to university, a move that was frowned upon in his community, he says. "I was edging out of religiosity for years. In Israel, I could bridge that gap."

After completing university, he worked as a photographer in New York City. He continued to write and went on to study at the University of Iowa's Writer's Workshop.

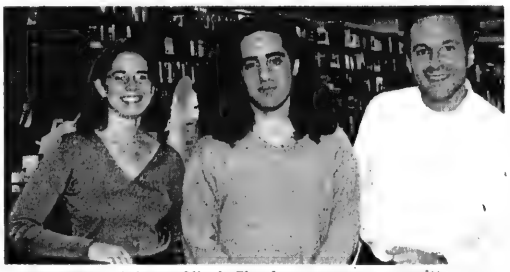
In Iowa, he began selling his short stories to magazines, and he was discovered by a literary agent who found him a publisher.

In response to a query about why he continues to write about about the Orthodox community, Englander says that although he's no longer religious, he spent two-thirds of his life in that community.

"This is my world. I grew up in it. Even if I wasn't from that world, you write about whatever your topic is."

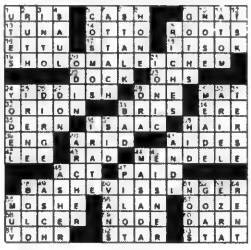
As for his family's response to the changes he has made, Englander says his family and the community he grew up in have been very supportive. "I respect their world and they respect mine."

His family is proud of his success, he add. "They're schepping nachas."



Pictured (from left) are Nicole Shuckett, program committee member, New Leadership Division; Nathan Englander and David Birnbaum, co-chairman, New Leadership Division.

ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



New children's Jewish choir debuts in concert at Leah Posluns theatre

By ANNA TURKIENICZ
CJN Staff

A new Jewish children's choir presented its premiere performance just eight weeks after its creation.

The Renanim Children's Chorus recently sang with Lachan – the Toronto Jewish Chamber Choir, and with Cantilena, a Toronto-based professional vocal ensemble.

The three choirs were part of A Holiday Celebration of Song, presented by the Koffler Centre of the Arts at the Leah Posluns theatre.

The Lachan choir was conducted by Cantor Benjamin Z. Maissner, and Cantilena was conducted by Wayne Gilpin.

Susan Michaels, conductor and founder of Renanim, said that when she was contacted by the Koffler School of Music to establish the choir, she was excited about being able to provide children from the entire religious spectrum of the Jewish community with the opportunity to sing together.

While there are choirs in some of the synagogues and day schools, she said, the children are separated by their religious affiliations.

Renanim unites Jewish children from different Hebrew day schools, other private schools and public schools, Michaels said.

After eight weeks of hard work, Michaels said, Chanukah seemed like the perfect time to bring the children's voices to the public.

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Conductor Susan Michaels and accompanist Robin Perlmutter (top row, left) with the Renanim Children's Chorus.

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Choir debuts for Chanukah show

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Michaels, who was a high school educator, sang with the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir for about 17 years. At the same time, she was also involved in community work. She was vice-president of Jewish Women's Federation for four years.

Michaels said she decided to form the choir in order to combine her Jewish world with her non-Jewish world.

"When I sang with the Mendelssohn, I felt that I was a part of a magnificent choir. But at the same time, singing Christian music made me feel like an outsider.

"Renanim allowed me to bring our rich Jewish heritage to our kids, and at the same time have them belong to a musical group they could be proud of.

"Hopefully," Michaels said, "I'll be able to teach the kids to love who they are through an appreciation of their music."

In A Holiday Celebration of Song, Michaels said, "it was wonderful to conduct the Renanim choir with the Lachan choir in a rendition of *Ocho Kandelikas*, a Ladino song.

"It gave me the opportunity to bring together Jewish voices of all different ages and backgrounds."

The choir is currently made up of about 25 children, ranging in age from seven to 16, singing in three parts – first soprano, second soprano and alto.

Michaels said she hopes that as the choir grows, she will be able to divide the kids into younger and older groups.

"Not only is there so much music written for this time of year," Michaels said, "but Chanukah is a great time to illuminate the fact that we can all come together despite our religious observances through the unity of song."

Transformed Croatian town blessed with Mediterranean-like climate

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

OPATIJA, Croatia — This charming, sedate town on the Adriatic Sea has undergone two major transformations in the last few hundred years.

For a long time, it was an obscure fishing village dependent on the bounty of the Bay of Kvarner.

In the 19th and early 20th centuries, it was the haunt of European royalty and a pantheon of writers and musicians.

For the past several decades, Opatija, with a population of 10,000, has been an affordable resort for the working and middle classes.

It is not hard to understand why Opatija, some 200 kilometres east of Venice, Italy, is a draw.

When it is freezing in Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, the weather here is usually balmy. Opatija is blessed with a Mediterranean climate. On average, the winter temperature is 10 C, with snow being a rarity. In summer, the mean temperature is 22 degrees.

Mt. Ucka rises 1,396 metres over Opatija, the highest point in the Istrian peninsula, protecting it from the cold, strong bura wind.

The coastline, encompassing Croatia's riviera, is curvaceous and stunning, dotted with palm trees, cypresses and ginkgos. The semi-tropical landscape is such that if you were parachuted into Opatija, you might not know you were in the heart of Europe.

As a result of certain currents, the water of the Adriatic is crystal clear, far clearer than the Mediterranean Sea.

You can swim in the Adriatic for much of the year, although the beaches are on the rocky side. The only sand beach is 100 kilometres from Opatija, on the island of Susak.

Croatia has more than 1,000 offshore islands, 66 of them inhabited. All of them are said to be as pretty as the Greek islands further to the south.

Opatija as seen from its seaside promenade. [S. Kirshner photo]

Two of the largest ones, Krk and Cres, are relatively close to Opatija. You can see them, green and mountainous, as you walk the length of Opatija's elegant 12-kilometre waterfront promenade.

Opatija is justly famous for its ornate, pastel-coloured Italianate villas, a legacy of its tumultuous past.

Administered by the Austro-Hungarian Empire until 1918, Opatija was subsequently ruled by Italy. It passed into Yugoslavia's hands in 1946. Since 1991, Opatija has been part of newly sovereign Croatia.

During the strife which tore Yugoslavia to shreds in the early and mid-1990s, this region was luckily spared.

Nevertheless, the secessionist wars that carved up Yugoslavia into separate independent states drove travellers away, and tourism is still off by at least 40 percent. Tourists, however, are slowly returning, not only to Opatija, but to neighbouring Lovran, five kilometres down the coast.

Hemmed in by pine, oak, bay and chestnut forests, as well as olive and lemon groves, Lovran is an attractive town of 5,000 inhabitants.

During the Roman era, it was a summer residence of nobility. Later, Lovran was a busy port that often fended off pirate attacks.

Like Opatija, Lovran is known for its beautiful villas, and one of them, Villa Frappart, set in a spacious but somewhat neglected garden, has become a music academy which doubles as a hotel.

The star attraction of Lovran is the medieval quarter. Its narrow streets and compact houses are quite impressive, and its cafes and boutiques exude a charm of their own.

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Deadline for peace deal draft set

By ALUF BENN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Israel and the Palestinian Authority plan to complete a first draft of the framework for a permanent agreement within the next four weeks.

The two sides made the decision in talks held last week by U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright with Prime Minister Ehud Barak and PA Chairman Yasser Arafat.

At the same time, a senior Israeli source said yesterday that the Palestinians were slowing down the pace of negotiations on the permanent agreement in order to wait for developments on the Syrian track.

The source said the Palestinians hope to be able to take advantage of two precedents that will be set in the Israel-Syrian treaty: a withdrawal to the June 4, 1967, lines and the evacuation of all the settlements on the Golan – two demands that Israel is ready to accept from the Syrians but not from the Palestinians in terms of equivalent features in the West Bank.

Barak and Arafat spoke by telephone last weekend after the prime minister sent the Palestinian leader condolences on the death of his eldest sister, who died on Saturday. During the conversation, which Israeli sources described as positive, the two leaders exchanged family experiences and spoke about their genetic makeup and its effect on their life span.

A planned meeting between the two men is not expected to take place until after Barak's return from talks with the Syrians in Washington, because Barak was suffering from flu and Arafat was visiting Egypt.

Albright offered Barak and Arafat a format for continuing the talks on the framework agreement, to enable progress to be made and create the possibility of a summit meeting of the two leaders with President Bill Clinton. The main points are as follows:

- The sides will complete a first draft of the framework agreement by Jan 10, 2000.
- Arafat will be invited to a meeting with Clinton in Washington.
- U.S. peace envoy Dennis Ross will visit the Middle East on Jan. 15 and will be involved in the talks continuously until the summit meeting.
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Searching for professional Jewish hockey players

By HARVEY ROSEN
Special to The CJN

Finding Jewish pro and semi-pro hockey players is sometimes a challenge; at other times, it's a piece of honey cake.

In the case of San Jose right-winger Ronnie Stern, 32, you don't exactly have to be a detective to search for clues as to his whereabouts. He can usually be found in any of the 28 National Hockey League penalty boxes from Florida to California.

Brothers David Nemirovsky (right) and Michael Nemirovsky (left).

Behaving like a shark in the team's second game of the season, the Ste. Agathe, Que., native started slowly with an interference penalty in the first period. In the second, he received a double roughing penalty, a high-sticking infraction and a fighting major. So, what did you expect? A hat trick?

The 6-foot, 195-pound Stern only scored a total of seven goals and nine assists last year, but that's not what the pugnacious skater, who missed the entire 1997-98 season with a knee injury, was hired for. A team-leading 158 minutes in penalties underscores his job description.

Next month, Stern will reach the 600 game mark in the NHL and one can only wonder how much tread remains on his tires.

Who knows, perhaps he'll hang around for his second captaincy with the Maccabiah Games' Canadian hockey squad.

New York Rangers defenceman Mathieu Schneider, whose dad is Jewish, is back in the NHL for his 12th season. He was recently re-signed as a free agent to a one-year $2.75-million pact.

The 30-year-old earned the same fee last season when he ranked second to star rearguard Brian Leetch in blue-liner scoring, with 10 goals and 24 assists in 75 games. The one-year agreement enables the New York native to become an unrestricted free agent next season.

This being the case he will likely pull down the kind of numbers in his next contract that will make his present agreement seem like change.

Schneider, who led his team in hits last season with 182, was acquired from the Maple Leafs in exchange for rearguard Alexander Karpovtsev a week after the start of last season.

Mathieu was a member of Montreal's 1993 Stanley Cup-winning team and also played for the United States in the 1998 Olympics and the 1996 World Cup.

The 5-foot-10, 192-pounder has totalled 105 goals and 240 assists in 628 career NHL games with the Rangers, Leafs, Islanders and Canadiens.

Steve Dubinsky, a centre, is still hanging on with the Calgary Flames in his second campaign with the team. His stats tell the whole story, as far as his role with the Alberta club is concerned. He played in 62 games last season (one with the Blackhawks) and managed only four goals and 10 assists as a defensive forward primarily.

The 29-year-old Montreal native was a walk-on at Clarkson University. When the powers that be noted his potential, they granted him a scholarship in his last three years. It is noteworthy that Dubinsky was a bit of a sniper in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Association, recording 58 goals and adding 90 assists in 141 games.

Dubinsky said three years ago when he was with Chicago that people did make a big deal about his being a rare Jewish pro hockey player and that it helped him to integrate into the Jewish community.

Fresh blood is also important, and I have located a new Jewish NHLer with the Washington Capitals. Jeff Halpern, 23, is a centre with the club and on Oct. 19, he potted his first goal.

He is considered by some as a skater who has lots to learn as he makes adjustments from U.S. college hockey to the NHL, but he's fast, smart, and listens well.

The Potomac, Md., native was an outstanding player with Division 1 Princeton and played six games last season with Portland Pirates, the American Hockey League affiliate of the Caps. He scored a pair of goals and added an assist. His making the parent team so soon surprised more than a few observers.

Mathieu Schneider

On the cusp are a fair number of Jewish players who aspire to playing under the big top.

Last year, left-winger Doug Friedman had 26 goals and 25 assists with the International Hockey League Milwaukee Admirals and this season he is with San Jose's farm team, Kentucky, in the AHL.

David Hymovitz, also a left winger, who led the IHL Indianapolis Ice in scoring last season (46 goals, 30 assists) is in the Los Angeles chain now and skating with Lowell of the AHL.

The AHL St. John's Maple Leafs boast two Jewish skaters in right winger David Nemirovsky and centre Aaron Brand. The former had 25 goals and 22 helpers with two clubs last year, and the latter scored seven goals and had 26 assists with the Maple Leafs farm team.

Todd Simon, centre, is back with the IHL Cincinnati Cyclones where he was 26 and 61 last season.

In Milwaukee, you'll also find Nashville defenceman Bubba Berenszweig.

The Edmonton Oilers' first round pick of two years ago, Michael Henrich, is back for seasoning with Barrie of the Ontario League.

Other minor leaguers out there are Oleg Shargorodsky, David Littman, Jamie Sokolsky, Brandon Gray, Harold Hersh, and Andy Silverman.

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מאת: יעל זליגר

סיפור חיים: אהרן אפלפלד

כאשר נודע לראשונה שאהרן אפלפלד פרסם את קורות חייו הייתי בין אלו שעבורם זו הייתה אמורה להיות הפתעה מרהיבה. כבוד הסופר אהרן אפלפלד מגולל, בלשון ישירה, פרקים מתולדות חייו. לאור חשיבותו של אפלפלד כסופר היה ספרו אמור לשמש כמסמך תרבותי חשוב ביותר במאה שלנו.

מה רבה הייתה אכזבתי עם קריאת סיפור חיים של אהרן אפלפלד, הוצאת כתר. בראש ובראשונה לא אהבתי את סגנונה הספרותי של אוטוביוגרפיה זו. בכל שנות יצירתו הכבירה הפליג אפלפלד לנבכי חשכת השואה והוא עשה זאת בכשרון אנדתי וייחודי לו. אולי בשל היותו תמיד חש שהוא בן נוכרי לשפה העברית, אפלפלד פיתח לעצמו סגנון "יחסכניי"; מילים רזות ורכות אך בעלות עוצמת חדירה קסומה. כך, פעם אחר פעם, חשף בפנינו אפלפלד בסיפוריו הנשגבים אמיתות כואבות ואיומות מכל. והנה בא המחבר הנערץ לגלגל שוב את סיפורו האישי אך הפעם בדיבור ישיר והפעם, נכשל. "נכשלי" קודם כל בצורת הדיבור שיותר מכל, בעיקר בחלק השלישי מתוך שלושת פרקי האוטוביוגרפיה, סובלת מהתבטאות חסרת תחכום. זכותו של אפלפלד לכעוס על כל העולם, מדינת ישראל בכלל והמימסד הספרותי בפרט, וזכותו אף לשפוך זעמו על השפה העברית; "רבית ושפת אמי אבדו לי לעולמים, והשפה הזאת שהבטיחה להיות שפת אם אינה אלא אם חורגת". אך האם באמת התכוון, להיפטר מהזהות הישראלית? כך ממש משתמע מדבריו!

כאמור, שלושה פרקים לספר. תיאור מחוז ילדותו במזרח אירופה, מלחמת העולם השנייה והקטסטרופה ובחלק האחרון, הנדודים אחרי המלחמה והחיים בארץ. מסע צמיחתו של אהרן, כילד יהודי בבית מתבולל ולאחר מכן אֵימֵי המלחמה, הגטו והמחנה ולימים בריחתו ומאבקו לשרוד ביערות אוקראינה, כל אלה מתוארים בעוצמתו הידועה של הסופר. (תאורי הרדיפה והחרדה בשדות, בתחנות הרעב וליד הנהרות). הם, הם אפלפלד הסופר בגדולתו). חלקם המאכזב ביותר הוא החלק האחרון, האמור להיות המשמעותי ביותר בספר, שבו מתאר אפלפלד את חוויית חקליטה הקשה והמשפילה שעבר בארץ, והתפתחותו כסופר בישראל. בחלק זה דמויות מתקופת ההתיישבות והצבא מתוארות באופן שלילי; דמויות (סטריאוטיפים) עם תכונות "צבריות" המעוררות בו סלידה. הוצאות ספרים ואנשי תרבות שעשו עם אפלפלד חסד רב, לא מוזכרות כלל. יש משהו בנימת דבריו הבלתי סלחנית של אפלפלד שקשה לקבלה.

תמיד נזכור לאפלפלד זכות על המהפכה שהוא יצר בנושא פליטי השואה, אך קשה להבין מדוע הוגה וסופר מהולל כאפלפלד מתקשה להשלים עם העובדה שעם כל חשגיאות שנעשו (הדי-די-טי וכפיית "העברי החדש") זו הייתה האופציה היחידה בשעתו במאמץ לגבש זהות חדשה במולדת הישראלית.

"הדפים שלפנינו הם פרק זכרון והתבוננות. הזיכרון שלנו חמקמק וסלקטיבי ונוצר מה שהוא בוחר לנצור" מקדים אפלפלד להסביר בדברי הפתיחה לסיפור חיים. כמובן, זכותו של אפלפלד לבחור ולמיין את העובדות כרצונו. בסיפוריו עשה אהרן אפלפלד מלאכת מיון וסיפור מופלאה. ואילו כאן, באוטוביוגרפיה, ישנה איזו חתירה אובססיבית לעיצוב תדמית בלתי מובנת המעוררת דחייה. חבל, שכן בלי כל צל של ספק, אהרן אפלפלד הוא אחד מגדולי הסופרים העברים בדורנו.

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seeds of 1 pomegranate	1/4 tsp pepper
1 onion, diced	1 tsp caraway seeds (optional)
2 tblsp of oil	2 cups chicken soup

Soak chicken pieces in pomegranate juice for 30 minutes.

Mix flour, salt, pepper and caraway seeds together. Dredge chicken pieces in mixture. Reserve pomegranate juice.

Brown coated chicken pieces in oil. Add diced onion, and continue to brown.

When chicken has been well-browned, add pomegranate juice, and cook on low flame for 20 minutes. Sprinkle with pomegranate seeds before serving.

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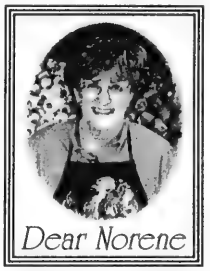


By NORENE GILLETZ

This decadent cake is perfect for last-minute entertaining. The recipe comes from *Chocolate (From Simple Cookies to Extravagant Showstoppers)* by Nick Malgieri (HarperCollins, $49.95).

The subtitle describes the book perfectly! Winner of the 1998 Julia Child Cookbook Award, Baking Category, this is a must-have for everyone's cookbook shelf. The coloured photographs are almost good enough to eat!

As a special touch to mark the new millennium, why not decorate the top of the cake (or any round cake) like the face of a clock! Melt one square of semisweet chocolate over low heat. Transfer to a pastry bag fitted with a writing tip. Decorate cake, marking the numbers 12, three, six and nine. Happy New Year! Enjoy.

EASY FLOURLESS CHOCOLATE CAKE

Cake:
8 tbsp. (1 stick) unsalted butter at room temperature
¼ cup sugar
7 large eggs, separated
8 oz. semisweet chocolate, melted and cooled
Pinch salt

Finishing:
¼ cup seedless raspberry preserves
1 cup whipping cream
3 tbsp. sugar

Use one 9-inch springform pan, buttered; line bottom with a disk of parchment or wax paper. Set rack at middle level of oven; preheat to 350.

Beat butter and sugar until light, with a hand mixer at medium speed, or in a heavy-duty mixer using paddle attachment, about 3 to 5 minutes. Add yolks one at a time, beating until smooth after each addition. Beat in chocolate.

In a clean, dry bowl, beat egg whites with salt until soft peaks form. Stir about a third of whites into batter, then, using a rubber spatula, gently fold in remaining whites.

Pour batter into prepared pan; smooth to make the top even. Bake about 40 minutes, until well risen and centre is firm and elastic to a fingertip.

Cool cake in pan for 5 minutes; invert onto a rack to cool completely. Slide cake onto a platter.

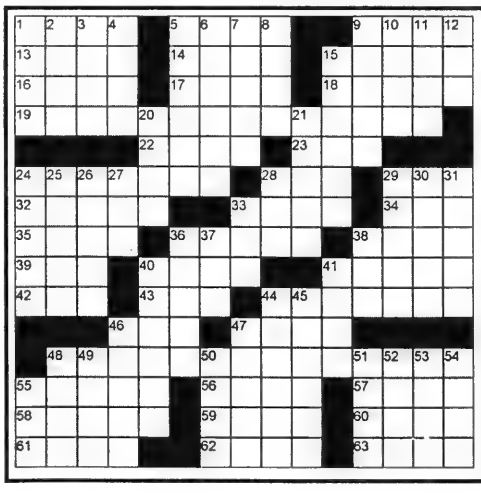
To finish, place preserves in a small pan and stir over low heat to melt. Pour preserves into centre of cake. Cool to room temperature.

Whip cream with sugar until soft peaks form. Spread over top of cake, covering preserves, shortly before serving.

Serving: Cut into 10 or 12 wedges. Serve with fresh fruit or berries on the side, if desired.

Storage: To make cake ahead, cool and double-wrap in plastic wrap. Store in refrigerator several days or in freezer several months. Bring cake to room temperature before finishing (can be done shortly before serving). Pour preserves over; leave at room temperature. Whip cream and refrigerate. Spread whipped cream on cake shortly before serving.

Norene Gilletz, a Canadian author of kosher cookbooks, gives lectures and cooking demonstrations throughout North America. Submit cooking questions to The CJN. *Contact Norene at gourmana@total.net*



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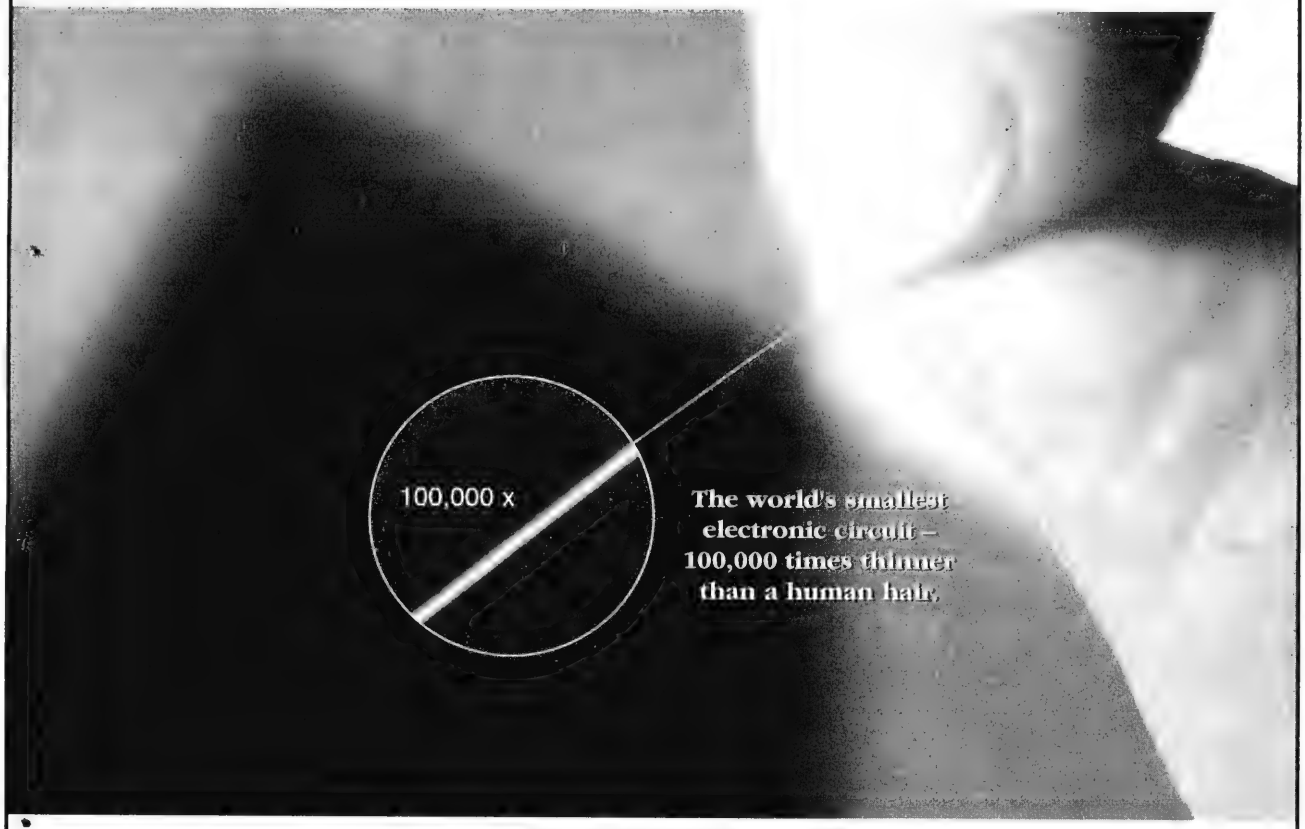

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"It was a hard round but we're in the right direction," said Israel's Prime Minister Ehud Barak after the first round of peace discussions in Washington last week with Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk a-Sha'ara. The parties are scheduled to return to Washington on Jan.3 to resume negotiations. In Israel, (see photo inset) residents of the Golan protested the Washington meetings. *RNS/Reuters/photos]*

A look at Jewish life 1,000 years ago

By RABBI SHLOMO JAKOBOVITS
Special to The CJN

It is widely assumed that the long-term trend of society is upwards – towards higher living standards, better government, more concern for the individual. But at the beginning of the millennium, which is now about to end, that was certainly not the case – not for Jews, and not for the broader population.

On the contrary, the general quality of life had indeed considerably deteriorated in the previous thousand years, and this downward trend was to continue well into the new millennium. Compared to the days when Rome ruled much of the world there was now weaker security, more crime, less education and culture, lower standards of living, and inferior technology.

As an example of the last of these items, the Romans had constructed paved roads, and plied

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ships of 5,000 tons on the sea; by the year 1000 dirt-tracks had replaced paved roads, and the largest ships weighed a mere 500 tons.

For Jews, the new millennium ushered in an era of increasing intolerance, more pogroms, and more expulsions. Jews had, of course, experienced persecution and suffering already in Roman times, at the beginning of what is called the first millennium.

Indeed, we tend to look upon Rome as our arch-enemy, and as the epitome of ferocity and cruelty. That is because it was they who fought the Jewish people in a war which destroyed Jerusalem, and then again in the Bar Kochba war.

But these wars, destructive as they were, developed as the result of Jewish rebellions, and constituted political-military campaigns, in no way comparable to the ceaseless and widespread hatred of Jews which the next millennium was to unleash.

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Getting to an agreement

By ZE'EV SCHIFF
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

The stakes are high for Ehud Barak in his talks with the Syrians. Should the Israeli negotiating team fail to work out a good agreement, not only could the public reject the pact in a referendum, but Barak's future as prime minister could be jeopardized.

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Israel must seek a reasonable agreement, a package deal with terms that give it something in return for making painful concessions.

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HIPPY Program for Kids

VANCOUVER — HIPPY, the world-renowned Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters, has come to Canada, thanks to the National Council of Jewish Women and a recently announced grant from Health Canada of $437,000. The grant is for a four-year pilot program in Vancouver aimed at helping low-income and immigrant families prepare children for school.

Access To Health Services

TORONTO — As of September 2000, all school-aged children in Ontario will have equal access to publicly funded school health services including nursing, physiotherapy, dietitian services and speech therapy, said Elizabeth Witmer, provincial health minister, at a meeting last week with key stakeholders, including the Ontario Alliance of Jewish Schools. The services, to be provided through 43 community care access centres, will fulfil a pre-election promise made by Premier Mike Harris.

ISRAEL

Commandos Kill Two

JERUSALEM — Israeli commandos killed two Hamas fugitives and nabbed three others during a raid last week on the terrorists' hideout in a village west of Hebron. Members of the cell were reportedly planning to carry out an attack against Israel.

Traffic Deaths Down

JERUSALEM — The number of traffic deaths in Israel in the first 11 months of this year dropped by 13.7 percent over the same period a year earlier, police figures show. A similar rate of decline, 13.2 percent, was also registered in the number of accidents during the same period. As well, police revoked over 9,000 drivers' licenses since the start of 1999, an 18 percent increase over the previous 12 months.

Y2K Shuts Reactor

JERUSALEM — Israel's nuclear reactor near the town of Dimona will be shut down on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day to prevent possible malfunctions related to the Y2K bug. Despite the planned shutdown, the Prime Minister's Office says Israel's nuclear facilities meet the standards to combat any year 2000-related computer glitches.

WORLD

Russia Returns Torahs

MOSCOW — The Russian government returned 10 Torah scrolls which had been looted by the Nazis or confiscated by the state during the Soviet era. Last week's transfer of the scrolls to Russian Jewry from the state archives was the highlight of a conference of the Congress of Jewish Religious Communities and Organizations of Russia.

The Swiss Image

BERN — The Swiss cabinet last week rejected a request from liberal lawmakers to publish the names of the 51,000 refugees who received asylum in Switzerland during World War II. "We will not use the names of Holocaust victims for a PR campaign for Switzerland," said a government spokesperson. At the same time, the Swiss Parliament approved a plan to spend $8 million to improve the country's image abroad.

Sephardi Shul Opens

MOSCOW — Israel's Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliyahu Bakshi-Doron, participated in the dedication last week of Moscow's first Sephardi synagogue. The event reflects the growing size and influence of Jews from the Caucasus region in Moscow's Jewish life.

Spectre of Holocaust

UNITED NATIONS — The head of an independent team that investigated the UN response to the 1994 genocide in Rwanda recalled another genocide – the Holocaust – in delivering the team's report last week to the United Nations. "In May 1944, I was a young boy – 10 years old – when I saw the white buses with the Red Cross coming from Germany with some of the few surviving Jews," team leader Ingvar Carlsson, the former Swedish prime minister, told UN secretary general, Kofi Annan. "I will never forget their voices, their faces, their eyes," he said. "I couldn't imagine that I would meet that kind of situation again. But I did in the site of genocide in Rwanda, talking to the survivors, to the families." Carlsson said he hoped the report would sound alarms in the hope of avoiding another genocide.

Florida's Jewish Boom

PALM BEACH — More than 10 percent of all U.S. Jews reside in the South Florida counties of Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade. The Jewish population of those areas, now at 644,000, increased by 30 percent in the past 20 years.

Kirk Douglas's Simchah

LOS ANGELES — Actor Kirk Douglas celebrated his second bar mitzvah on his 83rd birthday. "Today I am 13 years old again," the screen legend said at a Dec. 9 ceremony. "I promise to be a good boy." Draped around his shoulders was the tallit he wore exactly 70 years earlier, when Issur Danielovitch, the son of Russian Jewish immigrants, marked his coming of age at a synagogue in New York.

Provinces Pass Holocaust Day Memorial Acts

More Canadian provinces are weighing – and passing – legislation to declare Holocaust Memorial Day.

This month, Prince Edward Island and Quebec passed bills that will mark Yom Hashoah as Holocaust Memorial Day in those provinces. They join Ontario, which passed similar legislation last year.

The government of PEI Premier Pat Binns passed the legislation Dec. 9. The next day, New Brunswick's legislature approved its bill's first reading. Final approval was expected this week.

Also last week, Quebec's National Assembly, in response to a private member's bill put forward by MNA Lawrence Bergman, adopted legislation that will mark Yom Hashoah in the province.

British Columbia is considering passing a similar bill. The province has already recognized the day through an order in council.

Officials stress these will not be statutory holidays but rather an opportunity to remember and pay tribute to the victims of the Holocaust.

Canadian Jewish Congress hailed the developments.

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Accused Israeli soldier denies involvement

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A 19-year-old Israeli soldier wanted in the beating death of 15-year-old Matti Baranovski was arrested in Israel last Sunday.

Daniel Weiz was taken into custody by military police at Canada's request as he was returning to his army unit, and handed over to civilian authorities in Jerusalem. He was scheduled to make a court appearance this past Tuesday, at which prosecutors were planning to ask that he be held for 45 days pending an extradition request.

Toronto police have charged Weiz with second-degree murder in connection with Baranovski's Nov. 14 swarming and murder.

Weiz's lawyer has said she will oppose both his arrest and his extradition, and says he denies involvement in the crime, saying he's "completely amazed" that he's being linked to it.

Weiz did not escape from Canada and made no attempt to hide in Israel, his lawyer said.

Toronto police say they will travel to Israel as soon as an extradition order is issued by Canadian authorities. But local police officers were believed to be on their way to Jerusalem as of last Monday.

As *The CJN* went to press Monday morning, Canada had not yet filed a formal request to have Weiz extradited.

The process is a long and bureaucratic one. The attorney general of Ontario must ask the federal justice minister to make the request. Once the justice minister approves the request for extradition, it is forwarded to his or her counterpart in Israel, who forwards the file to the attorney general.

The Israeli courts then make the decision, after reviewing evidence presented by Toronto police.

A recently amended law in Israel states that an Israeli citizen and resident may be tried in a foreign country, as long as the other country agrees the suspect would serve his sentence in Israel if convicted.

Israeli Justice Ministry officials said Weiz would not be extradited without such a commitment from Canada. A source in the public prosecutor's office told the *Ha'aretz* daily that if Weiz is found guilty, Canadian authorities "must" send him back to Israel.

Toronto police are hoping Weiz will return to Canada voluntarily, in which case detectives would fly to Israel immediately to bring him back.

Officials in this country have said Weiz moved easily between Canada and Israel because he is an Israeli citizen and a landed

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Canada, Israel sign new airline deal

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Canada and Israel have signed a new temporary agreement aimed at ending their dispute over air travel.

In effect, Israel has bowed to Canadian pressure by allowing daily Air Canada flights to and from the Jewish state. Israel had wanted the number of weekly Air Canada flights reduced to four in the winter months.

El Al will be allowed seven flights a week to Canada, up from the current five, and will be permitted to collect American passengers on flights to and from Canada, as long as it has agreements for joint operations with other airlines.

In addition, El Al and Air Canada will be able to overfly the territory of each other's country. Canada had threatened to bar Israeli planes from its airspace unless Air Canada was permitted daily flights, meaning El Al flights to U.S. destinations would have taken longer and burned more fuel.

The agreement will remain in effect until April 1, 2000, when it will either be renegotiated or superseded by a new air treaty between the two countries.

The deal was hammered out between Canadian and Israeli officials in Chicago and Ottawa earlier this month. It was signed Dec. 14 by the head of Israel's Civil Aviation Administration, Avner Yarkoni, and Canada's chief air negotiator, Serge April.

The agreement will not affect El Al's earlier decision to indefinitely suspend all its operations in Montreal as of Jan.1, 2000, says the airline's Quebec district manager, Albert Cohen.

El Al announced the suspension of its Montreal operations last month as a way to offset potential losses arising from this dispute.

The two weekly flights to and from Montreal will end New Year's Day, leaving three flights a week to and from Toronto as the carrier's sole Canadian traffic.

Thus, although El Al will be allowed seven flights a week to Canada, the airline will have only three as of Jan. 1 when it ends the Montreal flights.

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From the editor's desk

Calling Jewish tourists

Tsion Ben-David, the director of North American operations for Israel's ministry of Tourism is an effusive, energetic and engaging conversationalist.

I should know because last month, in an elegant, kosher restaurant in the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Mount Scopus in Jerusalem, I engaged him in conversation.

Over the course of a pleasant evening, our conversation travelled across a broad range of subjects that began with his arrival in Israel from Bombay in 1949, one of a family of 11 who would all one day settle there, and that ended with the story of a near-fatal car accident in 1997 on the little-travelled, night-time highways of the wintery plains near Bismarck, North Dakota.

In between Bombay and Bismarck, our conversation stayed mostly in Jerusalem, that is, on the subject of Israel, more specifically on tourism in Israel.

Even with Israel's quick, soaring rise into high-tech and electronics-related commerce, tourism remains Israel's most important industry.

Among the many reasons for the importance of tourism to Israel, two stand out as above the rest. The first is financial; the second is, for lack of a better term, existential.

Ben-David underscored the financial significance of the industry by relating a number of different facts. Like a set of distinct steel spokes that converge at a common centre, the statistics strengthened his argument.

According to Ben-Zion, more than 100,000 families in Israel derive their income directly from tourism. When one factors into this statistic the average size of a family in Israel, that means as many as 750,000 people may depend on tourism for their main source of livelihood.

For every dollar spent in the tourism sector, Ben-Zion continued, 17 more dollars are generated throughout the economy. This figure compared to a ratio of one dollar to between five and six in the manufacturing and heavy industry sector and one dollar to between three and four in the agriculture sector.

For every 12 tourists who visit Israel, the financial benefit is equivalent to an entire annual salary for a newcomer family.

Given the unabating flow of newcomers to Israel since the collapse of communism in eastern Europe, it is a good thing therefore that there is also an unabating flow of tourists to Israel.

In 1999, 2.4 million tourists will have visited Israel. This represents an increase of 15 percent from the year before. Next year, 2000, tourism officials expect a further increase of up to a third more than the 1999 figures.

"The hype surrounding the 2000 celebration, has left the perception that we are over-crowded," Ben-Zion told me. "But that is simply not true.

"Israel has more than 40,000 hotel rooms ready to accommodate its visitors. We can host everyone who wants to come," Ben-Zion said. "We are expecting 3.2 million tourists in 1999; but we are prepared for four million."

When Ben-Zion relates these tourism figures, he does so with a matter-of-fact confidence and a palpable though understated sense of accomplishment. For it is indeed a remarkable accomplishment that this tiny country, which when stretched from head to toe lies neatly along the highway between Montreal and Toronto, will be able to host in one year, a number of tourists equal to half its own population.

Imagine Canada receiving 15 million tourists next year, or the United States receiving 150 million tourists! It could not and would not happen.

In Israel, however, it can happen and will happen.

Though he speaks casually, confidently, Ben-David does occasionally, during our discussion, cast a wistful gaze past my shoulder onto a fixed point somewhere in an undetermined horizon.

"More Jewish tourists are necessary," he pleads with me.

It saddens him, and not for financial reasons, that Jewish tourists are fewer in number – absolutely and proportionately – than non-Jewish tourists. This of course, touches upon the second reason, the existential one, that tourism is so important to Israel: it goes to the heart of Israel's relationship with Diaspora Jewry, which in turn goes to the heart of Israel's identity as a Jewish state as well as a state for all Jews, which in turn, goes to the heart of the very purpose that Israel exists.

Israel is more than a *country*; it is also an *idea*. Of course, the Jews of Israel lead their lives with their feet firmly touching the practical soil of the *country*, engaged each day in the mundane routines of making a living, paying a mortgage, raising children and serving in the army.

But they also lead their daily lives, with their feet occasionally touching the metaphysical soil of the *idea* that began at Sinai 3,500 years ago and that has endured ever since: that of peoplehood and of mission.

The relationship between the Jews of Israel, the *country*, and the Jews of the Diaspora confirms the enduring transcendence of Israel, the *idea*. One of the key expressions of that relationship is tourism.

Country without *idea* can lead to a form of idolatry; similarly, *idea* without *country* can lead to a form of extremism. *Country* and *idea*, therefore, complete each other. By extension, so do the Jews of Israel and the Jews of the Diaspora.

Many of the Jews of Israel, for a number of reasons, understand this very well. Sadly, it appears that most of the Jews of the Diaspora do not, yet.

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DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SINGS *AL HANISSIM*: Deputy Prime Minister Herb Gray sang about miracles while he brought some light to Ottawa earlier in the month by lighting the Chanuka candles at the home of Israel's ambassador David Sultan, seen at right. Helping the deputy prime minister is Cantor Daniel Benlolo. [Sam Garcia photo]

Reaction to slave labor deal

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish reaction was mixed to last week's announcement of a $5.13 billion (US) fund to compensate forced and slave labourers during World War II.

"We obviously welcome justice, even at this late stage of the game," said Canadian Jewish Congress national president Moshe Ronen. "Many former labourers are old and frail and have been waiting for over 50 years."

The deal, announced in Berlin, will see the German government and at least 17 German companies contribute to the fund, to be distributed to over 1 million Nazi-era forced and slave labourers.

Ronen said that in this country, the number of one-time labourers is "in the hundreds."

Among them is Howard Chandler of Toronto. From 1942 to 1944, Chandler was a slave labourer in the Hermann Goering Werke in Starachowice, in Nazi-occupied Poland. He often worked 16-hour days in a blazingly hot smelter, making pig iron for the German war effort.

Compensation "would have been a big help a long time ago. Now, it's minimal," Chandler, 71, told *The CJN*.

"It's not about money. It's about getting some satisfaction. The Germans are anxious to bring this to an end."

Asked whether he thinks the amount is fair, Chandler said, "there's no such thing as fairness."

The deal will affect some 250,000 concentration camp survivors, about half of them Jewish, who were enslaved by German munitions factories and other industries during the war.

It will also compensate between 475,000 and 1.2 million forced labourers, most of them non-Jews from central and eastern Europe, who were deported to Nazi-held areas and put to work repairing infrastructure and on farms.

Former slaves are expected to receive individual payments of between $5,100 and $7,800, while one-time forced labourers will receive an estimated $2,600 to $3,100 (US).

Payments are not expected to be distributed until the summer.

"We welcome the agreement, despite the delay," said Gerda Frieberg, president of the newly formed Jewish Holocaust Survivors of Canada.

Her group is still busy trying to register all Jewish Holocaust survivors in Canada, estimated at between 16,000 and 18,000.

Frieberg said that in the coming months, the organization will seek information from the New York-based World Jewish Congress and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany on how the funds will be distributed.

In the meantime, those affected are being urged to fill out and return a one-page form available from the United Restitution Organization (URO).

Dora Elzbet of URO's Toronto office says the forms ask about dates, places and the nature of incarceration. They will be forwarded to URO's office in Frankfurt.

The forms are available by calling 416-630-2920 or in Montreal, 514-931-7933.

The German deal is more than the $3.3 billion the government and industries offered about six weeks ago, but far below the $10 billion some lawyers representing former labourers had demanded.

According to German officials, some 60 more companies are considering signing onto the deal, including several U.S. firms with German subsidiaries which used slave labour, such as Ford and Opel, the German branch of General Motors.

Robert Engel was 76

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Robert Engel, a well-known and much-loved Holocaust educator and community volunteer, died last Thursday after a brief battle with cancer. He was 76.

Obituary

Robbie, as he was known to almost everyone, always had a sparkle in his eye and spring in his step. He talked mainly about two things: his war-time experiences, and scouting.

Robert Engel

He was involved with Scouts Canada for years, organizing and attending scouting jamborees and spearheading the annual visit to Toronto by Israeli scouts. He headed the Jewish Advisory Committee on Scouting and Guiding.

Engel was involved with the Holocaust Remembrance Committee for years, speaking to students and attending events. He was only recently named secretary of the newly formed Jewish Holocaust Survivors of Canada.

"I'm devastated," said the organization's president, Gerda Frieberg. "He was a pillar in so many areas."

Born in Berlin in 1923, Engel left his school in 1936 because he couldn't stand the lessons in racial indoctrination from his Nazi teachers.

His mother had registered him for the Kindertransport of children to safe countries, and at the age of 15, he fled to Amsterdam, where he spent time in two refugee camps before living with a foster family and becoming active in the underground.

Following the German invasion of Holland, he was shipped to Westerbork, a transit camp and portal to Auschwitz. Most of his large family perished in the camps.

He was liberated in April, 1945 by Canadian troops, which led to his lifelong love affair with Canada, where he settled in 1951.

A rare honour came his way in 1995, when Engel's picture, taken from his Dutch identification card, appeared on a Canadian postage stamp that marked the 50th anniversary of the end of the war.

Engel leaves his wife of 54 years, Margo; two daughters, Evelyn and Renee; and three grandchildren, Tamara, Deborah and Lee.

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UJA campaign tops $42 million

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — UJA Federation's Campaign 2000 has raised a total of over $42 million.

Some 200 campaign volunteers celebrated the achievement at a festive campaign closing event, held last week at Adath Israel Congregation.

"The language of UJA is compassion, community and commitment," said Glennie Lindenberg, who co-chaired the evening with Peter Ekstein.

The funds raised are allocated locally and to the Jewish Agency for Israel.

The agency's chair, Sallai Meridor, thanked the volunteers "on behalf of the people we are helping," including Jewish and non-Jewish war victims in Kosovo and the former Yugoslavia, as well as more than 75,000 Jewish immigrants being brought to Israel this year.

He also thanked the community for the opportunity to meet with a group of Grade 11 and 12 students at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto.

The younger generation of Jews must be given the ability to connect to other Jews beyond the boundaries of their own communities, Meridor said.

Israel and Diaspora Jewish communities are "interdependent... We should realize that only if we have a strong Israel can we have a strong Jewish people, and only if we have a strong Jewish people can we have a strong Israel. That's what we have to assure for the next generation."

The UJA Federation campaign is "about people: those who are frail, elderly, those in physical danger, those in danger of losing their Judaism, those who have financial handicaps and those who have physical or developmental challenges," said David Engel, who co-chaired Campaign 2000 with Mel Wolfond.

Engel paid tribute to Carole Sterling, chair of Women's Campaign, which has raised nearly $4.2 million. The program also included awards for dozens of the volunteers.

Gerry Halbert, chair of the Past Chairmans' Council, announced that next year's campaign co-chairs will be Ron Frisch and Ed Sonshine, and that Dodie Weill will chair Women's Campaign.

And in honour of Wolfond and his wife Pedie (the artist who designed the colourful Campaign 2000 t-shirts), their sons Chad, Greg and Henry will donate $1 million toward a new centre for Jewish campus life at the University of Toronto, Halbert said.

The families of Saul and Henry Koschitzky have also pledged a major gift to the facility, Halbert added.

The Wolfond Centre for Jewish Campus Life, to be located at the corner of Harbord and Huron Streets, is a joint project of UJA Federation and Jewish Campus Services of Greater Toronto.

Jewish Agency head backs Law of Return

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Sallai Meridor's father and mother made aliyah from Russia and Vienna respectively, just before World War II.

Meridor, brother of former Israeli cabinet minister Dan Meridor, often thinks about how his life would have been different if they hadn't.

The 44-year-old sabra, who has chaired the executive of the Jewish Agency for Israel and the World Zionist Organization since May, realizes that but for a twist of fate he could have been raised in Eastern Europe, disconnected from his Jewish heritage, like many of the more recent olim from the Former Soviet Union.

"I would not have wanted to have a State of Israel that closes the doors on me if I wanted to come back," he said in an interview last week. "We should be proud that the State of Israel is open to every Jew or people of Jewish descent who want to come back to the Jewish people and live with the Jewish people as Jews."

The Law of Return has come under fire recently from some Arab Israelis, post-Zionist Jews and Orthodox critics, noted Meridor, adding "it would be a great mistake" to change the law.

"It's not something Israel gives every Jew," he added. "It's something every Jew is born with."

About 25 percent of new immigrants to Israel – mostly from the FSU – are not halachically Jewish, Meridor noted. "Now we should help them to come back. We should put a major effort into helping these people who desire to integrate into the Jewish society."

Meridor was in town last week as guest speaker at the closing celebration of UJA Federation's Campaign 2000. While here, he also met with local Jewish leaders and a group of students at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto.

Sallai Meridor

The Jewish Agency, with which Meridor has been associated since 1992, has three main areas of focus, he told *The CJN*: bringing Jews to Israel; education; and "making sure we are one people, connected and involved with an Israel that is relevant and caring for the Jewish people."

The agency's budget of $376 million (US) is about $50 million less than it was four years ago, Meridor said.

Cutbacks have taken place in areas of education in the West and some services to new immigrants, as well as in personnel. Staff has been cut from over 2,000 people a few years ago to fewer than 1,000 today, he noted.

The changes have been positive in terms of making the agency more efficient, but less so in terms of providing services – such as absorption centre housing – to new immigrants he said.

Among the agency's Canadian partnerships is the project that sends shlichim to Jewish schools here. The agency helps locate and train the emissaries, who are paid locally by the schools.

For the Jewish people to thrive, Meridor said, there's a need for global Jewish partnership.

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NDP leader wants trade body to become more democratic

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

TORONTO —When world political and trade leaders gathered in Seattle in November to launch talks for a new trade pact, they probably did not anticipate the massive opposition by a number of interest groups.

"The WTO and its supporters, including Canadian leaders, is becoming a real threat to democracy. It has no community interest and no interest in human rights," said Federal New Democratic Party leader Alexa McDonough at the fourth annual Louis Lenkinski Lecture on Human Rights in honor of the late labour leader and activist.

> *'It has no interest in human rights'*

While acknowledging that "globalization is here and we can't go back," she said that "we can demand widespread liberalization of trade with human and social economic rights intact."

Born in Ottawa and brought up in Nova Scotia, the NDP leader said her father shared an office in Ottawa with the late David Lewis, a former national NDP leader. "Through that period my father was influenced by Jewish culture and faith and he knew Louis Lenkinski intimately."

The late labour leader would probably have been among the 30,000 to 40,000 ordinary citizens who protested policies of the WTO in Seattle, McDonough said.

"How do we continue Louis' legacy into the millennium? The fight is far from over. We need a new chapter in global human rights.

"The market economy for working people is not working. The WTO is an assembly for making the world safe for capitalism. Health, education, cultural and poverty issues are losing out."

The WTO should become more open and democratic, she said, and Canada should be leading the fight.

McDonough praised Helen, Lenkinski's wife, for her volunteer work – talking to young people about their problems.

Lenkinski's son, Lionel, said his father was a supporter of the NDP.

McDonough's speech was sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region. She was introduced by Keith Landy, region chair.

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson paid tribute to the labour leader.

A copy of the book *Israel at 50* was presented to McDonough by Ellen Cole, chair of the community relations committee.

Deal with Syria expected: expert

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — An Israeli expert on Syria says he expects the current peace talks between Israel and Syria to end in an agreement.

"I take it for granted," said Yossi Olmert in an interview here last week. He visited Toronto and Ottawa to meet with UJA Federation campaign leaders.

Olmert (brother of Jerusalem mayor Ehud Olmert) has been dealing with Syrian affairs for almost 20 years. He was a participant in the Madrid peace conference and a member of the Israeli delegation in peace talks with Syria. Earlier this year he served as a political consultant to former Israeli defence minister Moshe Arens.

An economist by training, Olmert was a visiting professor at York University in the mid-1980s. He is based in Ra'anana and is a political columnist for a number of Israeli publications.

A peace agreement with Syria – a "militant, radical Arab country with a long tradition of hostility to Israel" – would be a far cry from real peace or a cultural meeting of the two nations, said Olmert.

If Israel's relationship with Egypt is a "cold peace," then peace between Israel and Syria would be "very frozen," he said wryly.

"But that's okay. I don't entertain any illusions. We need to remove the danger of war and terrorism once and for all. If this is a stepping stone along those lines, it's a very welcome development."

He believes Syria is capable of maintaining security along the Lebanese border with Israel, an expected condition of the agreement under discussion.

Olmert describes himself as a "maverick Likudnik – a Likudnik who is not afraid to say we should make peace, and that in order to achieve peace we have to [adjust] to realities of the situation and make concessions." He's been around far too long to think Israel can negotiate without giving up land, he said.

"It will be difficult for [Israeli Prime Minister Ehud] Barak to achieve what he wants to achieve with Syria and not give up the entire Golan Heights."

Barak is "definitely a courageous politician" to handle two risky sets of negotiations simultaneously, Olmert added, referring to concurrent Israeli-Palestinian talks.

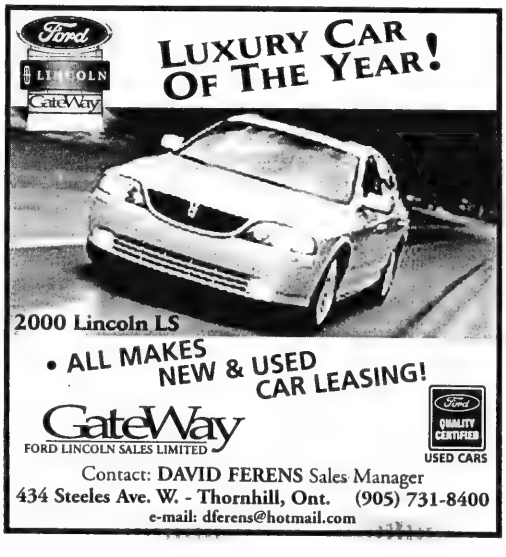
Olmert is concerned about the durability of an agreement between

Yossi Olmert

Israel and Syria, its fate when Syrian president Hafez al-Assad is no longer in power, and the implications for Israeli settlers in the Golan Heights.

"The settlers are good Israeli citizens," Olmert said. "I think the Barak government will be clever enough to handle the situation in a very considerate way...Barak will have to remember that he promised to be the prime minister of all of us."

Although Olmert does not foresee internal violence in Israel, he said he hoped heated discussions would not become violent. "That would be a disaster," he said. People who would use violence would "ruin their case," he added.



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As the year changes

Though the coming year 2000 holds no religious significance for the Jewish people, there is no denying a heightened measure of anticipation and transition as we prepare to peel away the last page of the calendar. Our entire planet is tied, scientifically and commercially, to the Christian calibration of the passage of time. As the year is about to change, therefore, it is not inappropriate to examine some of the hallmarks of our Canadian way of life.

The Canadian way of life is still the envy of most of the rest of the world, and deservedly so. We live in a democratic society, relatively free of the fear of random crime, in which our rights and freedoms are guaranteed "subject only to such reasonable limits prescribed by law."

Canada is a land of vast and diverse geographies, of unquantifiable natural abundance and of imposing physical beauty. Since the middle of this century, it has become a place where cultural diversity is respected and encouraged.

Our economy is irreversibly and at times, dangerously, tied to that of the United States. Due to the fact that the American economy is presently very strong, the Canadian economy is experiencing significant prosperity.

Historically, public policy in Canada has evolved around the well-being of the community in furtherance of peace, order and good government rather than, for example, around the well-being of the individual in furtherance of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. As a result, Canadians have always expected of their governments to find that fine balance in public policy between the imperatives of social justice and compassion and the forces of free enterprise and business.

But the hallmarks of the Canadian way of life, so widely envied abroad, appear at home with increasing, worrisome regularity to be showing an unsettling tarnish. The governmental ethos that once distinguished us as a moderate and caring society is being tortuously whittled down into something less recognizably "Canadian." It is of course, foolish to regret that our traditionally distinct Canadian approach to public policy may be changing. Nothing can remain forever unchanged. This is as true of the physical world as it is of the world of public policy.

But it is utterly incongruous and morally indefensible that, on the eve of the year 2000, alongside such undeniable prosperity there is also such undeniable poverty, especially, child poverty; that alongside such breathtaking advancements in science and technology, some hospital emergency rooms must close their doors to the sick and the needy; that alongside the increase in residential and commercial construction, so many people live on the streets, destitute, homeless, without protection against the fierce Canadian winter.

Despite the inevitability of change, we need not accept all change. We certainly need not accept these incongruities. They are moral blemishes. And we must refuse to allow them to become the new hallmarks of the Canadian way of life. The year 2000 must be better than the year 1999. As the clock ticks past midnight on the last day of December, this must be our hope for the new year.

For those of us not asleep at that instant, remember that hope and remember too, Shabbat shalom.

CAPTIVE IN IRAN

The government of Iran still holds the following members of the Jewish community as prisoners. Each is a universe of life and existence unto his own. And each has a name. Let us not forget them.

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Not just a Jewish problem

It is disappointing that *The CJN* would print a piece like Bruce Elman's "Yes, but ..." (Dec. 9) defending explicit government discrimination against Jews and other religious minorities. The UN says that Ontario's Catholic-only denominational school funding is illegal discrimination, but Elman defends Ontario's refusal to comply. The various pieces of misinformation on which he based his argument demand a reply:

- It's not a "Jewish problem" as the piece claims, since about three-quarters of the affected religious minorities are not Jewish.
- Contrary to what the piece suggests, the federal government agreed to the UN human rights treaty in 1976 with the explicit approval of all the provinces including Ontario, so there is no unfairness or jurisdictional problem in holding Ontario to the obligations set out in the treaty.
- The "spectre" raised by Elman that eliminating religious discrimination in education funding will harm the public system is not supported by actual examples of places where funding was extended.
- Finally the article tries to scare us into thinking that accepting funding will lead to unacceptable government influence over the curriculum, etc. The reality is that Jewish schools already comply with government curriculum standards (which are mandatory if the school wants to grant high school diplomas), and funding has been extended elsewhere without infringing on the autonomy necessary to provide Jewish education.

Elman simply glosses over the severe financial hardships faced by the Jewish community and Jewish families in order to provide our children with a suitable Jewish education.

Aviva Weiss, President
Jewish Parents for Equity in Education Funding

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Ottawa has good ideas too

Re "Synagogues unite to create kosher food bank," (*CJN*, Dec. 9). I just wanted to let you know that not all good ideas start in Toronto.

My parents, Dr. Saul and Mrs. Pamela Ross, and the social action committee of the Agudath Israel Synagogue in Ottawa started a kosher food bank in Ottawa a couple of years ago. As far as I know, this service has been very successful and well used. The social action committee also oversees a number of other projects, such as a tutoring service for students.

Karyn Ross
Toronto

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In praise of Mosquitos

After reading the article "But for a quirk of Fate" (*CJN*, Dec. 9), by Eddy Kaplansky, former pilot in the newly formed Israeli Air Force of 1948, I was surprised to learn China had purchased 200 war surplus Mosquitos from Canada.

Being with a Hurricane fighter squadron, we quickly realized the Mosquito fighter bombers built of plywood in Malton, Ont., with their super speed could outfly and outnumber any of our Hurricanes and Spitfires. They were a fabulous aircraft in the hands of a good pilot.

Sometime in 1944, the RCAF declared them obsolescent and later obsolete. It was a sad sight to see when they landed without so much as a locked undercarriage or even a flat tire. Our orders were: "Tow them off the runway and put a match to 'em."

The jet age had arrived, the first Sabre Jets, Vampires and FBO Shooting Stars were being welcomed by the Canucks, the Luftwaffe was finished, our war arming the Hurricanes with ammo and rockets was over. Thanks Eddy Kaplansky for the memories.

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Seeking civic-minded people

Re: "New Organization launched for Holocaust Survivors" (*CJN*, Dec. 2). People purporting to represent the interests of Holocaust survivors at large arrogated to themselves executive positions and anointed the former regional chair of Canadian Jewish Congress (1992-95) as their chair (in reference to compensation claims for survivors.)

It would have been appropriate to enunciate in advance the formation of such an organization, thus giving the survivors an opportunity for input and elected representation and not confront them with the fait accompli. What is needed is not bandwagon jumpers or kudos scroll collectors, but genuine civic-minded people to attempt to ameliorate the circumstances for the victims of World War II and post-World War II, who thus far have been overlooked and need most urgent attention.

E.A. Silber
Toronto

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Poland became graveyard

In reply to Hanna Sokolski (*CJN*, Nov. 25), permit me to clarify the true facts. As long as we, the witnesses to the history, are alive, I will scream loud and clear.

The camps were not "labour," but death camps and they were built and run by the Germans. No, the Polish people were not responsible for the Holocaust. But Hitler chose the right ground on which to execute his cruel plan. The Polish Catholics were totally indifferent to the cruelty going on for years among them.

And yes, Poland is the country that became the graveyard for millions of European Jews.

Bronka Zimmerman
Montreal

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A millennial Jewish timeline

Compiled by PETER EPHROSS
JTA Staff Writer

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1124 – Records of a Jewish gate in Kiev attest to the presence of a Jewish community there.
1139 – Judah Halevi completes his influential philosophy of Judaism known as *The Kuzari*. He is a friend of commentator Abraham Ibn Ezra, who also left Spain for the life of a wandering Jewish scholar.
1144 – Jews in Norwich, England are accused of murdering a Christian child in what is believed to be the first ritual murder charge. The blood libel, as well as others in England that follow in the 12th century, incites anti-Jewish violence.
1195 – Moses Maimonides completes *The Guide to the Perplexed,* considered the most important work of medieval Jewish thought.
1232 – The Jewish community of Marrakesh, Morocco, is re-established, leading to massacres of Jews caused by Islamic political revolt and grass-roots hatred.
1239 – Pope Gregory IX orders the kings of France, England, Spain and Portugal to confiscate Hebrew books. Following this edict, the Talmud is condemned and burned in France and Rome.
1286 – Moses de Leon of Spain completes a commentary of the Torah. The Zohar remains a central text of Jewish mysticism.
1290 – King Edward I banishes all Jews from England. It is the first of numerous expulsions of European Jews during the Middle Ages.
1333 – Casimir the Great takes power in Poland and brings with a him a sympathetic attitude toward the Jews, who benefit as a result.
1488 – The first complete edition of the Hebrew Bible is printed in Soncino, Italy.
1492 – The Jews of Spain are expelled as part of the Spanish Inquisition. The majority flee to Portugal, and eventually to North Africa and Turkey.
1516 – Jews in Venice are relegated to a ghetto, the most extreme segregation to which Jews had been submitted. Over time, Jews in many lands are similarly segregated.
***ca.* 1525-1609 – The life of Rabbi Judah Loew of Prague, creator of the legendary Golem, the mythical creature that protects Prague Jews from their enemies.**
1526 – The Prague Haggadah, which contains the oldest known printed Yiddish poem, is published.
1543 – German religious reformer Martin Luther writes *About the Jews and Their Lies*, considered the first modern anti-Semitic tract.
1559 – Pope Paul IV allows the first printing of The Zohar, a Jewish mystical text.
1565 – The Shulchan Aruch, Joseph Caro's authoritative code of Jewish law, is first printed in Venice.
1569 – The kabbalist Isaac Luria settles in Safed. Luria's ideas give rise to a new form of Jewish mysticism.
1622-1629 – Persian Jews are forced to convert to Islam.
1648 – Ukrainian peasants led by Bogdan Chmielnicki revolt against their Polish landlords and Jewish agents. Some 100,000 Jews die in the uprising.
1654 – Jacob Barsimon, regarded as the first Jew to settle in what will become the United States, arrives in New Amsterdam.
1666 – The false messiah Shabbetai Zevi converts to Islam after being faced with the possibility of death if he remains a Jew.
1719 – Glueckel of Hameln, a Jewish businesswoman, completes her memoirs. These remain an important source of Jewish history and culture of the time.
1740 – The Ba'al Shem Tov, the founder of Chassidism, takes up residence at Medzibezh, Podolia, now part of Ukraine.
1777 – The Jews of New York are granted equality under the law.
1791 – France emancipates its Jews, beginning the period known as the Enlightenment, in which Jews are granted equal rights.
1794 – The Russian Pale of Settlement, the only area of the Russian Empire where Jews are allowed to live, is first established.
1795 – The third partition of Poland culminates a process bringing hundreds of thousands of Jews under Russian rule.
1840 – The first Hebrew printing press in India is established.
1840s – The use of the word "Jew" as a verb comes into popular parlance in North America. "To Jew" means to strike a bargain or employ questionable business practices, according to this prejudicial usage.
1880-1925 – Masses of Jews emigrate from eastern Europe to the United States. More than 2.5 million make their way to the New World.
1881 – The word "pogrom" enters the English language, as Russian mobs begin a series of violent attacks against Jews and their property.
1894 – Sholem Aleichem begins writing the first episode of the life of Tevye the dairyman.
1897 – The First Zionist Congress, held in Basle, Switzerland, heralds the growth of modern Zionism.
1939-1945 – The Nazis kill six million Jews across Europe in the worst genocide the world has ever known.
1948 – The State of Israel is established.
1967 – Israel wins the Six Day War. All of Jerusalem is now in Jewish hands for the first time since 70 C.E.
1993 – Israel and the Palestinian Authority sign the Oslo peace accord.

Source: **The Timetables of Jewish History**

First Zionist Congress in Basle, Switzerland 1897. **[Central Zionist Archives, Jerusalem]**

Opinions

Millennial blessing

There are a lot of fears about the arrival of the millennium. We are assured that the Y2K bug has been taken care of, or whatever one has to do to convince computers that "00" does not mean 1900 but 2000. But such assurances fall on a lot of ears whose owners remain suspicious and have stocked enough provisions to last them through a few weeks beginning Dec. 31.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

In Israel, authorities fear that crazy "pilgrims" will create havoc in hope that they will bring on a messianic miracle that they associate with the coming millennium.

So, it was with some pleasure that I read of a recent meeting in Rome that had a different fall-out, something worth telling my readers. The writer of the following is a rabbi who, long ago, made aliyah from the United States. The event he describes took place at the end of October.

"Last week, I attended an Interreligious Assembly at the Vatican, which was convened by the Pontifical Council of Interreligious Dialogue and the Central Committee for the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000. Titled, On the Eve of the Millennium: Collaboration Between the Different Religions, it was a remarkable gathering of over 200 religious leaders from around the world, representing more than 20 world religions. There were about 10 Jews. I was the only one from Israel. The others were from the United States, England and France.

"I had some amazing experiences at this conference. On the way up to my room on the first day, I met a Christian leader from Lebanon and said, 'Hi neighbour.' He responded by saying that he hoped that I could visit him soon in Beirut.

"The next day, I sat next to a bishop from Syria at breakfast, who invited me to Damascus and expressed the hope that there will soon be a peace agreement between Israel and Syria. I responded by saying, *Inshallah*, which is Arabic for God willing.

"On the second and third days of the conference, I moderated a discussion group which included people from Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Japan, England, the United States, Korea and probably a few other places. It was fascinating. We talked a lot about the positive role that religion and religious leaders could play in helping to promote peace between peoples and people. The spirit was congenial and the discussions were enlightening. There were no confrontations: only genuine dialogue and real listening to one another. It was truly amazing!

"On the final day of the conference, one of the people from my discussion group who was from a neighbouring Arab country, came up to me at the coffee break and said, 'You know, this was the first time in my life that I have ever met or talked to a Jew, let alone a rabbi. We have a lot to talk about, including some painful issues.' I responded by saying how much I enjoyed having this person in my dialogue group and how much I appreciated her telling me this. I agreed that we had a lot to talk about and that I was glad that we were able to begin talking.

"It was a spiritually uplifting event, one that inspired me to continue my work for peace and peaceful relations between peoples and people in Israel."

Barak's referendum

When Ehud Barak and Jean Chrétien met in Turkey last month, they discussed several issues of mutual concern such as the peace process and the dispute over Air Canada flights to Israel.

They could also have discussed their respective plans for a referendum. Even as Prime Minister Chrétien has been setting out his conditions for dealing with a referendum on Quebec, Prime Minister Barak has to address the referendum he promised on peace with Syria.

Shira Herzog in Toronto

Right now, attention is focused on the difficult process with Syria itself, but at its conclusion, Barak is committed to taking the question to the Israeli public.

A referendum is a new experience for Israelis. No prime minister has ever transferred ultimate responsibility for a decision to any body other than the Knesset. In Israel's system of proportional representation, the assumption has always been that the full spectrum of public views is reflected in the parliament, and that a Knesset majority could accurately represent a public majority.

In 1979, the peace treaty with Egypt was hotly debated in the Knesset, and was passed with an overwhelming majority of the governing Likud party, and by definition, the Labour opposition.

In 1995, the peace treaty with Jordan also received a strong majority. Peace with Jordan has historically been a consensual issue in Israel, and there was little public opposition to it.

The upcoming referendum originated in two separate moves. Towards the end of its term, the last Knesset passed a law stating that any territorial concessions affecting state land would require agreement by referendum. The move was instigated by the Third Way – a one-term party that ran in 1996 on a single-issue platform of keeping the Golan under Israeli rule.

A public referendum was seen as potentially deterring a prime minister from proceeding with an agreement that might enjoy a parliamentary majority, but, in turn, might fail in the court of public opinion.

The law called for a simple majority, and for the right to vote in the referendum for all Israeli citizens. A referendum could be interpreted as a constitutional change because the Knesset is transferring its authority to the public.

As a result, the decision was to legislate a Referendum Bill as a Basic Law (Israel's equivalent of constitutional authority, requiring a majority of 81 Knesset members).

Independently, but in response to an active lobby on the Golan issue, then prime ministerial candidate Ehud Barak committed himself to a referendum on any peace treaty with Syria.

Minister of Justice Yossi Beilin has already completed the first drafting of the Referendum Bill, which calls for the referendum to take place within 30-60 days of Knesset approval of the treaty by at least 61 (of 120) votes.

Canadians will not be surprised to learn that the key issues are the clarity of the question, and the acceptable majority in the response.

The question is likely to be straightforward, if lengthy. Since the referendum will be held only once a negotiated treaty is made public, the question will, in effect, be the treaty itself. Israelis will be asked to simply vote "yes" or "no."

The nature of the majority has already been contentious. While the draft bill accepts a majority of one vote as valid, some Knesset members have called for a Jewish majority as the only acceptable option. Others have been more subtle, and have called for a special majority, thereby ensuring that Arab votes will not count.

The solicitor general immediately responded with a firm statement clarifying the validity of all votes, but this issue will fester. In fact, a slim majority would be an albatross for Barak, just as a reliance on Arab parties for a Knesset majority handicapped prime ministers in the past. A loss will force new elections.

The referendum campaign will be at least as vigorous as a national election campaign, and the battle lines are already drawn.

Barak has the value of peace and his military track record on his side, while the Opposition will play on the historic value of settlements and the human cost of dismantling them.

But no one will be able to accuse Barak of misleading the public on his intentions.

Throughout the 1996 negotiations with the Syrians, Rabin was haunted by his earlier promise that Israel would not abandon the Golan.

Barak is already being remembered as the man who in 1997 spoke to Golan settlers of the price that would have to be paid for peace.

Although he was booed by his audience, two years later was supported by 57 percent of the settlers in the prime ministerial election. He is counting on this support as he moves toward the historic task of negotiating a secure peace with Syria.

Jews and crime

No one wants to start the so-called new millennium on a sour note. But it seems to me that there have been a series of news stories of late which have turned a spotlight on Jewish criminals active directly or indirectly in Canada.

A major spread in the *Globe and Mail* dissected the checkered career of Jeff Givens, the former owner of the Just Desserts restaurant, scene of the gruesome murder of Vivi Leimonis in Toronto some years ago. Other news accounts have dealt with the more exotic saga of Joseph Prushinowski of the Tash chassidic community of Boisbriand in Quebec, an alleged arch swindler now on trial in Jerusalem.

Morton Weinfeld in Montreal

But more troubling have been the stories, published and whispered, about Russian (and Jewish) criminality. As I write, police have cracked down on a widespread, criminal operation said to be "eastern European," dealing in crimes ranging from drugs to sophisticated bank card fraud. Several of the names seem Jewish – though many are not – and reports stress the fact that these criminals are co-operating with non-eastern European gangs.

Other newspaper stories have included reports on the alleged Jewish kingpin of the "Russian Mafia," Semyon Mogilyevitch, who was involved in the now failed YBM Magnex International. And the murder of a 15-year-old Russian Jewish immigrant by a gang of teens in Toronto has raised the issue of Russian Jewish kids involved in youth gangs and other sorts of delinquent activities.

Many Jews dislike any talk of such issues, whether by non-Jews or Jews. They feel it feeds into anti-Semitism, and also besmirches the reputation of the vast majority of honest Jews, including immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

Here are some facts: The crude criminality rate for Jews – the number of convictions for indictable offences per 100,000 people, is higher than the rate for all Canadians, 269 to 173. And the rate for such convictions for Jews is double the Canadian average among juveniles, 98 to 46! So clearly the problem of Jewish involvement in crime is serious!

Oops, I made a slight mistake. While the numbers above are accurate, they are the figures for 1923, not 1999. (If I had current data, the Jewish rates would be far below the Canadian average.)

What is the point? First, a technical consideration. The Jewish criminality back then was less serious than those numbers suggest. When you control for the fact that most Jews were urban, and crime is always higher in urban areas, the adjusted criminality rate for Jews drops dramatically, to a level comparable to or below that for non-Jews. Second, it is likely that official crime statistics in those days were biased against immigrants and the poor, for a variety of reasons. (Some things do not change.)

On the other hand, there *was* a significant amount of Jewish crime in the 1920s and 1930s, in the major cities of Jewish migration in Canada and the United States. There was juvenile delinquency, as well as organized Jewish crime, and the former would often feed into the latter. Some academic researchers have explored the history of Jewish crime and criminality as part of the integration process. Others have focused attention, with some nostalgia, on "tough Jews." This is also the title of a 1998 volume by Rich Cohen which looks at Jewish gangsters in America.

There has always been a link between immigration and crime, and Jews have not differed from other immigrants: Italian, Irish, Asians, Latin Americans, Jamaican, Africans and others. A host society that wants the immigrant scientists, entrepreneurs, workers, cab drivers and artists will have to be prepared for a small proportion of criminals.

It should surprise nobody that some recent Russian Jewish immigrants, coming from a society where anti-Semitism was rampant, where individual enterprise was discouraged or illegal, and where the government itself – and by implications its laws – was seen as repressive, should have gravitated to crime as an outlet. Much the same was in fact true for earlier generations of Jews suffering under and then fleeing czarist rule.

Jews should be vigilant that the mainstream press does not go overboard on the matter, and terms like "Russian Mafia" should be used selectively and accurately, if at all. Many so-called Russian Jewish criminals may be barely Jews at all, or are, in fact, non-Jews.

At the same time, the organized Jewish community should not shrink from confronting internal social problems. It would do well to channel more resources to guiding younger generations of Jewish immigrants towards a smoother integration where possible. In the meantime, no panic. There is nothing new here, and it will all work out just fine.

The Kirshner File

The passing parade...

They died recently, leaving footprints in time…

Jacobo Timerman, a Buenos Aires journalist and publisher whose imprisonment and torture at the hands of the Argentinian military regime in the 1970s caused an international furor. He described his experiences in *Prisoner Without a Name, Cell Without a Number*.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

Clifton Fadiman, an essayist and anthologist, helped establish the Book-of-the-Month Club and served on its editorial board for more than five decades.

Abraham Polonsky was a Hollywood screenwriter and director (*Force of Evil* and *Body and Soul*) blacklisted during the McCarthy years.

Hanoch Levin, an Israeli playwright, wrote the acerbic *The Queen of the Bathtub* and *You, Me and the Next War*.

Allen Funt created and hosted the popular American television show, *Candid Camera*.

Lionel Bart, the British composer, lyricist and playwright, wrote *Oliver!*, one of the most successful musicals in stage history.

Nathalie Sarraute (Natasha Tcherniak), a French literary figure and the doyenne of the Nouveau Roman movement of the late 1950s, wrote 10 novels, notably *Tropisms*.

Alexander Liberman, an innovative editor, was editorial director of the New York-based Conde Nast magazine chain (*Vanity Fair*, *Glamour*, *House & Garden*, etc) from 1960 to 1994.

William Targ discovered and edited Mario Puzo's novel, *The Godfather*.

Evelyn Shrifte was president of Vanguard Press, which published Saul Bellow's and Joyce Carol Oates' first books.

Matt Cohen, the Canadian novelist who wrote some 30 books, won this year's Governor-General's Award for *Elizabeth and After*.

Joseph Heller wrote *Catch -22*, the anti-war novel.

Barbara Raskin wrote the 1987 bestseller, *Hot Flashes*, which examined the concerns of women.

Lev Razgon, the Russian writer, wrote *True Stories*, a memoir of Stalin's gulags.

Norman Wexler produced the screenplay for two award-winning films, *Serpico* (1973) and *Saturday Night Fever* (1977).

Harry Crane, a comedy writer from the Borscht Belt, wrote *The Honeymooners*, starring Jackie Gleason.

Martin Agronsky, a TV correspondent, helped develop *Agronsky & Company*, one of the first "talking heads" news programs.

Helen Forrest (Helen Fogel) was a singer whose hits, *Any Old Time* and *I Had the Craziest Dream*, personified the 1940s big-band era.

Frankie Vaughan (Francis Abelson) was a British crooner whose signature tune was *Give Me the Moonlight*.

Georg Tintner, the Viennese-born conductor, led Symphony Nova Scotia.

Felix Galimir, a violinist and chamber music player, was associated with Vermont's Marlboro Festival and the Juilliard School.

Zohara Schatz, an Israeli sculptor, designed Yad Vashem's stylized menorah.

Leo Castelli (Leo Krauss) was a New York art dealer who championed the works of Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, Jasper Johns and Robert Rauschenberg.

Eleanore Saidenberg, the owner of a Manhattan art gallery, was Pablo Picasso's primary representative in the United States.

Philip Klutznick, a Chicago real estate developer and Jewish community leader, headed the World Jewish Congress from 1977 to 1979 and was U.S. secretary of commerce in Jimmy Carter's administration.

Gaynor Jacobson, director of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), played an integral role in facilitating the emigration of Eastern European Jews to Israel and other countries after World War II.

Norman Hirsh, a mechanical engineer, supervised the development of the Apache attack helicopter in the U.S. arsenal.

Leo Valiani, a historian and senator, ordered the 1945 execution of Benito Mussolini and was one of the framers of the postwar Italian constitution.

Lorry Greenberg, a builder, was mayor of Ottawa from 1974 to 1978.

Harry Litwack was a Hall of Fame basketball coach whose Temple University team compiled a 373-193 record from 1952-73.

Eva Shain, the first female boxing judge in New York state, was the first woman to serve as a judge at a heavyweight championship match, pitting Muhammad Ali against Earnie Shavers in 1977.

Eliot Joseph Benn Rose, a founding director of the International Press Institute in Zurich, was one of the legendary British code breakers at Bletchley Park during World War II.

Zvi Griliches, a Harvard economist and Holocaust survivor, was a leading authority on the statistical analysis of economic data.

Herbert Stein, an economist, was chair of the Council of Economic Advisors under President Gerald Ford.

Benjamin Schwartz, a Harvard historian and political scientist, wrote *Chinese Communism and the Rise of Mao*, a 1951 work that established him as one of the pre-eminent experts on China.

Nathaniel Kleitman, a physiologist and author of *Sleep and Wakefulness* (1939), was the father of contemporary sleep research and one of the discoverers of rapid-eye-movement, or R.E.M., sleep.

Herbert Freudenberger, a psychologist, coined the term "burnout" in a book titled *Burnout: The High Cost of High Achievement*.

Waldo Cohn, a biochemist, worked on the building of the first nuclear bomb (the Manhattan Project) and later pioneered the use of radioactive isotopes for medical research.

Theodore Hall, at 16, was the youngest physicist at the atomic bomb project in Los Alamos from 1944 to 1945.

Daniel Nathans, a geneticist, shared the 1978 Nobel Prize in medicine for his work on DNA.

Ashley Montagu (Israel Ehrenberg), a British anthropologist and author, wrote the influential book, *The Natural Superiority of Women* (1953).

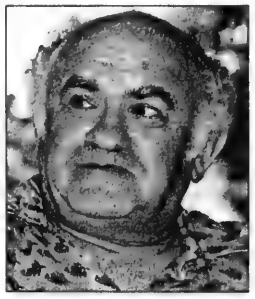
Victor Bonomo, a Sephardi from Turkey, created and marketed the brittle candy bar universally known as Bonomo's Turkish Taffy.

Joe Hyman built, then lost, Viyella International, a great textile empire in Britain.

Aaron Lapin, a former clothing salesman-turned-inventor, invented Reddi-wip, the whipped cream in an aerosol spray can.

Arthur Katz, a German-born toy manufacturer who immigrated to Britain in 1933, introduced the amazingly successful Corgi brand of miniature cars to the marketplace.

Leo Berger, a Hungarian immigrant who settled in the U.S. in 1928, was the founder of Apex Marine Corp., one of the country's largest merchant marine fleets.



Jacobo Timerman

Ted Arison, an Israeli, founded the Miami-based Carnival Corp., the world's biggest cruise line operator.

Marvin Sands was chair of Canandaigua Brands, the second largest wine producer and the second largest beer importer in the U.S.

Martin Davis transformed Gulf and Western Industries into Paramount Communications, whose properties include film and TV studios, the publishing house Simon & Schuster and Madison Square Garden.

Marc Lustgarten, as president of Rainbow Media Holdings, oversaw the phenomenal growth of cable television channels like American Movie Classics and Bravo.

Alexander Farkas helped build Alexander's department store chain and then presided over its demise.

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Jacob's final lesson

By RACHAEL TURKIENICZ

In the next few weeks the Torah portion will conclude the book of Genesis and begin the book of Exodus.

The last patriarch, Jacob, dies and is embalmed in Egypt. Before saying goodbye to this great man, one should reflect on what his final moments have taught subsequent generations.

Questions are often raised about Jacob and his ability to understand parenting and sibling issues.

How much of Joseph's ordeal at the hands of his brothers was due to the seeds planted by Jacob? Was Jacob truly blind to the turmoil he was creating among his children when he favoured one child? Could we conclude that Jacob did not understand the meaning of covenant at all?

It is, perhaps, easy to say that Jacob failed as a father, as a patriarch and as a formulator of covenant. Yet, in his final moments we are overwhelmed by his deep and true understanding of all the issues.

Before Jacob dies he insists on laying claim to Joseph's children as his own. Menashe and Ephraim, Joseph's children, are "owned" and blessed by Jacob. In a scene eerily reminiscent of Isaac's deathbed blessing and the confusion between Jacob and Esau, Jacob, now on his deathbed, crosses his arms to place his right hand on Ephraim, the second born and his left hand on Menashe, the eldest. When Joseph tries to correct him, Jacob simply responds by saying "I know," and in fact, he does.

Negative name

Menashe was named by Joseph with a statement declaring that he has now forgotten the pain of his father's household. It is a negative name. Ephraim's name is declared as one of fruitfulness and wealth. It is a positive name.

Jacob is attempting to balance the two boys by transferring some of the positive onto the negative. He has understood that covenant is about balance and harmony and not about living by extremes.

Shortly afterwards Jacob blesses all his children, some of whom are given positive statements, while others are negative.

When one compares his blessings with their namings at birth, one is struck by the consistency with which the positive and negative images are maintained by Jacob.

Where he is able, he turns a negative name into a positive one. He has tipped the scales ever so slightly, he has tried to give the family whatever advantage he could.

When we bless our children on Friday nights, we likewise reverse the names of Menashe and Ephraim for our sons and Leah and Rachel for our daughters. We bless our children with the hope that they will achieve balance in their lives.

Yet, after we are shown this secret message of covenant, after the portrayal of how deeply Jacob has understood the process, he is sadly embalmed after death. He dies in a foreign land after having lived a difficult and painful life.

Jacob is the patriarch who struggles with every concept and every deed. He is the ancestor who meets and interacts with the angels. He is the one we misunderstand the most.

I cannot help but remember the words of F. Scott Fitzgerald and think of Jacob, our last patriarch: "Show me a hero and I'll write you a tragedy."

Popular challah recipes

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

Today more on challah and methods to bring the mesmerizing smell into your home.

However special challah tastes these days, it is hard to imagine how it could have tasted a few generations ago. Abraham Joshua Heschel tried to paint a picture: "In the shtetls of Eastern Europe, our ancestors six days a week would eat the coarse, dry, black bread of the peasants, but on Shabbat they would eat challah, a bread of such richness and sublime delicacy, that by comparison it was more like cake than bread: much like the contrast between the six days of the profane week and the holy day of Shabbat." **[http://www2.mcjc.org/mjfood/mjfmc005.htm]**

Modern challahs pose new problems, especially for people watching their waistline. Challah cannot be considered a low calorie food, but there are ways to create golden loaves that are not brimming with eggs and oil. Dr. Deborah Bernstein's Fat-Free Challah uses egg whites and pear baby food **[http://www.eskimo.com/~jefffree/recipes/chalfatf.htm]** while J. Piscatella's Heart Healthy Challah uses only egg whites or egg substitute and a half cup of oil **[http://www.eskimo.com/~jefffree/recipes/chalheal.htm]**. You may also want to try Rick's Lowered Cholesterol Challah. But note that although this recipe does not use any egg yolks, unlike most challah recipes, it is dairy **[http://www2.ios.com/~wordup/bread/challah.html]**.

Looking for more ideas? Arielle's Recipe Archives have seven variations **[http://www.neosoft.com/recipes/breads-yeast/]** including one that uses saffron, another that calls for potato water and a challah that has an apple topping. But the bubbie of all sites is the Jewish-Food Challah archives, which includes no fewer than 56 challah recipes, including Almost Like Aunt Leah's, Honey Whole Wheat and Sourdough **[http://www.eskimo.com/~jefffree/recipes/chlindex.htm]**.

Challah has caught up with technology (or is it vice versa) and there are plenty of recipes out there using bread machines **[http://www.betterbaking.com/baker2/breadmach2cha.html]**. But the concession to technology only goes so far. You are instructed to use the machine only for preparing the dough. Bake the challah in your oven.

No challah is complete without the intricate braiding. There are several sites which *describe* how to braid a challah, such as Empire Kosher **[http://www.empirekosher.com/neverfail.htm]** and the Food & Wine site **[http://www.pathfinder.com/FoodWine/trecipes/789.html]**. However, I like the Canadian Living site because it *illustrates* how to do it **[http://www.canadianliving.com/features/food/cookingiesson-challah/cl-challah.htm]**.

In my next column, I'll look at what to do with your challah *after* Shabbat is over. But I conclude with Jeff Rosenberg's story of what must surely be the strangest use of a challah ever devised **[http://www.radiohazak.com/Tampa.html]**.

Rosenberg had hot tickets for a Bob Dylan concert that was being held on the Saturday night between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. After Dylan's encore, Rosenberg tossed a round raisin challah onto the stage.

The challah bounced around and finally came to rest near the superstar's feet.

"His eyes met mine, as if asking 'Was that you who threw that?' I spread my arms out and mouthed the words 'Shanah Tovah.' At which point, the man's expression turned from one of amusement, slowly, to something more like humility. And he mouthed the words to me, 'Thank you.'"

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Jewish Life

Rabbinic Reflections

A time of promise

By RABBI JOSEPH KELMAN

Although the millennium has been the centre of news for the past few months, it has no specific Jewish connotation. Nevertheless, it is a reminder that we are coming to the end of the 20th century.

There is no doubt that historians will mark it as one of the most significant centuries in Jewish history – we experienced the monstrous Holocaust and the creation of the State of Israel. With all the problems confronting the Jewish people here and in Israel, we still have many reasons to be optimistic about the future.

If this had been written 100 years ago, there would have been a gloomy picture painted of the 20th century. The synagogue then played a very minor role in Jewish community life. Many immigrants were interested in assimilating into the non-Jewish community. Many young people did not relate to their parents, rabbis and Hebrew school teachers, whom they considered old-fashioned.

The outside world did not help because there were so many forms of anti-Semitism and a tremendous amount of discrimination. Jews were unable to secure jobs in many business enterprises.

Who could have imagined that today there would be Jews in the cabinets and Supreme Courts of the United States and Canada, or that Jews would be serving as president of leading universities and CEOs of major businesses.

It is coincidental that the holiday of Chanukah, which we recently celebrated, not only reminds us of the historical, miraculous events of 168 to 165 BCE, but gives us a message and a challenge for today's Jewish world. Jews revolted against the Greek Syrian masters because they imposed restrictions upon the practice of the Jewish religion. The Jewish people were prevented from observing Shabbat, eating kosher, performing brit milah and most importantly, teaching Torah to young children and adults.

The victory against the enemy and the re-dedication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem saved the Jewish religion from disappearing. It also kept alive monotheism for the rest of the world.

As we approach the 21st century, we should not take the blessings and the freedom that the Jewish people have achieved for granted. There are very few impediments preventing us from living a full Jewish life and being accepted in the academic, professional, government and business world.

Today, Jewish education is still the most important insurance for keeping Judaism alive. While this is certainly necessary for children, teenagers and young adults, it is equally important that we add more adults to the large number already engaged in serious Jewish study. This knowledge will help Jewish families recognize the importance of the synagogue and see it not only as central to the Jewish family but as the inspiration to observe mitzvot, rituals and customs at home.

Guest voice

Time to end an injustice

By WAYNE J. LEVIN
Special to The CJN

It is hypocritical of the government of Ontario, as an educational authority, to teach critical thinking, equality, good citizenship and justice to our youth, yet itself ignore reason and practise discrimination and exclusion.

In fact, it is more than hypocritical, it is quintessentially Orwellian. The very educational authority that incorporates George Orwell's *Animal Farm* into its curriculum propagates policies where some children in Ontario are more equal than others.

For years, parents of students in independent schools have sought fair funding for their children. They receive no government funding or services whatsoever, despite the Harris government's advertisements and assertions indicating that education funding is now "fair" and that every student is now covered by a "basic, universal" grant.

Independent schools, particularly those that are culturally based, exist because the government does not provide what they need.

However, to the government's credit, they do fund a variety of equivalent programs and schools that ensure broad-ranging alternatives to serve the needs of a diverse student body.

These alternatives provide learning environments that cater to the needs and objectives of a variety of student profiles – and all are funded by taxpayers. But there is no taxpayer support for the equivalent needs of the many independent school students.

Schools do not simply teach subject matter, they develop young people. An education system must therefore provide appropriate environments that encourage and direct students, with their diverse interests, backgrounds and capabilities, to learn best and achieve their potential.

The widening variety of publicly funded programs and schools attest to this fact. But public schools either do not, or cannot, legally provide what many independent school families require.

For these families, independent schooling is as necessary as English as a second language is for immigrant families.

The Supreme Court of Canada has ruled that the Ontario government can fund the education of independent school children. Justice and the government's frequently stated values of fairness demand that it do so.

Recently, Education Minister Janet Ecker ducked the Orwellian concern that some students are more equal than others, expressing instead her belief that there is greater understanding among diverse peoples when kids are exposed to students from a variety of backgrounds in school.

Where is the evidence to support her claim? Why does the minister suggest that funding independent schools is detrimental but funding equivalent public school alternatives is not?

The suggestion that a lack of exposure causes people to be intolerant of minorities suggests that rural Ontario schools must be graduating scores of narrow-minded young adults.

Likewise, we would have to believe that those who espouse racist views could not possibly come from culturally diverse schools.

Separate school students, who have very little exposure to non-Catholics in school, must be exceptionally bigoted, according to the minister's notion.

What independent school parents seek is equal funding, an extension of the Harris government s rair Funding Formula to include their kids.

Such an extension is reasonable since the government is constitutionally mandated to provide for every child's education and graduates from independent schools are readily accepted in vocational schools and universities in Ontario and beyond.

Independent school graduates develop into productive Canadian citizens. Education dollars spent on independent school students, therefore, would be tax dollars well spent.

When justice and reason overcame notions and political ideology, women got the vote.

Independent school parents hope that the Ontario government, the very authority responsible for instilling justice and reason into our youth, will finally deliver equality in funding education in Ontario.

Parents for Educational Choice encourages everyone to meet with their MPP and ask for their help in ending this injustice.

Wayne J. Levin is a director of Parents for Educational Choice and welcomes your comments at equaled@total.net.

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Family resource centre to open in Vaughan

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

VAUGHAN — One of the first family resource centres in the Greater Toronto Area geared to the Jewish community, is set to have its grand opening on Jan. 16, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The centre, to be located at the Promenade Mall (suite 318) is a joint project of Jewish Family & Child Service, the Bathurst Jewish Centre and UJA Federation.

The goal of the centre, said Bernice Friedman, program co-ordinator, is to "strengthen families, and empower parents in their roles as caregivers, nurturers and providers."

Friedman was trained as a family life educator by JF&CS, and is now pursuing a doctorate in education in the field of curriculum development. "The centre is running on a positive model. Everyone has strengths; we need the opportunity to develop those strengths, meet our potential and flourish," she said.

People can develop their skills by attending workshops and programs, and meeting with other parents she said, adding that a strong attempt will be made to have a special needs component, so that families with special needs can use the services. "A large part of our goal is to make the centre user friendly."

Friedman taught family studies and special education before leaving to raise a family, eventually pursuing further studies.

Some people lose confidence when they become parents, she said. "We know how important it is to empower them and give them the opportunity to meet people in the same position."

The centre, which will offer unlimited drop-in privileges, will also have information on schools and other facilities in the area, a lounge, play area and toys, arts and crafts and story time.

Workshop topics may include infant stimulation, parent/caregiver and child fitness; balancing work and home; fostering early language development; nutrition and health information; couple communication and life cycle transitions.

The place will also serve as a cultural and religious centre, said Friedman.

"We plan on having an advisory board with parents, who will help plan our activities. We have already received a lot of input.

"We are seeking volunteers to run the drop-in, tell stories, put together a newsletter, or do whatever else they may be interested in."

BBYO aids homeless youth

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Youth helping youth is an appealing concept.

This is one of the reasons B'nai Brith Youth Organization's governing board chose Youth Without Shelter as its pet project this year, said Andy Fenyes, the 16-year-old shlichah of BBYO's Greater Toronto Area Council.

Every year, BBYO's GTA Council, which is made up entirely of young people (chapter presidents and elected representatives), chooses a social action project for the programming year ending in June.

Last month, the council chose the 30-bed Youth Without Shelter, which provides emergency shelter and day programs, such as life skill sessions, hot lunches and recreation activities, for homeless youth ages 16 to 24.

The shelter is sending BBYO a "wish list" of needed items, including hygiene products, warm clothing, and small items like TTC tokens, batteries and Band-Aids, said Susan Ezeard, a spokesperson for the shelter.

BBYO has already started collecting goods, Fenyes said.

A pet project like Youth Without Shelter raises teens' social consciousness said Dena Libman, director of development at BBYO.

"It's difficult for teens who are growing up in comfortable, stable homes to realize there are other teens who are living on the streets," she said.

In the fiscal year from April 1, 1998 to March 31, 1999, more than 700 young people, many of whom were victims of abuse, parental abandonment and emotional problems, visited the shelter, Ezeard said.

Nine other youth shelters exist in the GTA.

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Fantastic Finish

(above) A warm partnership. Campaign 2000 Co-Chairs David Engel and Mel Wolfond (right) celebrate success.

UJA Federation's last campaign of the century officially closed last week in record breaking fashion. Campaign 2000 Chairs David Engel and Mel Wolfond are projecting a record breaking $42 million total, bringing the amount of increased giving to $5.5 million over the last two years. Although the campaign is officially over, volunteers will continue to contact contributors who have not yet been reached. Featured here are photo highlights of last week's closing celebration. *Photos: Big Dipper Communications*

(l-r) Mel Wolfond, Campaign Vice-Chairs Abe Glowinsky and Debbie Kimel, David Engel, Vice-Chair Howard Price.

Closing Chair Peter Ekstein and his wife Stella.

(right) Keynote speaker Sallai Meridor who heads the Jewish Agency.

(below) Next year's Campaign Chairs Ed Sonshine (l) and Ron Frisch were announced by Gerry Halbert, Chair of the Past Chair's Council.

Closing Celebration Chair Glennie Lindenberg and son Ira.

Volunteers Moishe and Frances Goldstein display t-shirts designed by Pedie Wolfond.

Women's Campaign Chair Carole Sterling (right) with Pedie Wolfond.

Hockey Mission to Israel

Israel's Senior National Hockey Team.

Hockey night in Canada is coming to Israel via the first ever Israel On Ice mission sponsored by UIA Federations Canada.

Three amateur teams from across Canada are currently being recruited to take part in the mission, March 31-April 9. Qualified participants will be testing their skating and scoring skills in a round robin tournament against members of Israel's senior national hockey team at Canada Centre in Metulla, just prior to their participation in the World Championships in Iceland.

Laurence Goldstein, who is chairing the effort to organize a team from Toronto, says the trip, which costs $2298 per person, is a great deal. "It's a great opportunity to play against Israel's national hockey team and experience the country."

In addition to ice time in Metulla, mission participants will visit historical sites in Jerusalem, Caesarea and Tzfat, swim in the Dead Sea, climb to the top of Masada, take a jeep ride in the Judean desert, hike through the Golan Heights and visit an Israeli Defence base near the northern border.

"The mission is a unique opportunity for Canadians to learn about the strong connection between our two countries," notes Gerry Halbert, past president of UIA. In addition to an Olympic size skating rink and indoor swimming pool, Canada Centre, built with funds raised by Canadian Jewry, houses squash and basketball courts and other modern sports and recreation facilities. Home to Israel's junior and senior hockey clubs, the centre is also the training ground for many of the country's most promising athletes.

"It's a magnificent and magical place where Canadians as well as Israelis can feel right at home," adds Halbert.

For more information about Israel On Ice, please call (416) 636-7655 ext. 237 or e-mail: uiaeli@passport.ca.

Role of sacred garments explored at lecture

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Debates about whether women should wear sacred garments have gone on for centuries, says a professor at York University's Centre for Jewish Studies.

"The question has been whether these garments are Jewish garments or Jewish male garments," said Sara Horowitz, at a workshop sponsored by Beth Tikvah Synagogue. The workshop is the second in a series about Jewish women in the next millennium.

Sacred garments, such as tallitot and tfillin, represent the covenant between God and the people of Israel, said Horowitz. "Men are firmly ensconced in this covenant, but [the relationship between women and the covenant] is a little blurry."

When we think of people who wear tallitot, we usually think of our fathers or grandfathers, she said. "The images are very male, and women find it difficult to step over the line. It is a father image, not a mother image."

In most cultures, she said, women are more visibly marked than men. "The veil, for example, is a physical marker of Islamic women. In Judaism, however, you can tell a religiously dressed man, but you cannot tell a religiously dressed woman. That kind of marker is more attached to men than to women."

The reference to sacred garments comes from the book of Numbers, said Horowitz. "In it, there is proof as to why Jews wear garments with fringes. It does not specify men, though; it says 'you.' We have to wonder if it encompassed women as well."

The Talmud does say later on that blind people and women are exempt from the mitzvah of wearing sacred garments. "The idea is that blind people cannot see the garment, so the trigger of remembering the covenant is not there. What about women, though? They are not necessarily blind."

Some people have said that women do not need to wear the sacred garments that serve as a trigger for people to remember the covenant, she said, because men should not be looking at women.

The problem with that theory, according to Horowitz, "is that the person wearing the garment should be remembering God; wearing it is not only a trigger for other people.

"Something funny is going on in the text. It forgets that women can see and remember. The logic breaks down."

A question women should ask themselves, said Horowitz, is whether they want to wear tfillin. "If they do wear them, should they be traditional tfillin, or should they be reconceptualized? These are issues we have to think of when we think of women wearing tfillin.

"Maimonides said that women may wear tfillin, but they should not say the prayer when they put them on. He adds, that because women are not commanded to wear them, it is not as great a deed for them.

"Men must do it to fulfil a commandment; women do it because they want to. The Judaic principle is that it is a greater mitzvah to do something that is commanded."

Women who do want to wear sacred garments, said Horowitz, often do so in order to feel included and part of the covenant. "There is so much embedded in it. It is a difficult decision, however, because it means opening a door."

Many customs originated outside of Judaism: TAU prof

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

Paul Wexler

TORONTO — The symbolic breaking of the glass is a tradition that typically characterizes Ashkenazi Jewish weddings.

But the origin of this custom may not be so Jewish.

According to Paul Wexler, a Tel Aviv University linguistics professor, the breaking of the glass, a Germanic custom that predated Christianity, was meant to scare off the devil, who was thought to enter the north end of churches.

Wexler, the author of two books on the origin of Jews — *The Ashkenazic Jews: A Slavo-Turkic People in Search of Jewish Identity* and *The Non-Jewish Origins of the Sephardic Jews* – spoke at Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University's (Toronto office) recent annual general meeting.

In his keynote speech about the origins of Jewish language and customs, Wexler argued that many Jewish traditions have been adapted from other religions and cultures.

In the 13th century, rabbis tried to eliminate the glass-breaking custom – they knew of its pagan origins – but failed, so they gave the tradition a new meaning, he said.

Another example of a non-Jewish custom which became a Jewish tradition is the lighting of a yahrzeit candle. This was a German Catholic custom before Jews adopted it, according to Wexler.

The German word *Jahreszeit* used to mean lighting a candle in memory of a deceased relative. While the German language has lost this original meaning – the word now means season of the year – there are villages in Switzerland and western Austria where Catholics still practise the custom, he said.

Even challah was not originally a Jewish bread, Wexler noted.

It dates back to a pre-Christian pagan tradition in Germany – girls would cut off their braids at puberty and offer them to Frau Holle, a German witch who supposedly gave these girls protection in exchange for their braids.

Eventually, the girls offered braided bread instead of their braided hair.

Jews renamed this bread after the biblical Hebrew term challah referring to unbaked dough given to priests.

The Magen David was not originally a Jewish symbol either, according to Wexler.

For the last 2000 years, it has been a widespread symbol in Africa, Asia and Europe. In German and west Slavic villages, non-Jews painted this symbol on the floor of barns to protect animals or on the floor or bed of a pregnant woman as a sign of protection.

The Arabs called it the Seal of Solomon; the Magen David only became a Jewish symbol in the late 18th century, he said.

Even Jewish languages can be traced to non-Jews, Wexler said.

Yiddish, Judeo-Arabic and the approximately 22 other Jewish languages introduced in the last 2,500 years were created by converts to Judaism who wanted a language to differentiate themselves from non-Jews, Wexler said.

He pointed out that Jewish languages only developed in areas where there were conversions, such as Germany, Spain, North Africa and the Middle East, while Jewish languages did not develop in areas where conversions were uncommon, such as America, Britain and Canada.

Historic evidence proves mass conversions to Judaism did occur, said Wexler, citing the Khazars – Turkic tribes who lived in Russia and converted to Judaism in approximately the ninth century – as a major example of this mass conversion.

When asked in a later interview why these conversions occurred when Judaism is not traditionally known as a religion that converts people, Wexler responded: "I don't think the Jews tried to convert anybody. It's the non-Jews who wanted to become Jews."

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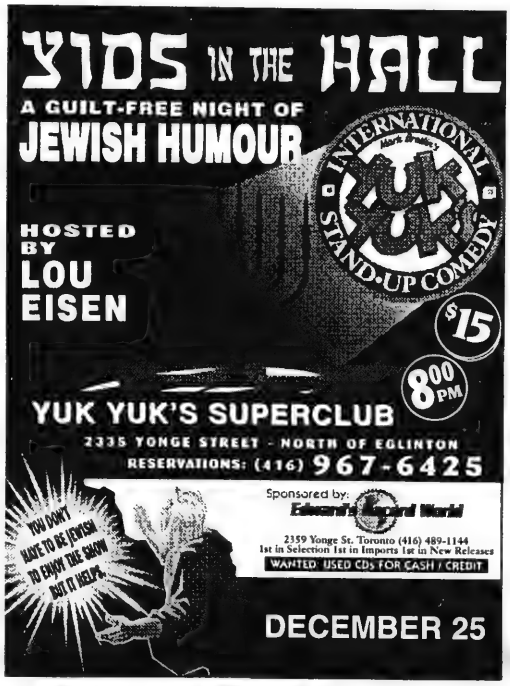
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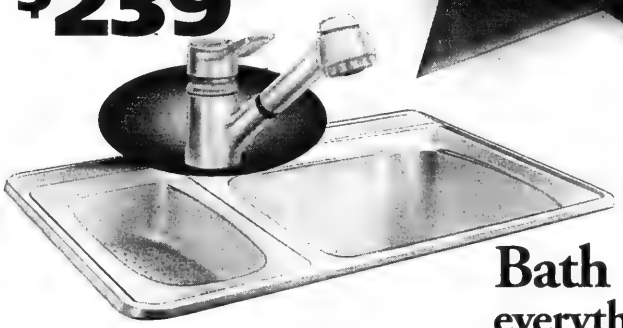

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Women urged to get involved

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Yael German, mayor of Herzliyah, was here recently with a "loud and clear" message concerning women.

"Women need to have confidence in their abilities, and society needs to be educated about the important roles women can play," said German, who was here as a guest of the New Israel Fund.

In Israel, 1996 statistics show that although over 50 percent of university graduates are women, only 7.8 percent are professors, she said. "Sixty percent of government employees are women, yet they occupy only 10 percent of top level government jobs.

These figures "speak for themselves," she said.

In the 1998 municipal elections, in which German won in a surprise sweep of 31 percent of the vote as a representative of Meretz, 30 women ran for mayor.

"Twice as many should have run. In Herzliyah, I ran against seven men. It takes a lot of guts for a woman to run a campaign. The reaction is often intimidating," said German.

When she announced her candidacy, she said, nobody believed she had a chance. "Until the last day of the campaign, I was given no media exposure.

"While the others were fighting with each other, however, I was working hard. It served me that no one paid attention.

"During the campaign, I spoke to thousands of people, and I knew they were responding to me. When I came first, I was not surprised."

She credits women for bringing her into office.

Yael German

"They had such creative ideas. They were dedicated to the campaign. It took courage for them to put my nomination forward.

"There are so many other able women who have a lot to contribute, but they are intimidated," says German who received the impetus to enter politics after attending a workshop sponsored by the Israel Women's Network (IWN), which receives $205,000 (US) annually from the New Israel Fund.

"Ten years ago, I thought it was wrong for women to do this. I felt it was not humble. IWN told us that it was our duty to do it. They made me feel the strength, the sisterhood. I knew I could do so much more."

Herzliyah, she says, has a diverse population, with 15 percent of the population on welfare, and with many cases of children at risk.

"Many of these families are in the second generation of poverty, and we are trying to find a solution, so they will not have a third generation living in poverty."

Looking back on her first year in office, German said she put a lot of money into education. She had air conditioning installed in many schools, because she claims that children cannot learn properly in extreme heat. She also contributed to a program – the first city in the country to have all children participate – that teaches citizenship, democracy and anti-violence.

"I've just started to visit schools to see how the program is working out. It is not a rosy road. The teachers feel it is something that just landed on them. They had to take lessons and attend seminars. It is important, though."

High school students are beginning to learn about mediation, "a hot topic in Israel. It is the new way of thinking. The moment people start realizing that other people also have a point, they become less aggressive."

Currently, German is completing negotiations with the air force to use part of one of its buildings as a cultural centre.

"I would like Herzliyah to be known for its education and culture.

"I also want the municipality to be more service oriented. We've updated the computer system in the offices, and city employees have taken courses on how to better deal with the public."

Another pet project, she said, is to have a youth centre built, so "kids will have somewhere to go after school. We already have a plan and a budget, and we are now seeking donors, so we can finish funding, and begin to build it."

German was in Toronto as part of the New Israel Fund's Women's Voices series, that also had speakers in Washington, New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. To read about the New York program, hook into the organization's Web site at www.NIF.Org.

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רעדאַגירט פֿון: אַלעק סילווער

אַ נייע עפּאָכע אין דער מענטשלעכער געשיכטע

פֿון ש. ליפּשיץ (סאראַנסק)

איך עטלעכע טעג אַרום וועט די וועלט אָפּמערקן דעם אַנטהייב פֿון דרי־טויזנט יאָריקער געשיכטע לויט דער מאַדערנער צייט־רעכענונג. איך דעם באַגרענעצטן פּלאַץ פֿון איצטיקן קאָלום איז נישט מעגלעך זיך אָפּצושטעלן אויף אַלע וויכטיקסטע געשעענישן במשך די לעצטע צווי טויזנט יאָר, כאָטש אייניקע פֿון זיי זיינען פֿון גרויסער היסטאָרישער באַדייטונג, ווי, למשל, די גוטענבערג דרעפינדונג אין 14טן יאָרהונדערט פֿון דער דרוק־מאַשין, וואָס האָט דערמעגלעכט אַ שטויס צו טאָן פֿאַראויס די מענטשלעכע קולטור און וויסנשאַפֿט. אַדער אַזאַ גוואַלדיקע איבערקרעניש ווי די פראַנצויזיקע רעוואָלוציע אין 1789, וואָס האָט אַ סוף געמאַכט צום פּעאַלאַזישן סיסטעם און איינגעפּידט דעמאָקראַטיע אין איראָפּע.

מיר וועלן זיך באַוונדערש אָפּשטעלן אויף דעם פֿאַרגאַנגענעם *צוואַנציקסטן יאָרהונדערט*, וואָס איז, אַן צוויפֿל, געווען די שׂאָמע באַטייטנדיקסטע היסטאָרישע עפּאָכע אין דער מענטשלעכער געשיכטע און וועט זיכער אַזוי באַטראַכט ווערן פֿון צוקונפֿטיקע היסטאָריקערס און וויסנשאַפֿטלערס. דאָס איז געווען אַ יאָרהונדערט פֿון גרויסע איבערקרעגישן, אומדערהערטע מענטשלעכע טראַגעדיעס, גרויזאַמע מלחמות און עקאָנאָמישע קריזיסן. באַנעצע אימפּעריעס זיינען אונטערגעגאַנגן און נייע מלוכות זיינען אויפֿגעקומען. פֿון דער צווייטער זייט זיינען פֿאַרגעקומען נייע דערפינדונגען אויפֿן וויסנשאַפֿטלעכן, מעדיצינישן און אינדוסטריעלן געביט, וואָס האָט אַ שטויס געטאָן די מענטשהייט אויף צענדלי־קער יאָרן פֿאַראויס.

בלויז אַ קורצער איבערבליק פֿון די וויכטיקסטע געשעענישן אין לעצטן (צוואַנציקסטן) יאָרהונדערט:

1914 — דער אויסברוך פֿון דער ערשטער וועלט־מלחמה, וואָס האָט געוואָלט אַ סוף מאַכן צו אַלע מלחמות און האָט זיך פֿאַרנעכענט אין **1918** מיטן וועלכסלער פּרידן־אָפּמאַך. אָבער אַנשטאָט אַ סוף מאַכן צו אַלע מלחמות, האָט דער וועלכסלער שלום־אָפּמאַך פֿאַרווייט די קערן, וואָס האָבן דערפֿידט צו דער בלוטיקסטער מלחמה אין דער מענטשלעכער געשיכטע. עס וועלן געשאַצט, אַז אין די צווי מלחמות זיינען אומגעקומען אַרום 60 מיליאָן מענטשן.

1917 — די ערשטע רוסישע רעוואָלוציע אין פעברואַר פֿון דעם יאָר — די אַזוי־גערופענע קערענסקי רעוואָלוציע — האָט גלייך ברענגען דעמאָקראַטיע דורך באַזייטיקן דעם דעספּאָטישן צאַרישן רעזשים. צום באַדויערן האָבן די באָלשעוויקעס פֿאַרכאַפּט די מאַכט אין אָקטאָבער 1917. דאָס האָט עוועניטועל געפֿידט צו די שרעקלעכע יאָרן פֿונעם סטאָליניסטישן רעזשים, וואָס האָט גאַנץ קאָסט מיליאָנען מענטשלעכע קרבנות, אומגעקומענע אין די תפיסות און לאַגערן פֿון רוסלאַנד.

1939 — דער אויסברוך פֿון דער צווייטער וועלט־מלחמה נאָכן היטלעריזשן אַנפֿאַל אויף פּוילן און איך **1941** האָט היטלער אַנגעהויבן די מלחמה קעגן סאָוועטן־פֿאַרבאַנד. ביידע האָבן זיך פֿאַרענדיקט אין 1945 מיטן זיג פֿון די אַלייִרטע כוחות קעגן דער נאַצישער מיליטעריזשער מאַכט.

אָבער די וועלט איז נישט באַפֿרייט געווארן פֿונעם מלחמה־קאָשמאַר. ביזן היינטיקן טאָג קומען פֿאַר מלחמות און בלוט־פֿאַרגיסונגען אין פֿאַרשידענע טיילן פֿון דער וועלט. איז די האָפֿענונג, אַז דער נייער יאָרהונדערט, אַדער יאָרטויזנט וועט סוף־כּל־סוף ברענגען מיט זיך אַ וועלט פֿון שלום צווישן פעלקער און אַ סוף צו מלחמות און בלוט־פֿאַרגיסונגען.

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פֿאַר אונדז, יידן, איז דער פֿאַרגאַנגענער יאָרהונדערט געווען פֿון באַוונדערער היסטאָרישער באַדייטונג. מיר האָבן געליטן די גרעסטע טראַגעדיע אין דער צוויי־טויזנט יאָריקער געשיכטע פֿון אונדזער פֿאָלק — די פֿאַרניכטונג פֿון זעקס מיליאָן מענטשן, פֿוריין און קינדער דורך די היטלעריזשע מערדערס אין די גאַז־קאַמערן און טויט־לאַגערן. אין דער זעלבער צייט האָבן מיר זוכה געווען צו דערלעבן דעם ווידערגעבורט פֿון אונדזער פֿאָלק אין פֿון אונדזער אייגענער מדינה — מדינת ישראל.

איצט, צום 51סטן יאָר פֿון אויפֿקום פֿון דער מדינה, האָבן מיר באַוונדערש אַן אורזאַך צו זיין אָפּטימיסטיש. ישראל איז שטאַרק עקאָנאָמיש, מיליטעריש און פּאָליטיש. אונטער דער פּירערשאַפֿט פֿון פּרעמיער־מיניסטער אהוד בּאַראַק, איז פֿאַראַן די האָפֿענונג, אַז ישראל וועט דערגרייכן שלום מיט אַלע אַראַבישע שכנים. דאָס איז טאַקע אונדזער וווּנטש צום נייעם יאָרהונדערט.

Greater Toronto Area

Sport-a-thon raises almost $3,600 to aid CF patient

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A sport-a-thon at the Bathurst Jewish Centre organized by the student council of United Synagogue Day School's Bayview campus raised nearly $3,600 to help Lisa Ostrovsky.

Lisa is the 11-year-old Israeli girl with cystic fibrosis who recently received a lung-lobe transplant. Funds are being collected from around the world to help pay for her medical expenses and the living, travel and communication expenses of her family.

Student council co-presidents Rachel Vale and Alex Sherman, both 13, told *The CJN* that Lisa's plight was one of several causes suggested by teacher facilitator Cherie Sachar.

"We thought it was the most moving, and the one where everyone thought we could be the most help, said Vale.

The two young women presented a cheque to Laurie Berman, who spearheaded the Toronto fundraising effort, during a special assembly held in the sanctuary of Beth Tikvah Congregation.

Berman said the situation proved that "one person can make a difference."

Lisa's father sent an e-mail to a friend explaining about his daughter's deteriorating physical condition, said Berman. "That man contacted another friend, and so on until it went around the world."

Berman said that while they were waiting for a cadaver match, Lisa became so ill, that it was decided to use a lobe from two people who were less than perfect matches. The lung tissue came from her mother, and a non-Jewish man from England, who, horrified by the Holocaust, wanted to do something to help a Jewish person.

While Lisa has had a rocky recovery, Berman reported, she is now off life support and can communicate with her hands.

Sherman said the students from grades 6 to 8 spent half a day last month enjoying basketball, hockey, aerobics, track and swimming. "They each had to give some of their own money, and had to get sponsors," she said.

The student council chooses a different cause to raise funds for every year. Last year, the youngsters raised money for kits of school supplies for children in developing countries, under the auspices of Free the Children, founded by 16-year-old Craig Kielburger.

CORRECTION

There were two errors in the article "CHAT dedicates expanded campus" (*CJN*, Dec. 16). Sheldon Friedman is principal of general studies. Terry Cyr is on the staff of New Style Construction. *The CJN* regrets the mistakes.

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Ottawa family reunites after 80 year absence

By DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — Shortly before his 101st birthday, Benjamin Feinstein felt the time had come for a reunion with his sister, whom he had not seen for 80 years.

Feinstein was still well and living independently in his own apartment, but he had recently had surgery for a second hip fracture.

"I feel I am going downhill," he told his daughter Ruth, "and I haven't seen my sister. I would like to see her."

Ruth immediately called her cousin Inna in Cincinnati and asked her to bring her mother, Sarra Pyatigorsky, to Ottawa as soon as possible.

What she did not know was that the reunion of a brother and sister who had not seen each other for 80 years would make headlines around the world.

In a recent interview, with Inna acting as interpreter for her mother's Yiddish, Inna and two of her cousins told their parents' story.

When Benjamin Feinstein escaped from Russia to Romania en route to Palestine at the age of 21, he left behind his parents and nine siblings, including his eight-year-old sister, Sarra. Feinstein never made it to Palestine, but after four years in Romania he came to Canada as a refugee.

He first settled in Winkler, Man., in 1924, and spent six years there. Then, with his wife, Frieda, and their two daughters, he made his way to Ottawa and opened a grocery store. In Ottawa, a third daughter and a son were born.

Feinstein maintained contact with his family in Ukraine, and sent money and clothing. The family had lost everything in the pogroms and were grateful for the help.

He continued to support the family until World War II. During the war, his parents, two youngest sisters and several cousins were killed, and two brothers died as soldiers.

Benjamin Feinstein with his sister Sarra Pyatigorsky and her daughter Inna.

Sarra had married before the war and moved to Kiev. When she returned to Odessa after the war, she found it difficult to re-establish her connection with her older brother Benjamin, because their parents, who had been the link, were no longer alive.

Eventually, she did locate Benjamin and they did re-establish contact, but during the Stalin regime, she said, it was dangerous to contact anyone in the West.

Nine years ago, when restrictions were finally lifted, two of Feinstein's daughters, Miriam and Pearl, visited the family in Kiev, but their father was unable to make such a long trip.

Pyatigorsky was over 80 and had suffered a heart attack, but she left her homeland five years ago and moved to the United States to be with her daughter Inna and her family. Inna's brother had emigrated a year before and the family wanted to be together.

Now they were closer to Feinstein, but, as refugees in a new country, the Pyatigorsky family waited a couple of years before they let their Ottawa relatives know where they had settled in Cincinnati.

Then Benjamin broke a hip and his recuperation took some time.

After the emotional reunion of the siblings in time for Feinstein's birthday, Inna expressed Pyatigorsky's feelings, translating for her mother: "There are not enough words to explain how she feels about seeing her brother and his family. It is like a dream."

She was amazed at the large family, the dynasty, her brother had created: four children, 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

When they last saw each other 80 years ago and a world apart, they could never have dreamed of where and when they would next meet, Inna said.

Ottawa Jewish leader killed in car crash

BY DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — Lawrence Greenberg, a member of the large and prominent Greenberg family, died suddenly on Dec. 12, a victim of a tragic head-on collision on Highway 7 in Carleton Place. He was 54 years old.

Obituary

A native of Ottawa, Greenberg was well known and respected by the Jewish community for his lifelong involvement in various causes and organizations. From 1995 to 1997, he was the president of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa/Vaad Ha'Ir.

"It is devastating to have lost him so suddenly and he will be sorely missed by so many," said Mitchell Bellman, executive director of the Vaad Ha'Ir. "It is a very sad day for the Jewish community and for everyone who knew Lawrence and worked with him."

"His experience, his insights and his personal input will be missed," said Rabbi Arnold Fine, who led the funeral services.

There were so many people in attendance that there was standing room only, even in the second room of the funeral chapel where people viewed the proceedings on closed-circuit television.

Rabbi Reuven Bulka also spoke of his long association with Greenberg. "The governing ethos in everything he did was compassion for every member of the community," he said.

Greenberg was involved in Minto Construction, the family business started by three of his uncles and his late father, Louis. One of the founders, his late uncle Lorry, was a former mayor of Ottawa.

Lawrence was the eldest of numerous first cousins, many of whom are also involved in Minto. Roger Greenberg, president of Minto, the largest home builder in the Ottawa region, said his cousin Lawrence had recently reduced his workload to spend more time with his family.

Of his cousin, Roger Greenberg said, "The amazing thing about Lawrence was that he had no airs or pretensions. He did things in as quiet and efficient a manner as possible. He also had a tremendous sense of people, of sizing up people. He was very much a people person.

"Lawrence was looked upon by his many cousins as being the link to the first generation, yet he was very contemporary. Next to his family, being Jewish and being involved in the Ottawa Jewish community gave him his greatest feeling of accomplishment."

Greenberg is survived by his wife Lynda, who was injured in the collision, his son Lee and daughter Hayley, as well as his brother David.

War crimes act introduced

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

OTTAWA — A new Canadian Crimes Against Humanity Act, which would revive the option of criminal prosecutions against war crimes suspects and crimes against humanity suspects, was introduced recently. (*CJN*, Dec. 16)

Among its key provisions:

- It would not be a defence to say that an offence was committed in obedience to the law in force at the time. The defence of following orders could not be based on a belief that an order was lawful, except in certain circumstances as provided in the legislation.
- Sentences and parole eligibility rules that would apply to a conviction for genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes involving an intentional killing would be the same as for murder in the Criminal Code.

Scene in Ottawa

By G.K. SIMCOE

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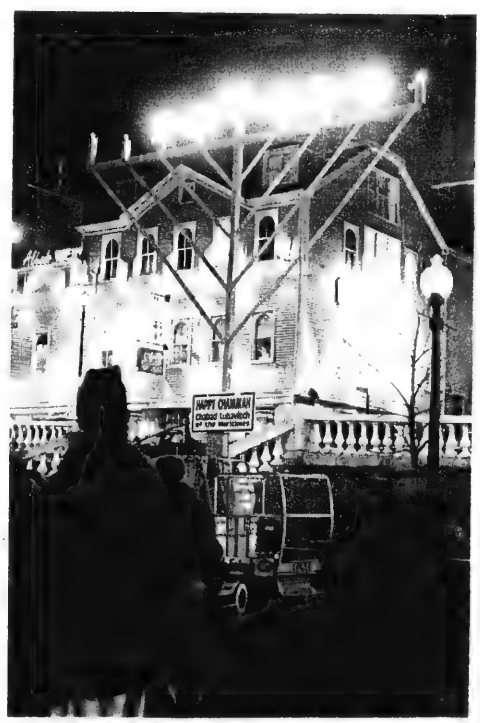

BURNING BRIGHT OUT EAST: Chabad Lubavitch of the Maritimes helped light the Chanukah menorah in Halifax.

Coast to Coast

Plans launched for a Canadian Jewish university

By BEN ROSE
Staff Reporter

HAMILTON — A move to establish a Canadian Jewish University that would ordain Orthodox rabbis in Canada for the first time has been launched by Maimonides College.

With a charter issued by the Ontario government in 1969, the college currently offers some classes in Toronto. It is planning to have campuses in both Toronto and Hamilton, the former depending on a land purchase and community support.

Maimonides' first campus will be located at the Yeshiva Beit Yitzchak secondary school in Hamilton on the site of a former public school near the large, Orthodox Adas Israel Congregation in west Hamilton. Proponents of the college obtained the site 10 years ago.

Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz, educational director of Ohr Somayach in Toronto, was recently appointed rosh yeshiva of Yeshiva Beit Yizchak and of Maimonides College, the yeshiva's senior beit hamidrash.

Rabbi Breitowitz, who received his ordination from Ner Israel Rabbinical College of Baltimore, has served Jewish communities as an educator and administrator for almost 20 years.

Alvin Meisels, executive director of Beit Yitzchak, expects that next fall, 30 post-secondary rabbinic students will be enrolled at the Hamilton campus, which has a residential dormitory for 200, including its yeshiva students.

The moving spirit and president of Maimonides College is Rabbi Mordechai Green, 65, of Adas Israel, who in 1962 supervised the building of the new synagogue, the Hamilton Hebrew Academy Day School with 190 students, and a mikvah on the same property.

"A love for learning and a joy for Torah living is the essence of the new college and the yeshiva," said Rabbi Green.

The yeshiva, which is only a 10-minute walk from McMaster University, offers a full Ontario high school curriculum.

Maimonides College, which already has authority to issue bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in Judaic studies, has established classes in education, psychology and Judaic studies for 25 women in Toronto. Its classes there are held at the B'nai Brith Canada building on Hove Street.

The *neshamah* (soul) of the Canadian Jewish people will not be complete until Judaic subjects at the university level are available, he added.

The controversy surrounding topics such as cloning and genetic studies illustrates that science needs a moral centre that can be met by Judaic studies, he said.

Since arriving in Hamilton in 1959, the Montreal-born rabbi has been working with others to build an Orthodox infrastructure here.

Initial plans call for an administrative and academic campus in Hamilton at the Yeshiva Beit Yitzchak site and an academic campus in Toronto.

The gothic-like yeshiva on Bowman Street in west Hamilton will be an important cog in the Maimonides College wheel, he feels.

The school already has a beit hamidrash (main study hall and library) in an airy space redecorated with stained glass windows and, a mahogany Ark from the original Adas Israel synagogue on Cannon Street in downtown Hamilton. Both the windows and the Aron Kodesh had been kept in storage for more than 30 years.

The yeshiva has classrooms on two floors and an addition built seven years ago with a dorm of 45 rooms on three floors, each floor with commodious washrooms and showers, a dining hall, a well-equipped kitchen, a gymnasium and common rooms.

One of the busiest places at the yeshiva is the Internet room where students, under supervision, can surf the Net on a dozen new computers and write e-mail letters to their families.

Across a driveway from the 5½-acre yeshiva property are six new townhouses for faculty, four of which are occupied. Another six homes for faculty are to be built.

For more information call the executive director at 905-528-5451 or 905-522-9835.

Canadian Jewish Congress opens new office in Ottawa

By DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — A reception to mark the opening of Canadian Jewish Congress' new national office was held on Dec. 12.

Senior Jewish community leaders from across the country were in Ottawa for meetings of the United Israel Appeal Federations Canada (UIAFC) and many attended the reception before departing for home.

CJC national president Moshe Ronen welcomed the attendants; among them were community leaders from the Ottawa area.

"We are off to a great start here in Ottawa," said Ronen. "This is really a continuation of our work which I hope we can do even more effectively.

"We have moved our best professional staff here; we have a great volunteer core here as well; and we are within sight of Parliament Hill."

David Goldstein, president of UIAFC, congratulated CJC on its new premises and on its ability "on behalf of all Jewish Canadians to advocate what our rights and interests are. This will be a better platform to do this."

Deputy Prime Minister Herb Gray attended the reception as well. "I think you have made a wise decision," he said. "So many national organizations have decided to move from other places to Ottawa.

"I am sure this will be very useful for Congress and for the Canadian Jewish community. I am pleased to help you welcome community leaders from across Canada."

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Almost everywhere, Jews had no right to citizenship

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Indeed, outside of rebellious Judea, Jews were usually well treated in the many lands ruled by Rome. Even the three individuals most responsible for the wanton slaughter in Eretz Yisrael – Vespasian, Titus, and Hadrian – proved themselves, as emperors, to be surprisingly benevolent towards the Jews in the Roman Diaspora.

Roman citizenship was not withheld from Jews, and Jews usually enjoyed security and virtual equality. Romans hardly ever tried to impose their pagan religion onto others, and if they despised Christians, it was not because they sought to convert Christians but more because Christians tried to convert them.

The empire did, in due course, adopt Christianity, and the position of Jews then deteriorated. But the situation was not nearly as atrocious for Jews at that time as it became a thousand years later.

Similarly, in Babylonia, which in due course would be the main centre of Jewish life and activity, conditions for Jews would be much more favourable at the beginning of the first millennium than at the end.

Persians who believed in Zoroastrianism conquered Babylonia in the middle of the millennium, and instituted anti-Jewish regulations and persecutions.

When Arabs occupied the land in 640, conditions for Jews much improved, but by the end of the millennium new Persian invaders severely undermined the economy, instituted fresh religious persecutions, and induced many Jews to leave for other lands. These Persians were Muslims, but of the Shiite persuasion, and they persecuted not only Jews but also those of the local population, who were Sunni Muslims.

In the year 1000, in contrast to the era of Roman citizenship, Jews almost everywhere had no right to citizenship. There were some exceptions, mainly in Muslim lands, notably in Spain and Portugal.

But by the middle of this millennium Christians had conquered the entire Iberian Peninsula, and from then on Jews had no rights at all in these two countries, not even the right of residence.

Jews Were Without Rights

In the early centuries of what we now call the second millennium, not all countries followed the legal concept of citizenship, and in most Muslim lands the concept hardly existed - not for Muslims, and not for Jews.

In Christian countries, the concept did exist, but it did not apply to Jews; they had no citizenship and no inherent rights at all, and this condition remained in effect until well into the second half of the millennium.

Sometimes they were allowed to live in peace, and to earn a livelihood and to practise their religion unmolested, but they usually had no security and no recourse to the protection of the law.

To overcome this state of "rightslessness," Jewish communities appealed to the ruling authority for a charter. Often, they were refused, but over the centuries hundreds of such charters were indeed issued – by emperors, kings, bishops, feudal lords, or city councils.

Some of these documents are still extant, or their content is on record. The oldest known to us was granted by Louis I, Holy Roman Emperor, in 820.

His father, Charlemagne, had founded that empire 20 years earlier, and he had deemed the Jews to be a valuable element among his subjects. The son, Louis, later known as Louis the Pious, gave formal expression to this high assessment of Jews by issuing his charter.

It was directed to specific Jews named therein but in practice it applied to all Jews of the empire, and that empire encompassed most of what we today call France, Germany, Switzerland, and Northern Italy.

This particular charter guaranteed not only protection and certain rights, including the right to practise Judaism, but it even went so far as to prohibit Christians from attempting to convert to Christianity any slaves owned by Jews. (In those days it was quite usual for affluent persons, Jewish or non-Jewish, to own slaves.) The charter also provided for inducements to encourage Jews from other lands to move into the empire.

In the next few centuries, many other such charters followed, none quite as favourable as this one. As we move further into the new millennium, the deteriorating position of European Jewry is reflected in the provisions laid out in successive charters.

Some charters remained in force beyond the lifetime of the issuer, while others expired or were disregarded. In the case of the Holy Roman Empire, authority in such matters gradually passed to local rulers, and Jews had to keep asking for fresh charters.

Their right of residence, and even their right to life, depended on such charters, and on the whims of those who issued them or refused to issue them. All this demonstrates how precarious was the life of the Jew at this time.

There were also many instances where an existing charter was violated or abrogated.

In 1084 the Bishop of Speyer, a city in the Rhineland, issued a charter which, incidentally, alludes to the exposed position of the Jews in Christian Europe.

It specifically permitted Jews to build sturdy walls around their property so as to protect themselves from attacks by unruly mobs. Another interesting clause in that charter permits Jews to sell to Christians any meat slaughtered by a shochet, if it is ruled ritually unfit for Jewish consumption.

Just after 1200, Henry III of England issued instructions to his customs agents that Jews are to be accorded every encouragement to move into England, but no Jew must be allowed to move out of the country unless there was documentation that all his possessions had been conveyed to the king.

This was in keeping with the widespread outlook of West European kings in that era that Jews were the property of the ruler, to be squeezed for funds in every way possible.

In due course, having been squeezed dry, Jews were of little value to the ruler, and were consequently expelled. The expulsion from England occurred in 1290, from France in 1390, and from the smaller jurisdictions in Western and Central Europe on various dates throughout this era.

After an expulsion from a smaller jurisdiction, Jews were usually allowed to return years later, if and when their absence made itself felt commercially; in many cases, they were subsequently expelled again.

The greatest expulsion, in 1492, was from Spain, but in that saga the Jews had not been impoverished. For centuries before the Christian conquest, this had been a Muslim land, and Jews had built up a strong economic foundation.

Homage paid by Roman Jewry to Emperor Henry VII, **Rome 1312. The hats were typical of those worn by the Jews.**
[From the Codex Trevirensis, 1881]

How many Jews were there, and where did they live?

Demographics are at times mysterious, and this is especially true of Jewish populations. It is estimated that in the year 1,000 there were 1,800,000 Jews in the world. Sixteen years before the destruction of Jerusalem, in the year 70, the Roman emperor Claudius had ordered an empire-wide census, and the figures indicated that five million Jews lived in the empire. If nearly another half-million lived outside the empire – mainly in Babylonia and Persia – then we have an approximate Jewish population approaching six million.

It is estimated that one million – mainly civilians – perished in the wars against Rome. It thus follows that to the end of that millennium Jewish population declined by 60 percent, not counting war losses. This was over a period when the general population remained roughly even.

After the year 1000, Jewish population apparently continued to decline, reaching an estimated 1.5 million by 1600, and in these six centuries the world's general population increased. Perhaps these declines are the result of substantial shifts of Jewish population from place to place, but we cannot know for sure.

In the year 1000 close to half of the 1.8 million lived east of the Jordan, mainly in Iraq, the new name for Babylonia, and Persia. Both these centres were then in a state of decline, and by the year 1000 over 400,000 had already settled at the far end of the Mediterranean, in Iberia, Morocco, and Algeria. Other communities lived in France, Germany, Italy, and Byzantium, each of which had less than 100,000 Jews.

The division into Ashkenazim and Sephardim was in process at this time, and we are puzzled to find that the above figures appear to indicate that 80 percent of Jews, at that time, would fall under the heading of Sephardim, against only 20 percent Ashkenazim.

Nine centuries later, just before the Holocaust of World War II, the statistics were the reverse. At that time about 80 percent were Ashkenazim. There must be some factors at work which are not clear to us.

Another intriguing phenomenon is the rapidity of Jewish growth in Easterm Europe at a later date. In the year 1000 the Jewish population of Poland, Romania, Russia and the Baltic countries was negligible, and it remained that way for several more centuries. In 1880, at the onset of mass migration to the West, these countries aggregated about 60 percent of the world's Jewish population.

How was Jewish religious life different from today?

The framework of the siddur was already in place when the current millennium commenced, but several now-familiar parts were absent.

Among these are Adon Olam, Yigdal, L'chu N'rananu, L'cha Dodi, Ma'oz Tzur, Birkat Hachodesh, B'rich Sh'meh, the last parts of Sh'moneh Esreh and Birkat Hamazon, and Yizkor – to mention only a few.

The Passover Haggadah was considerably shorter then, there were less festival piyutim (liturgical poems) in the machzor, and the Selichot services and kinot for Tisha b'Av were not yet formulated as we know them. The festival of Simchat Torah, with all its special customs, was not yet instituted.

Marriage customs were quite different, and the ritual and celebration of bar mitzvah did not yet exist. The institution of paid rabbis was rare, and the professional chazzan was non-existent. Nor did

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Torah centres sprang up in Spain, France and Germany

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the congregation usually appoint a baal koreh to read the Torah portion, paid or unpaid; in most cities the person who was called to the Torah read his own portion, and was expected to know precise cantillation.

On the other hand, the custom of translating the Torah-reading into Aramaic by an appointed translator was still widely in vogue, especially in eastern countries, although the practice gradually fell out of favour.

It was a common practice in this era for a learned congregant to deliver a sermon during the Shabbatservice. This custom fell into disuse in later centuries, but in modern times it has been reinstituted in many congregations.

The synagogue served as the forum for all announcements including, in some cities, announcements of a business nature. In some cities, the rabbis or congregation officers had the power to impose penalties for infractions of community regulations.

In Christian countries, the government or the church would instruct the congregation on what announcements were required to be made that week in synagogue. These announcements could be directed either to Jews only or to all inhabitants.

For non-Jews, the mandatory promulgation was to be made in the market place; authorities other than the priests themselves refrained from intruding into the church service.

But such inhibition did not apply to the synagogue service, and Jews had no choice but to comply. There were indeed occasions when Jewish congregations were forced to hear sermons in synagogue by Christian clergymen, and the purport was always to encourage conversion to Christianity.

In Iraq, the Jewish academies of learning were in decline at the turn of the millennium. The ancient schools of Sura and Pumbedita had just closed, and their activities were transferred to Baghdad, the new capital of Iraq.

The trend was downward, and Iraq never again attained the glory of its earlier heyday. In the number of Jews, it still exceeded all other countries, but that number was diminishing, and so was the pre-eminence of its learning status.

New Torah centres were springing up in other lands, especially Spain, France, and Germany, and this was the exception to the broad downtrend worldwide. The state of Jewish intellectual activity was in upswing, despite the decline in Iraq.

This growth applied to talmudic studies, and, in the lands of the Western Mediterranean, and later also in Egypt, it applied likewise to the fields of philosophy, science, poetry, grammar, mathematics, and other disciplines.

Spain was the high-point of all this activity, and, indeed, that peninsula, so long as it was ruled by Muslims, moved counter to the wider downtrend in all the aspects previously described, not only in talmudic activity.

***Saint Dominic: The Destruction of the Books*, depicted in the fifteenth century by the Spanish painter Pedro Berruguete. Jewish books were commonly burned by Christian zealots.**

Religious divisions have been a feature of Jewish life throughout our history. Today we have Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform. A thousand years ago the conflict was between mainstream Judaism – not yet called Orthodox – and the Karaites.

The Karaites observed only the commands enumerated in the Torah itself, and denied the validity of rabbinic teaching. The schism broke out just before the turn of the millennium and the polemic on both sides constituted a major feature of Jewish life at the time. At one stage the question of which movement would prevail was in doubt. But Orthodoxy won out, and today Karaites are only a tiny splinter group.

How was it to live as a Jew then?

In the Christian countries, life was hard and hazardous, and it became harder and more hazardous as the new millennium progressed.

A few centuries earlier, Jews had been allowed to earn a living in agriculture and in all the usual occupations. They excelled as government administrators and as merchants.

But around the turn of the millennium, restrictions were gradually imposed which forced them off the land and out of several professions and many avenues of commerce. They had to limit themselves to moneylending or dealing in used clothing, and to a curtailed list of other occupations.

Moneylending came to be the main source of income. Christians were not permitted to lend money to other Christians for interest, and were hardly willing to lend without interest.

People of all economic levels needed to borrow money on occasion, so here was a niche for Jews to fill. But moneylending breeds hostility, and this occupation thus added to the disdain for Jews felt throughout Christendom.

And when Jews succeeded in accumulating wealth the authorities invariably imposed special taxes, which in effect confiscated their earnings.

In due course, demeaning regulations were enacted which required Jews to wear distinctive clothing or a recognizable badge. This added to the constant hazard of exposure to ridicule or violence.

Except in some Muslim countries, Jews were not allowed to bear arms. Thus, they were a helpless minority frequently set upon by mobs or armed ruffians.

The mandatory ghetto was not instituted until much later, but in most cities Jews already, at this time, lived in a tight Jewish section or a Jewish street.

This Jewish quarter, where possible, was situated near the castle of the bishop or feudal lord, so that in case of attack, the community could seek refuge there.

Jews expelled from any locality suffered the agonizing experience of travelling through unknown, often hostile, lands, or over treacherous seas at the mercy of cruel ship captains.

Finding a place that would allow Jews to settle, and build a new life with a new language and unfamiliar customs, constituted a daunting challenge. And in most cases the expelled families set out with the most meagre of means. Survival usually depended upon help from Jewish communities en route, but these could be far apart.

False accusations repeatedly cost Jewish lives

Each Jewish community had its mikvah, and every meal was preceded by the washing of hands. These hygienic practices set Jews apart from the surrounding population.

In much of Europe, rivers are frozen, or at least too cold for bathing during most months of the year, and there were no other facilities for bathing.

When major plagues or small-scale epidemics broke out, it was noticed that among Jews the number of victims was far fewer. So the word spread that the Jews had poisoned the wells or otherwise deliberately caused the calamity. A frequent consequence was mob violence against Jews, or even judicial executions.

Another oft-repeated calumny made its first appearance in 1144. In the English city of Norwich, a Christian child was found dead just before Pesach. Jews were accused of having murdered him so as to partake of Christian blood at the Pesach seder.

This specific type of slander became known as blood-libel, and many Jewish lives were lost as the accusation was repeated at various times and various locations. The dead child was instantly proclaimed a saint by the local church, and a shrine in that locality then became an object of pilgrimage.

Pilgrims bring money, so there was financial incentive for spreading this libel again and again.

The Muslim world was far less hostile to Jews, and persecutions and expulsions were comparatively infrequent. Whatever restrictions existed applied not specifically to Jews, but to all non-believers. There were, in fact, instances when the Christian religion was singled out for more severe restrictions, and this was partly because Christians sought to convert Muslims.

The Pact of Omar, which had set out the rules governing non-believers, provided for an array of measures to keep them at a lower status. Its regulations included distinctive clothing, prohibition against building new houses of worship, demeaning social treatment, and higher taxes. In practice, most of these rules were hardly ever implemented except for the higher taxes.

One specific hazard threatened Jews in both the Christian and Muslim areas of the world. The records indicate that a major cause for Jewish charity at that time was *pidyon sh'vu'im*, redemption of prisoners. Sea pirates and highway kidnappers abounded, and Jews were earmarked as likely targets.

When a non-Jew was captured, the captors would be able to collect ransom only if they located his family and his family had the financial means.

Nobody else was willing to pay the price. But if a Jew was captured, the captors could approach a Jewish community anywhere, and they would pay the ransom.

There was a roughly fixed rate of ransom prices, and this type of piracy was in fact a sophisticated business. Governments, when they could, taxed the ransom fees, and thus had little incentive to root out the perpetrators.

Jews knew that by paying such ransom they were encouraging the crime, yet in each case they did whatever was needed to free the Jewish prisoners who were at that moment in hostile custody.

For us who live in today's tolerant and secure society it is hard to visualize the conditions under which our ancestors lived for century after century.

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What's New and About People deadlines: Tuesday, Jan. 4, is deadline for Jan. 13 issue and Monday, Jan. 10, is deadline for Jan. 20. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 391-1836, fax 391-0829.

Sunday, Dec. 26

JEWS FOR JUDAISM

The Jews for Judaism Counter-Missionary Survival Seminar special one-day crash course, taught by **Rabbi Michael Skobac** and **Julius Ciss** at Jews for Judaism Centre, 800 Steeles Ave. W. Program begins 9:30 a.m. $36 registration includes all material and catered dairy lunch. For information/registration 905-761-0040.

Friday, Dec. 31

Y2K – WHAT'S THE FUSS?

Rabbi Michael Skobac gives a New Year's eve lecture on the Millennium, 8 p.m., Beth Lida (Gilgorm Shul). Pre-lecture meal a possibility. Call **Judy** for more information or to reserve. 488-8484.

And What Else Is New

Y2KIDDUSH

A special Shabbat of study and song for Jews of various backgrounds takes place Friday, Dec. 31, and Saturday, Jan. 1, at Anshei Minsk Synagogue, 10 St. Andrew St., Kensington Market. Included are all three Shabbat meals. For information and reservations, 595-5723.

HEBREW LANGUAGE

Canadian Zionist Federation winter session of Hebrew language studies classes begins the week of Jan. 10, led by **Chana Sagon.** Registration is now open for day and evening classes, beginner, intermediate, advanced (Chug Ivri) levels. Explore current events, newspaper articles, literature, all in Hebrew. Classes held at 3995 Bathurst St., Suite 300. 633-3988

TORONTO BOOK AWARDS

Authors and publishers are invited to submit books for consideration for the City of Toronto's 27th Annual Toronto Book Awards. $15,000 in prize money will be presented to honour authors of literary or artistic merit that are evocative of Toronto. Books published between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 1999, are eligible. Deadline for submissions is Feb. 29, 2000. Short-list finalists will be announced in early September and the winner will be announced at The Word On The Street Festival in late September. For more information, 392-8191.

ALPHABET PARADE

Alphabet Parade for ages 3-5½ at Edithvale Community Centre (Finch/Yonge) begins Jan. 4 and runs Monday and/or Wednesday afternoons. A different alphabet letter is explored each week through crafts, songs, games and other fun activities. This program is co-sponsored by City of Toronto Parks and Recreation Department. For information, **Rose** 663-1830 or **Tammy** 784-0175.

BOOK DISCUSSION

The Feminist Book Discussion Group of North York chapter of Older Women's Network, will discuss *Recipe for Bees* by **Gail Anderson-Dargatz** at 2 p.m. at Barbara Frum Library. Call **Ruth Goldsmith** 782-6414.

ARTISTS AND ARTISANS

Attention artists and artisans! Synagogue showcase windows need your works. Judaica content preferred but not necessary. Call **Rhonda** 905-731-9441.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service groups. Register. **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800 ext. 215.

Kids Have Stress Too!, new 3-session series for parents. Learn practical strategies to help your kids cope with the stress that results from the everyday fears, frustrations and disappointments that children experience. Begins Jan. 19.

Parenting the ADHD Child: A comprehensive parenting series for parents of children who have been diagnosed with ADHD. Learn what ADHD is, coping strategies, about medication and other treatment modalities, how to maintain an effective treatment plan, and how to become a successful advocate for your child. Begins Jan. 26. Space limited.

ART CLASSES

Explore the artist in you at art classes, drawing and painting, all levels, Thursdays, 1-3 p.m., Jan. 13-March 30, (except March 16), at Beth Sholom Synagogue. Eleven classes $88. Call instructor **Terri** to register, 487-7244.

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Drildzer Congregation and Society marks 65 years

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The Drildzer Congregation and Society, formerly known as the Drildzer Young Men's Society, recently celebrated its 65th anniversary with some of the initial founders and their second, third and fourth generations.

The banquet and installation were held recently at the Beth Radom Synagogue.

The first group of Drildzer men began meeting informally in the early 1900s and formed a society in 1934.

Turn-of-the-century members were honoured – Chamele Bleeman, Itzchak Schwartz, Meyer Wienstein, Moishe Kirshenbaum, Anziel Birenbaum, Beryl Dovid Hoflazer, Yiddle Bliman and Machel Eisen.

In 1934, when the group of younger men took over the landsmanshaft, they added the name Young Men's to the society. Of the group of 10 men who spearheaded that new group 65 years ago, Jack Stopper, and Jack Bliman were at the dinner.

Debbie and Ron Cowitz, daughter and son-in-law of Jack Bliman, and granddaughter of founder Yiddle Bliman, presented certificates to Stopper, Bliman, and other members who participated in the activities of the organization over the years.

Sol Zigler was elected president. He said the banquet was "a joining of the past and the present."

He credited Mae Waese, the daughter of the late Joe Rutman, one of the founding members and a past president, "who answered the call in a very positive way."

He said that Waese undertook the job of bringing in younger members to the board and assisting with the reorganization.

Waese, who was elected vice-president, served as master of ceremonies.

"When I look at the pictures on the walls at the Drildzer building on Wilson Avenue, I see many of our parents, grandparents and for some of you here this evening, great-grandparents," said Waese. "I am deeply moved by the legacy that is being passed on to us."

Referred to as "Mr. Drildz," Stopper, who chairs the shul committee, also spoke of passing the reins on to the younger generation.

Seen from left, standing, Sid Greenberg, Burney Bongard, Jerry Morris, Max Hain, Debbie Cowitz, Harvey Golombek and Willie Silverman. Seated are, Sol Zigler, Mae Waese, Jack Silverman, Jack Stopper, and Rochelle Sufrin.

"The Drildzer has played an important role in so many lives and can continue to do so in yours," he said.

"You have stepped forward and will help us keep what we have all worked so hard to create and maintain. Only with a commitment from you, the next generation, will the Drildzer Society be able to continue and prosper."

Ronnie and Sam Hoffer installed the new board. This is the first time in the organization's history that the Drildzer's slate of officers includes females.

Officers of the slate are: Jack Silverman, immediate past president; Zigler, president; Waese, vice president; Sid Greenberg, secretary, and Willie Silverman, treasurer.

Other committee members include, Max Hain, Harvey Golombek, Jerry Morris, Burney Bongard, Debbie Cowitz, Jack Stopper, and Rochelle Sufrin.

What's New

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TRADITIONAL MINYAN

Shomer Israel Congregation traditional heimish minyan welcomes all non-affiliated. No dues. Shabbat 9 a.m. Shabbat Minchah study class with **Rabbi Sheldon Schwartz**. Sunday morning minyan 8:30 a.m. 60 Rockford Rd. (behind Rockford School). **David** 256-1600.

NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND

New Year's 3-day celebration weekend at Pinewood Park Inn and Conference Centre in North Bay, sponsored by Mosaic Jewish Outdoor Club of Southern Ontario. Cost $130 per person. Package includes 3 nights accommodation (Dec. 30, 31 and Jan. 1), 6 meals, taxes, gratuities, full facilities and activities at/near the resort. 280-6407.

FOR SENIORS

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Jan. 2, Year 2000 celebration dinner dance; Jan. 4, trip to Niagara falls, Niagara Casino,$10 per person, receive back $10 in vouchers; Feb. 14, *Eddie Cantor Story*, lunch-time theatre downtown. 395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Dec. 23, video of concert with **Luciano Pavarotti** and **Placido Domingo**; Dec. 30, New Year's party, members only. **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 630-5771.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club Israel trip planned for the spring. Upcoming daytime trips include cruises, theatre outings. **Lena** 785-5773. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield**787-1526.

Young at Heart Seniors Florida trip Year 2000, at glatt kosher Saxony Hotel, double occupancy, $2,985 Canadian funds, Feb. 1-29 including all taxes, hotel, plane, shuttle, entertainment and much more. **Helen** 635-6343. No Shabbat calls.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 225-2112.

Arab History, Part II, with **Lorne Alter**, Tuesdays Jan. 4 to Feb. 1, at 10 a.m. A brief review of Arab history with particular attention given to Arab/Islamic expansion, Arab-Israel/Jewish relations, Islamic fundamentalism, the effect of religious diversity in Islam, and the role of women in Islam.

Current Events winter semester with **Doug Haddow** Thursdays 10:15 a.m. starting Jan. 6. For information, **Bookie Kwart**.

Israeli Club Etrog: Do you speak Hebrew? Join club members every Tuesday at 7 p.m. for movies, lectures, dances, sing-alongs, bingo. Dec. 28, free evening. New Year's party in Hava Nagillah Club; Jan. 4, movie; Jan. 11, medical lecture with **Dr. Eton Koven**; Jan. 18, lunch out; Jan. 25, Tu b'Shvat. **Anna** ext. 110.

Movie, *Runaway Bride*, Sunday, Dec. 26, 2:30 p.m.

ABOUT PEOPLE

ZIONIST CARAVAN '99

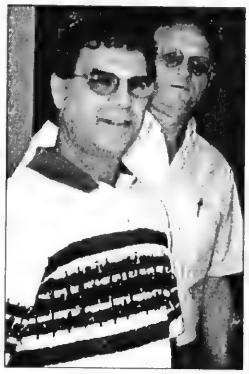
This fall, some small communities in Ontario were given the opportunity to be part of the first Zionist Caravan in Canada. **Shalva Berti,** the Israeli singer, and **Rabbi Henri Noach**, the lecturer, along with **Eli Parnas,** the technician, and **Lenny Labensohn**, the project director, created Caravan '99. They travelled to Kitchener-Waterloo, St. Catharines, Kingston, London, Windsor. Zionist Caravan '99 was sponsored by Canadian Zionist Federation, Jewish National Fund and planned and co-ordinated with the help of Canadian Jewish Congress – **Michael Soberman** and **Fauna Mandell**, small communities division and **Ryan Hass**, the shaliach of Canadian Young Judaea.

Shalva Berti

Rabbi Henri Noach

MUSIC ROOM

Cantor Benjamin Maissner of Holy Blossom Temple and **Cantor Efraim Sapir** of Beth Tikvah Synagogue visited the Beit Halochem Centre for disabled veterans of Israel this summer. Seen below are Sapir (left) and Maissner outside the Jerusalem centre's music room, which was equipped through the generosity of the Toronto Council of Chazzanim, and the plaque recognizing the council's donation.



TRANSNISTRIA SURVIVORS HAZKARAH: Transnistria Survivors' Association held a hazkarah at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue recently commemorating the memories of loved ones who perished in the Transnistria Shoah. A special remembrance program commemorated 58 years since the start of the Transnistria deportations. Pictured from left, are Rina Zigler, Carla Ulpean and her grandson Reuven Levensohn, and Frieda Rosenblat.

FOUR PRESIDENTS TO MEET ONE KING: Jewish Family & Child Service, Bathurst Jewish Centre and Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University are hosting together a special preview evening of Mirvish Production's presentation of the Broadway blockbuster *Lion King* on April 24, 2000. Tickets at various prices are available from each organization. Seen in this photo are, from left, Tom Lobel, immediate past president BJC; Marty Goldberg, immediate past president CFTAU; David Mirvish, president of Mirvish Productions, and Susan Maldoff, president JF&CS. [Beverley Abramson photo]

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Goat Cheese aims to unite Jewish students

By SIMONE JOSEPH
Staff Reporter

Four organizers of the new student group, Goat Cheese. From left: Ari Greenwald, David Rosmarin, Jesse Kaufman and Chayim Newman. [Simone Joseph photo]

TORONTO — When Chayim Newman moved here from New York last year, he noticed a disturbing phenomenon among Toronto's university students.

Few of them seemed excited about organizing Jewish campus events, and attendance at both on and off-campus programs was poor, he said.

The University of Toronto student said he also noticed polarization – many young people joined organizations according to their religious affiliation and did not integrate with Jews of other denominations.

This was a stark contrast to the display of Jewish unity he had seen at the Moshav Band concerts he attended almost weekly during the year and a half he spent in Israel at various yeshivot.

Newman remembers young people from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, yeshivot and other Israeli programs, all dancing and singing together at those concerts.

The Israeli band was formed three years ago "to create original music as well as to carry on the tradition of Rabbi Shlomo [Carlebach]'s music and teaching," according to a Moshav Band Web site.

The band's concerts in Israel also made an impression on Jesse Kaufman, a 21-year-old York University student.

"I left the Moshav Band concert and thought Judaism is cool…I was so pumped up and excited and I wanted to bring that here," he said.

So, Newman, Kaufman, U of T student Ari Greenwald, and a group of their friends organized a concert to bring this band to Toronto students.

The idea was to "get Jewish kids out – hanging out with other Jewish kids – it doesn't matter where you're from or what your background is," Kaufman said.

More than 500 students attended the March concert in the downtown Comfort Zone Bar and Grill.

Because the concert was so successful, the group, which called itself Goat Cheese, decided to coordinate more events.

In deciding on the name, Greenwald explained, they first thought of *chevrah* (Hebrew for "group of friends"). When they discussed the word, someone noted the similarity to *chèvre* (French for "goat") – and Goat Cheese was chosen.

The group has succeeded in arranging two more fun programs that brought together Jewish students of different religious backgrounds, Kaufman said.

"If you come to our events, you'll see everything from people with black kippot and tzitzit hanging down to totally secular [people]."

During Sukkot, the group ran a Middle-Eastern-style program called Hookah in the Sukkah.

"We wanted to do something fun on Sukkot," said David Rosmarin, a group organizer and York student.

While most sukkot have "corny Ashkenazi stuff" like fruit on the walls and paper links, their sukkah had carpets and offered free beer and what Rosmarin described as "natural, safe tobacco" smoked in a hookah (a tobacco pipe).

More than 200 people came to the sukkah behind the Chabad-Lubavitch of Markham in Thornhill.

Music was played outside the sukkah and it was a very relaxed atmosphere, said Rachel Singer, another Goat Cheese organizer.

For the group's Chanukah program, organizers "wanted to do something wild and wacky. We wanted it to be a draw," Kaufman said.

On Dec. 4, they brought the group Inasense to the Opera House on Queen Street.

On the site www.inasense.com/, a San Diego writer and musician describes Inasense's sound as "part Grateful Dead, part Los Lobos, part Allman Brothers, blended with mighty, mighty Middle Eastern/Latin percussion."

Before the event, organizers gave out over 500 free promotional CDs. At the concert, they gave out menorahs, candles, dreidels and a zine they made which included information about Chanukah and Goat Cheese. Participants lit Chanukah candles and said Havdalah.

Goat Cheese has about 40 active members but does not have an executive board or job titles – anyone who wants to can help co-ordinate events.

One of the group's goals is to encourage students to help plan events instead of just attending them, Rosmarin said.

At many organizations for young Jews, it is "paid professionals that call the shots," and thee bureaucracy is almost intimidating, he said.

According to Goat Cheese members, the group aims to provide a student-run, non-denominational alternative to these types of organizations.

"Being students, we know what's fun and cool. We know how to reach our age group. We're in contact with students constantly," Kaufman said.

"We're a bunch of students with no agenda. Come out have a good time and be proud to be Jewish."

For more information, call (416) 885-4114.

Fellowship applications available

Applications are now available for the 2000 Bronfman Youth Fellowship in Israel.

The fellowships, now in their 14th year, offer an opportunity for 26 students entering Grade 12 to spend five weeks in Israel this summer.

Fellows will be chosen on the basis of character, intellectual interests, special talents and leadership qualities.

In the competitive selection process, merit, not financial need, is the standard for selection.

While living in Jerusalem and travelling throughout the country, Bronfman Fellows participate in seminars and dialogues with a diverse rabbinic faculty, representing a wide range of Jewish perspectives.

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In addition, for the third year, The Samuel Bronfman Foundation will sponsor a parallel group of Israeli high school students, called Emitei Bronfman. This is done in co-operation with Mifgashim, a program of Charles R. Bronfman's CRB Foundation, which for the past four years, has been creating joint educational programming for Israeli and Diaspora youth.

The Israeli Fellows, who, like their American counterparts, will be chosen after a rigorous selection process and represent a cross-section of contemporary Israel society, will have their own educational programming as well as a week-long encounter with the American Fellows.

The Bronfman Youth Fellowship in Israel is a program made possible by Edgar M. Bronfman and Charles R. Bronfman through The Samuel Bronfman Foundation, Inc.

The staff and rabbinic faculty include Americans and Israelis associated with different movements and perspectives within Judaism, each of whom is closely involved in the selection of Fellows and development of curriculum. All of them either live in Israel or have spent long periods there and have extensive experience working with young people.

The Bronfman Youth Fellowship program begins on June 26, 2000 with a two-day seminar in New York City. The students return from Israel on Aug. 2. All meals will be kosher, and group activities on the Sabbath will be in keeping with the sanctity of the day. All expenses are covered by the program, including round-trip international transportation, room and board, travel while in Israel and incidentals.

High school students in the United States and Canada, who will be in Grade 12 in the fall of 2000, may request an application form and detailed information by mail at The Bronfman Youth Fellowship in Israel, 163 Delaware Avenue, Suite 102, Delmar, N.Y., 12504; by telephone at 518-475-7212; by fax at 518-475-7207; by e-mail at yfi@bronfman.org or visit our Web page at: www.bronfman.org.

Completed applications must be postmarked no later than Jan. 31, 2000. Finalists will be notified March 1 and finalist interviews will be held during the week of March 12. Fellowship recipients will be notified on March 31.

Candles banned in dorms

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — Jewish students at the University of Iowa were not allowed to light Chanukah menorahs in their dorms because of a school regulation preventing students from lighting candles in residence halls.

Some students, however, questioned the regulation, pointing to the fact that the school allows cigarette smoking in the rooms.

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Syria is restraining the Hezbollah

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Recent statements by Hezbollah leaders seem to indicate the organization realizes that Syria will increasingly use its influence to restrain it in the build-up to a peace agreement with Israel.

Perhaps as a taste of what is to come, Israeli security personnel believe that Syria used its influence on the Hezbollah to prevent a military response to the shelling of a school by the South Lebanese Army (SLA) last Thursday.

In a talk last Friday at an event in Nabatiyah, Muhammed Ra'ad, chair of Hezbollah's policy council and a member of the Lebanese parliament, said that military opposition to Israel would cease after the conclusion of a peace deal between Israel, Syria and Lebanon, and that the struggle against Israel's regional economic hegemony would begin.

"The resistance, which stood beside the Syrians, will not be abandoned, by either the Syrians or the Lebanese, and will remain within the confines of the strategic struggle against the agency of Zionist industry, by moving from the field of battle to the field of economic hegemony," Ra'ad said.

He claimed that the Israel-Syria talks have resumed on Syria's terms, and "reflect an a priori recognition of Israel's defeat in Lebanon.

"What is transpiring in Washington is not the producing of peace, but rather an arrangement according to the balance of current forces," he said, adding that "the arrangement will not endure forever."

In recent days, the Hezbollah leadership has been claiming that it has no intention of halting its struggle against Israel because of the renewed negotiations.

Recently, Hezbollah Secretary-General Hasan Nasrallah said he would prefer not to stop the organization's activities, but he admitted last week that it was necessary to prepare Lebanese public opinion for future Hezbollah responses to Israeli and SLA military actions.

The Israeli personnel source also pointed to recent Syrian pressure, claiming that if the incident, in which 24 Lebanese schoolchildren were injured, had occurred before the renewal of the Israel-Syria talks, "it's fair to assume that Hezbollah would have made a hasty response that included Katyushas."

But "when Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara is in Washington and Hezbollah wants to preserve its room to manoeuvre in the future, the firing of Katyushas would have caused the organization more damage than benefit."

The source believes that Syria will act to restrain Hezbollah in the coming months, but he emphasized that Syrian tolerance for continued Hezbollah activity in Lebanon is related to progress in the peace talks.

"The moment that [Syrian President Hafez] Assad realizes that he possesses a strategic asset [the chance of retrieving the Golan], his interest in protecting it will be greater than that of using his bargaining chip [Hezbollah attacks in Lebanon]."

Getting to an agreement

Continued from page 1

A bad agreement would be based on a zero-sum rationale – a gain for one side entailing a loss for the other. A good agreement would negate any incentive for either side to infringe its terms. And it must make reluctance to violate its terms contingent on more than sheer fear of stiff punishment.

The disputed issues on the Syrian track are actually less complicated than the problems which befuddle the Palestinian one. Sound military arrangements would prevent the Syrians (in actual fact, both sides) from being able to launch a surprise attack. Clearly, if the IDF remains in control of cliff areas on the bottom of the Golan Heights, it will be better positioned to forestall any such surprise attempt.

As former IDF chiefs of staff, Barak and Amnon Shahak, each in turn, were armed with maps demarcating such an IDF presence in the Golan when they shuttled off to Washington for talks with their Syrian army counterpart. However, the prospects of Israel's remaining in possession of some portion of this cliff area after the signing of a peace agreement are negligible.

It is more likely that the new border will run beneath the slopes of the Golan, with the negotiations setting this line at the international point commonly referred to as the June 4, 1967 border. With Israel retreating to this line, the compensation afforded by the agreement in terms of security guarantees will have to be substantial.

The security arrangements should come in a full package. They should include the demilitarization of the area, redeployment of troops, and perhaps even structural changes in the relevant armies.

It is imperative to remove arms equipment that can be deployed in a surprise attack and in a strike deep into the heart of Israel. Clearly, a land station will be an important mechanism toward these defensive objectives. Reaching a stable agreement depends on installing a satisfactory monitoring system to ensure compliance with security arrangements.

For Israel, the test of a sound agreement will be the viability of such security arrangements, rather than any diplomatic points to be scored by flying an Israeli flag over an embassy in Damascus, or any economic dividends to be gained in deals with the Syrians.

Another vital criterion for judging the merits of an agreement will involve water. The IDF does not view water source issues to be a military problem; nonetheless, such sources clearly constitute a strategic issue for Israel. Allowing the Syrians a share of the water sources in the north would spell a bad agreement. And for Israel, this issue entails a diplomatic challenge, as the Syrians have declared explicitly that their demand to acquire the June 4, 1967 borders includes a share in the Sea of Galilee as part of the deal.

Dismantling settlements is both an unavoidable condition of reaching a peace agreement with Syria and a trauma for Israel, and many sectors of the public will find the prospect too unpalatable to accept. The only compensation that might ease the uproar over evacuating settlements would be comprehensive peace agreements with Arab countries, as well as the squashing of threats posed by Iran and Iraq.

Real peace is not necessarily derived from peace agreements, as our experience with Egypt, Jordan and the Oslo accords proves. Yet, should a peace agreement with Syria set the stage for subsequent peace accords with countries like Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Algeria, it will differ from the peace with Egypt.

Another question awaiting solution is the fate of Lebanon. Will understandings agreed to between Damascus and Washington clinch Syrian control in Lebanon, or will Syria be compelled to leave Lebanon at some point in the future?

A successful agreement must include a satisfactory set of agreements between Jerusalem and Washington. The negotiation process will thus not exclusively involve Syria. The Americans represent the third side of an agreement triangle, and American commitment will influence a number of factors – the extent to which Israel commands deterrent capabilities in the future, Israel's status in the region, and Israel's ability to withstand the enormous costs involved in withdrawal.

In this connection, the question of whether the time has come for a full-fledged defence alliance between Israel and the United States is sure to be considered. In discussions in Washington, Israel will have to wrest a commitment on the kind of American aid Damascus will get.

Barak should insist that it be primarily economic assistance, lest we see a repeat of our experience with the Egyptians and we end up standing by as the Syrian army outfits itself with brand new U.S. military equipment throughout the next decade.

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Duzce journal: helping where an earthquake has struck

This is an excerpt of a journal kept by Alison Epstein, who was sent on a mission by Ve'ahavta: The Canadian Jewish Humanitarian and Relief Committee.

Also on the trip were her husband Stephen Epstein, founding president of Ve'ahavta and current board member; Peter Silverman, Ve'ahavta board member and CityTV reporter; and Steve Boorne, CityTV supervising cameraman.

They delivered relief Nov. 21/28 to Düzce, Turkey, which was hit Nov. 13 by an earthquake that measured 7.2 on the Richter scale. It was the second major temblor to hit the northwestern region of Turkey since mid-August.

With $25,000 from Canadian Jewish Congress, Ve'ahavta procured and transported an estimated $70,000 in relief goods, including: pharmaceuticals donated by Apotex Inc.; medications donated and purchased from MAP International; a wheelchair and children's clothing given by the Federation of Canadian Turkish Associations; sleeping bags from Project Warmth; donations from Turkish Radio of multivitamins, throat lozenges and hygiene products; sweatshirts given by Wingson Garments, and clothing purchased at humanitarian prices from Bargains Group.

Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1999

Düzce, population approximately 80,000, is surrounded by farmland. From the highway, we see men and women working together in the field. As we head into town, we pass a tent city set up in a small amusement park. I can't say which looks more out of place, the small ferris wheel or the white tents.

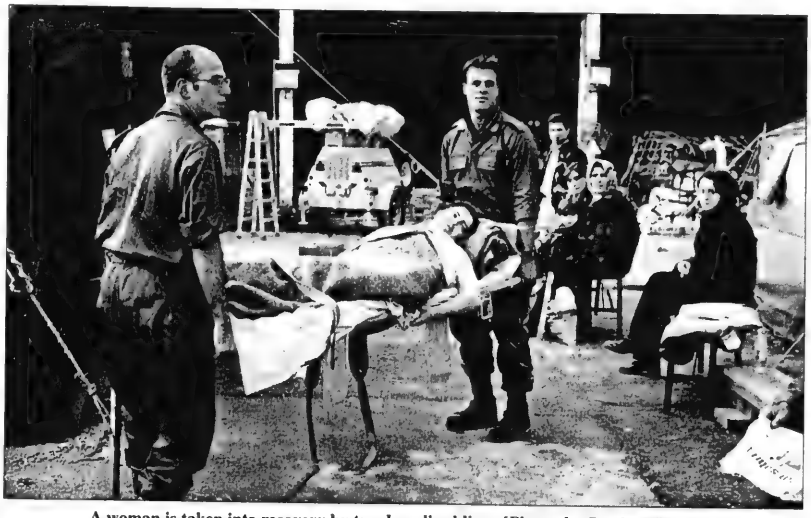
We locate the Israeli army hospital, which is situated in a lumber mill. Huge boards, of what must be cedar, are piled everywhere. The camp smells of spilled fuel.

People have made benches from these planks and sit outside the big green tents awaiting a turn with a doctor. I smile at a young woman holding a baby. A few moments later, a little boy brings the baby to me.

They must think I am a doctor. I take the baby and walk over to the woman. Neither of us speaks the other's language. But there are always other ways to speak. She points to her belly. She is obviously pregnant. I hold up six or seven fingers and point to her belly. She doesn't understand, so I make gestures to show a stomach growing full. And then I hold up six or seven fingers. She shakes her head; she is eight months pregnant.

Naftali Hadas, a lieutenant-colonel with curly white hair, welcomes us to the camp, pointing out such things as the X-ray tent and operating room (OR). Naftali tells us that the ob-gyn unit had to be fashioned from the synagogue tent and that the Torah is now in his tent.

The Israelis came well-equipped in general — satellite phone, fax, Internet. Their Internet access was arranged by Cavit (pronounced "Javid") Onen, a volunteer whose ponytail hangs midway down his back. Cavit has a server in Istanbul and is a reseller of services from Softcom Technology Consulting Inc. which is based, ironically, in Toronto. The soldiers obviously like Cavit immensely. His relationship with the Israelis mirrors the friendship between Israel and Turkey.



A woman is taken into recovery by two Israeli soldiers. [Photos by Stephen Epstein]

The approximately 120 Israelis arrived two days after the quake. At one point, they were told they might stay a month, but they got the word the other day that they will leave tomorrow. The doctors have treated more than 2,500 people in 10 days.

The last surgery is scheduled for around 5 p.m. A woman, whose left little toe is nearly severed off, has bone fragments that need to be removed. In the ER tent next door, doctors treat a Turkish soldier who was hurt when his cook stove blew up in his face. He is not badly burned, but he appears sooty and dazed. It begins to rain as the woman is brought into the OR.

A ledger records the operations performed. Parts are in Hebrew, others in English: septic foot, appendectomy, Caesarian section, remove bone fragments … It had not occurred to me until now that many of the patients had not been injured in the quake. But because the three hospitals in Düzce are badly damaged and/or overwhelmed, there is nowhere else to go.

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Earlier, I had asked Naftali what had been the toughest part of this tour. His words come back to me – about a seven-year-old girl brought to the hospital by her father.

The father needed help telling his daughter that her mother, aunt, grandfather and uncle had not survived.

Naftali asked, "How do you tell a child such things?"

He asked one of the local psychologists for help. She spoke to the girl, told her what had happened, took the child to see the new babies in the ob-gyn tent.

The counsellor told the girl that she, too, would be a mother one day and bring life into the world, but that life is a cycle: It begins and ends and begins again. She asked the child whom she missed most, whom she would like to see first. It was Mommy.

The psychologist told the girl to close her eyes so she could see her mother. As the girl's eyes fell closed, a smile came over her face.

Many times that day, Naftali watched the girl squeeze her eyes shut and smile.

Alison Epstein checks the cargo of pharmaceuticals and clothing on the tarmac of the Istanbul airport as it is loaded onto a truck.

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As the surgeons begin stitching up the woman's foot, the head of the laboratory comes in to ask if it's OK to start packing up. Before the Israelis turn in, the first two or three tents are down and piled onto pallets. The rain continues to fall.

Tonight, we sleep in the translators' tent. A row of cots lines each side of the barracks. A string of lights and a heater hang from the ceiling. Considering how cold and wet and muddy it is outside, we rest in comfort. It could be much worse and hardly any better.

From the next tent, we hear someone called Jacov snoring loudly. People in our tent alternately complain and giggle, and then someone cracks a joke about it being a lumber mill, after all.

Sleep tight, Düzce.

More photos and the rest of the journal can be viewed at the Web site http://www.thebigdipper.net.

A mother and child wait to see a doctor at the Israeli MASH unit.

The Week in Israel

Dec. 13

• Social workers held a one-day strike to remind Prime Minister Ehud Barak there were still pressing domestic problems while he pursued the peace process with Syria and the Palestinian Authority. They held a march outside the Knesset to protest the "collapse of the welfare system."

• Chief Sephardi Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron participated in the dedication of Moscow's first Sephardi synagogue. The event reflected the growing size and influence of Jews from the Caucasus region.

Dec. 14

• The Bill Clinton administration backed Kofi Annan's call for better treatment of Israel at the UN. Annan said the UN's actions against Israel have given the "regrettable impression of bias."

Dec. 15

• Hezbollah gunmen unsuccessfully tried to overtake an Israeli position in south Lebanon as Israeli and Syrian negotiators prepared to resume peace talks in Washington.

• The Knesset approved a resolution, 36-27, saying the High Court of Justice has every right to rule on matters of religion. The resolution cancelled an earlier one passed by the religious parties that called on the court to refrain from intervening on religious issues.

Dec. 16

• Indonesia lifted a ban on dialing Israel directly by telephone. Israel's Foreign Ministry said the step was part of measures to thaw trade and economic relations between the two countries, which have no formal diplomatic ties.

• Israeli police arrested a Tel Aviv man they suspect to be responsible for 24 rapes and sexual assaults in central Israel over the past five years.

Dec. 17

• Israel and the United States began a top-level dialogue on ways to put an end to the Jonathan Pollard affair, according to *Ha'aretz*. Pollard has been in jail in the U.S. for the past 14 years for syping for Israel.

Files from JTA and Ha'aretz

Anti-Semitic tide rising in Russia

By PETER EPHROSS
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

During the past decade, a tide of grassroots anti-Semitism has accompanied the renaissance in Russian Jewish life.

In the past few years, this tide has risen, with an increasing number of anti-Semitic statements by lawmakers and high-profile attacks against Jews in the central republic of the former Soviet Union.

Analysis

The reason for this dual escalation: an informal nexus of the Communist party, local governmental officials, the Russian Orthodox Church and the justice and security apparatuses, operating "with complete impunity, sending the message that neither the central nor local government will provide for the physical or political safety of Russian Jews."

That's the conclusion of *Anti-Semitism, Xenophobia, and Religious Persecution in Russia's Regions, 1998-1999*, a recently released report by the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, a Washington-based group that monitors anti-Semitism and other human rights abuses in the former Soviet Union.

The study, which is being released just days before the country's Dec. 19 parliamentary elections, details anti-Semitic, anti-Western and xenophobic incidents throughout Russia in the past two years.

"The decision by the Communist-dominated Parliament not to censure Makashov" is a "trigger" for the increase in incidents, said Gideon Aronoff, the deputy director of the UCSJ, referring to the Russian Duma's failure earlier this year to condemn Gen. Albert Makashov, a Communist legislator who made several public anti-Semitic comments.

These incidents include a series of attempted bombings at synagogues and other Jewish locations around the country, as well as the stabbing of a Russian Jewish leader in Moscow.

As a result, the U.S. government has pressed Russia to take a more active stance against anti-Semitism, and the report calls for the human rights push to continue.

We're looking at a "phenomenon that's exhibited in regions across Russia from one end to the other. It's important that the federal authorities respond in word and in deed," said Shai Franklin, the director of governmental relations for the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, who added that the current situation is not the "worst possible scenario" for Jews.

Russian officials have not been totally unresponsive.

A series of measures were taken following the incidents, including adding protection for Moscow Jews at High Holy Day services; and some Russian politicians, notably Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov, have cracked down on extremist forces. Earlier this year, Luzhkov banned a planned meeting by the largest neo-Nazi group, Russian National Unity.

Nor are Russian Jewish leaders all worried about anti-Semitism.

"Anti-Semitism in Russia is not greater than in Europe or America or elsewhere," Levy Levayev, one of the leaders of the newly formed umbrella group, the Federation of Jewish Communities of Russia, said on national television last month.

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin recently met with the leaders of this group, promising to assist the Jewish community in combating anti-Semitism, building schools and reclaiming former synagogue buildings.

But increased security has not been provided at other Jewish sites in Moscow or at Jewish locations in other Russian cities, and many local governments have either ignored or co-operated with the rising tide of anti-Semitism.

The anti-Jewish feeling has intersected with human rights violations and anti-Western sentiment as a result of the absence of laws protecting minorities and a sense that the West, particularly the United States, is taking advantage of Russia's economic and geopolitical weaknesses.

The report cites issues that have created a climate of fear for Jews. Among them:

• NATO's campaign against Serbian aggression in Kosovo led to increased anti-Western sentiment, expressed most fiercely by members of Russia's extreme nationalist community, including the Russian National Unity group. Some 100 members of the group from the Pskov region volunteered to fight NATO troops, according to one report, and leading anti-Semites in the Russian Orthodox Church warned that NATO might attack Russia as well.

• Russia's 1997 religious law curbing freedoms for faiths that have not been registered for at least 15 years. While not directed at Jews, the law has been directed at other religions, including Jehovah's Witnesses, Baptists and Lutherans. In 1998, charges were brought against a Jehovah's Witness congregation in Moscow in an attempt to ban this group's activities there, but the trial was eventually suspended.

"When the local bureau is beating up on Jehovah's Witnesses, the Jews have reason to be concerned," Aronoff said.

The report calls on Russia to rescind this law and introduce legislation in the Duma to restore full freedom of religion in Russia.

• Chechen guerrillas are targeting Jews for kidnapping in the belief that Israel and the international Jewish community will pay high ransoms for them. Current estimates are that about a dozen Jews are held among the 1,000 people being held hostage.

• The war in Chechnya has not only been a "bloodbath" in the breakaway Russian republic, but the war, in addition to a series of September terrorist bombings in Moscow, has exacerbated long-standing prejudices against people from the Caucasus, creating a situation in which dark-skinned individuals in the Russian capital – mostly people from this region – are being "ethnically cleansed from the Russian capital," says Aronoff.

Observers say the war in Chechnya has contributed to the high level of ethnic slurs and incitement in the current election campaign, including a slur by the Nobel Prize-winning author Alexander Solzhenitsyn, who referred to the alleged control of Russian politics by Jewish bankers.

One candidate made a thinly veiled anti-Semitic comment in responding, during a debate to a prominent Muscovite Jew.

"There are people who speak Russian but don't think Russian and don't act Russian," said Andrei Savelyev. "They don't know Russian history, they are not of Russian blood, they are alien to us."

Even more mainstream candidates are sending a strong nationalist message, which historically in Russia has often translated into anti-Semitism.

Whatever the results of Sunday's parliamentary vote, said Lev Krichevsky, the director of the Anti-Defamation League's Moscow office, "the message of ethnic intolerance is being spread freely and constantly to Russian households."

The report is available at www.fsumonitor.com/99report/index.shtml.

A PRAYER FOR LISA: Ron Johnson, 48, a British citizen, recently donated lung tissue to 10-year-old Lisa Ostrovsky of Hazor, in hopes of saving her from a debilitating illness. Johnson, seen here posing with Lisa's classmates, was in Israel to pray for her successful recovery from the difficult surgery. [Israel Sun photo]

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Airline agreement

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David Cooper, a spokesperson for Israel's ambassador to Canada, David Sultan, who played a key role in the agreement, stressed that the accord is an interim one.

Cooper said both governments want a permanent solution to a problem that has bedeviled them for months, and strained bilateral relations.

Officials from both countries also said Israel backed down because it feared banishment from Canadian skies en route to lucrative U.S. destinations.

Ottawa lobbied hard to be allowed to continue its summer schedule of daily flights to Israel. But Israel wanted Air Canada's winter schedule cut back to four flights a week, charging that the Canadian carrier enjoys an unfair advantage because among its passengers are many Americans.

Air Canada sought – and won – daily flights because it said it was booked solid through 1999-2000, thanks mainly to millennial traffic to the Holy Land.

What started as a commercial dispute quickly escalated into a diplomatic row. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak earlier intervened in favour of Air Canada. He and Prime Minister Jean Chrétien discussed the impasse last month

Earlier this year, Israel inexplicably terminated its 12-year-old air treaty with Canada, leaving a vacuum when it came to rules.

Yarkoni was quoted in the Israeli press last week as saying he expects a permanent agreement to be as liberal as this interim one.

He said even if El Al does not begin flying to U.S. cities, with stops in Canada, right away, it will have the right to develop those routes in the future.

Soldier awaits extradition order

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Canadian immigrant. They also say he was visiting his father in Toronto at the time Baranovski was beaten and kicked to death. His mother lives in Tel Aviv.

The *Jerusalem Post*, however, reported over the weekend that Weiz was back with his army unit at the time of Baranovski's death.

Earlier this year in Canada, Weiz was charged with various offences, including two separate counts of assault. He was sentenced to two, 14-day jail terms. He was also barred from owning a weapon for 10 years.

As a landed immigrant with a criminal record, Weiz should have been deported from Canada, but somehow slipped through the cracks, immigration officials conceded last week.

Weiz had attended the same school as Baranovski did, Northview Heights Secondary School, but dropped out two years ago.

Also last weekend, Toronto police arrested a fourth suspect in the Baranovski slaying, 19-year-old

Remanded in custody

Michael Issariotis. He was remanded into custody and was scheduled to appear for a bail hearing Dec. 22, along with the two 16-year-olds arrested earlier this month, whose identities cannot be revealed under the Young Offenders Act.

During the visit to Toronto earlier this month of Shlomo Ben-Ami, Israel's public security minister, Canadian Jewish Congress raised the question of an Israeli citizen suspected of having taken part in Baranovski's beating death.

Ben-Ami asked for the Israeli's name, but at the time, it had not been released, Congress president Moshe Ronen said.

Ben-Ami's response was, "This is terrible tragedy. We will work with [Israeli Justice Minister Yossi] Beilin."

Ronen said Ben-Ami was ready to block entry into Israel of the suspect, and they also discussed the possibility of extraditing an Israeli to Canada for trial.

Weiz was away without leave from his army unit at the time of the murder, Ronen added.

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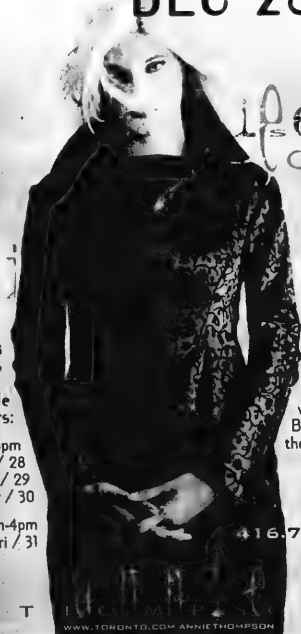

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Chaykin splits time between Toronto and Hollywood

By JOYCE SINGER D'APRILE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — You may or may not be familiar with the name Maury Chaykin, but it's difficult to go to the movies or turn on the tube without catching this award-winning actor in one of his many roles.

In 1990, after years as a hard-working thespian, his performance in Kevin Costner's blockbuster, *Dances With Wolves*, essentially put him on the map.

"Because of the success of the film, it put me out there in a way that I had not been before, even after playing major roles in films that had not been nearly as successful," Chaykin says.

Chaykin's accomplishments include winning a 1986 best actor Actra award for Canada's *Sweetheart, The Saga of Hal Banks*, and two Genie awards, the first in '94 for his insightful starring role in *Whale Music*, and for a notable '97 guest appearance on *La Femme Nikita*.

Recent popular flicks include *Zorro* with Antonio Banderas, Anthony Hopkins, and Catherine Zeta-Jones; and *Entrapment*, with Sean Connery.

Brooklyn-born Chaykin says, "I was no stranger to Canada." He has dual citizenship, thanks to a Canadian mother and an American father. As a child, he'd visited his grandparents in Montreal, and an uncle in Toronto.

He made his permanent move north of the border in 1974, when he was offered a paying part in a play.

"I was a professional actor in Manhattan for a couple of years, and making nothing. Not being a teen idol, and without an agent behind me, I took the opportunity. I was paid $100 a week to come up here and do a play."

Usually cast as overblown John Belushi-esque left-of-centre characters, rarely does he get the opportunity to just play Joe Average. "The few times I have, it's been very rewarding, simply because it's different," Chaykin confides.

For instance, he and Diane Keaton, a friend whom he describes as an 'interesting combination of power and neurosis, co-starred in *Northern Lights* for the Disney Channel. She was the executive producer, and Chaykin collaborated with her on the script.

"My character was a real mensch. I played a very normal guy from Ohio, whose acquaintance left custody of his child to me and my sister [Keaton], since he thought I had been a good father to my own daughters."

And being a good father is the most important role in Chaykin's personal life. For Maury and his third wife, actor Susannah Hoffmann, their happiest production has been the birth and nurturing of their nine-month daughter, Rose.

"We don't have a nanny," he admits. "At a certain point it may be a great idea. But for now, the main focus in all my decision-making is, how much time away from the baby is it?"

So Chaykin has found himself playing Mr. Mom, when Susannah has an acting assignment.

For the past five years, they've escaped our harsh northern winters, for their home in the Hollywood Hills.

Maury Chaykin stars in *Nero Wolfe* on A& E.

This winter, his fans can enjoy him in his latest project, starring in the upcoming A&E mystery *Nero Wolfe*, scheduled to air in March.

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Documentary on interaith marriage is superficial

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

At a time when mixed marriages are on the rise, Vision TV's *Sleeping with the Enemy* is particularly of relevance.

The one-hour documentary, a BBC production, will be broadcast on Tuesday, Jan. 4 at 9 p.m.

Before we go any further, a word or two about the title. It is sensationalist and misleading. Do all Christians, for example, regard Jews as enemies? Hardly. There is a place for snappy headlines, but not in a film which purports to be serious.

Sleeping with the Enemy looks at several interfaith couples. Among them is a Catholic and a Protestant from Northern Ireland, a Muslim and an Orthodox Christian from Bosnia and a Jew and a Christian from Britain.

We're also introduced to Angela, a half-Jewish woman whose father was a Nazi in wartime Germany.

Overall, *Sleeping with the Enemy* is no more than a cursory examination of the phenomenon. We learn exceedingly little about the couples in question.

The Christian-Jewish couple, Hugh and Denise, claim that good communication is the key to a successful marriage. "Talking is the thing," says Denise. "You've got to talk."

Beyond this and other tidbits, Hugh and Denise remain ciphers. The same is true of Northern Ireland's Patrick and Tracey and Bosnia's Vedat and Dijana.

Angela is in a class by herself. Her Jewish mother, passing as a Christian, married a member of the Nazi party after revealing her real identity.

As for Angela, she wed a German Catholic who eventually left her because his parents "didn't see the person… just the Jew."

This segment, too, lacks depth. Many questions are left unanswered.

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Arts & Travel

The best of the year in 'Jewish-themed' videos

By LARRY ANKLEWICZ
Special to The CJN

At this time of the year everyone is releasing their lists of the best films, the best recordings, and so on.

An increasing number of "Jewish" videos is being released every year and 1999 was no exception. This time of year provides a good opportunity to remind ourselves of some of these releases.

Arguing The World (CHV) is fascinating documentary about four leading Jewish thinkers: Irving Howe, Daniel Bell, Nathan Glazer and Irving Kristol. All of them grew up in the New York City area and became leading radicals during the 1930s and 1940s. This film traces the development of their ideas and shows how each one arrived at his own distinctly different point of view in the 1980s and 1990s.

The Governess (Behaviour) is a film that focuses on a young Sephardi woman trying to support herself and her family in 19th-century England. Minnie Driver plays the lead character in a film that varies in quality. On the whole, the film is not very believable, although it does have a wonderful soundtrack that is based on Ladino melodies.

The Harmonists (Alliance) is a recent release that tells the story of a singing group that was very popular in Germany during the 1920s and 1930s. The rise of Nazism forced the group to disband and the three Jewish members of the six-man group had to leave Germany. Although some people may find the music somewhat passé, the film is interesting to watch.

Island on Bird Street (Alliance) is another recent video release. Although it received little or no theatrical release, the video will be of interest to many people. It tells the story of a boy who is left alone in a Polish Ghetto after most Jews have been rounded up and deported. He must survive alone, with only his pet mouse as a companion, while he hopes that his father will return.

Jacob The Liar (Ice Storm) was released on video a few weeks ago. This is the original East German film and was produced on a much smaller scale than the Robin Williams version. It is interesting to watch this film and compare it to the recent remake.

Lansky (HBO) is a biographical film about the infamous Jewish gangster. The film deals very sympathetically with Lansky's Jewish background and the fact that he never lost touch with his roots.

The Last Days (Alliance) is the documentary about several Hungarian Jews who survived the Nazi occupation of their homeland and eventually found refuge in America. Produced by Steven Spielberg's Shoah Foundation, it is an excellent Holocaust film.

Lies and Whispers (Sullivan) is about a love affair that is disrupted by the fact that the woman's grandfather was the war criminal who imprisoned her lover's father and siblings. This film provides a look at guilt and whether innocent people share the blame for their ancestors' crimes.

Minnie Driver in *The Governess*

Life Is Beautiful (Alliance), the Holocaust parable by Roberto Benigni, finally made its way onto video recently. It is available in both subtitled and dubbed versions.

Madame Rosa (CHV) recently was released on video in Canada, although it has been available in the United States for some time. This classic French film tells the story of an elderly Jewish prostitute who cares for the children of her younger co-workers, and the relationship that develops between her and a young Arab boy.

Passover Fever (Mongrel) tells the story of an unusual Jewish family in Israel that gets together for their annual Passover seder. Gila Almagor is excellent in this film.

Pi (Alliance) is the oddball film about a Jewish mathematical whiz who is trying to decide on the future course of his life, although we aren't sure that he has much of a future.

Pick a Card (CHV) is a recent release. It is an Israeli romantic comedy about two losers who try to achieve their dreams. This film is also known by the name *Afula Express* and won six Israeli "Academy Awards."

Prince of Egypt (Dreamworks) is the terrific animated film about the Exodus from Egypt and the man who freed the Jews from slavery.

Rescuers: Stories of Courage: Two Families (Paramount) is about two families who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust. The video consists of two separate stories about courage and love and is the third in a series. The previous two videos were released in 1998.

Saint Clara (CHV) is a strange Israeli film about some very unusual characters. The young girl upon whom the film centres has some kind of mental or psychic powers that will disappear when she falls in love.

The Slums of Beverly Hills (Fox) is a coming of age story about a young girl whose father wants her to receive the good education that is available in the Beverly Hills school system, but can't afford to live in anything but the cheapest housing.

A Walk on the Moon (Alliance) is an entertaining story of rebellion and infidelity during the summer of Woodstock.

In addition, there are also a number of films that had strong Jewish characters, such as *Tea With Mussolini, High Art, Safe Men, Very Bad Things, 20 Dates, I'm Losing You* and *The Assistant.*

All of these can provide hours of interesting entertainment right in your own home.

Most of the above videos can be found at most video stores. If you have trouble finding the videos released by CHV or Mongrel, you can reach these companies at 416-633-9079 (CHV) and 416-516-9775 (Mongrel).

The year 2000 promises to be an active one for "Jewish" videos, with such titles as *Man is a Woman, Liberty Heights, Sunshine, Jakδb The Liar,* among many others scheduled for release.

Superficial documentary

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Unfolding against the backdrop of harrowing footage of religious wars past and present, *Sleeping with the Enemy* makes the case that organized religion is a divisive force, and that political leaders down through the ages have used religion to promote intolerance and prejudice.

These are plausible arguments, but at the end of the day this documentary is superficial. An important subject like interfaith relationships deserves substantive treatment.

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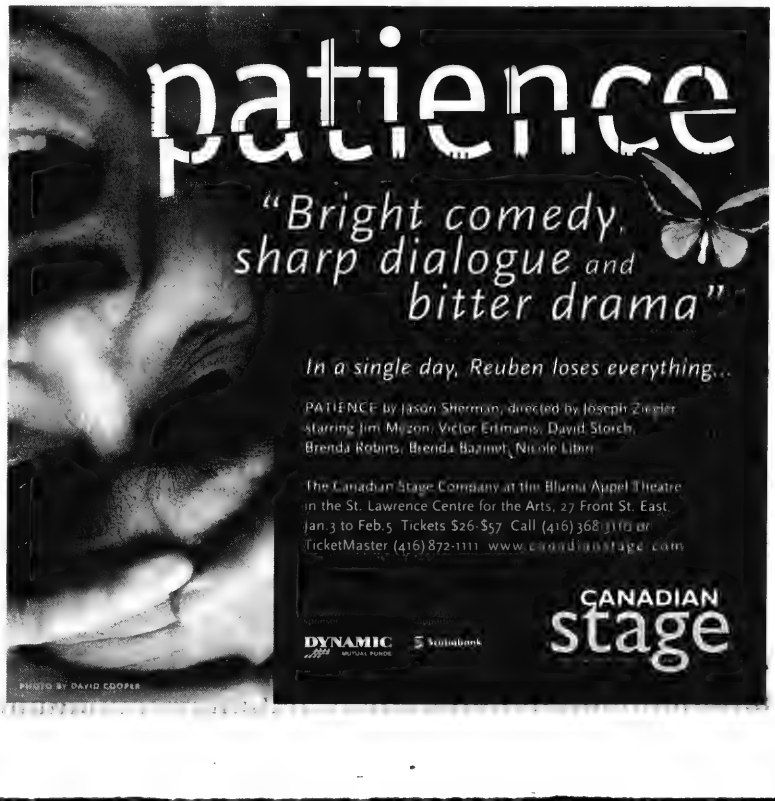
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Arts & Travel

Synagogue in Cochin, India dates back to 1568

By NANCY WIGSTON
Special to The CJN

COCHIN, India — In the tropical state of Kerala on India's romantic Malabar Coast, the city of Cochin boasts the subcontinent's oldest Jewish settlement.

It's always warm in Kerala, and the morning of our visit to the synagogue in Mattancherry dawns pleasantly clear.

Strolling through the shaded laneways of this fabled neighbourhood, we pass the premises of spice wholesalers. Mounds of cardamon and pepper – the "black gold" of Malabar – are set next to fresh ginger, drying in the morning sun.

The spice trade once fed whole empires. Now tourism brings the world to Kerala.

The shops along this popular tourist route advertise curios and "antiks."

Ironically, the Jewish community, once populous and prosperous, has itself become a "curio," a rarity, in this neighbourhood, which is unselfconsciously known as Jewtown. Estimates are that between 17 and 25 Jews still live in Cochin – about five families.

The greatest antique in the area may well be the synagogue, which dates from 1568.

Yet the ties between Jews and this narrow strip of land running down India's western coast far predate the 16th century.

Two years after the destruction of the second Temple, Jews landed in Kerala, where they were welcomed by the Hindu Rajah. They made their home in the port known to the Greeks as Muzhiris, to the Jews as Shingly (its Indian name is Crangamor), where a Jewish kingdom flourished from the fifth to the 15th century.

Several accounts by medieval travellers attest to the existence of a Jewish kingdom in India. Among the proud possessions of the community in Cochin are copper plates dating from 379 (CE), granting special privileges to Jewish leader Joseph Rabban, the Prince of Anjuvannam, and to all his descendants, "so long as the world and moon exist."

These include exemption from dues, and privileges like the firing of salutes to celebrate daybreak and marriage feasts – such privileges were otherwise exclusively the rights of Cochin kings.

But Crangamor was destroyed by the Moors in 1524. Fleeing the destruction, so the legend goes, Joseph Azar swam with his wife on his shoulders to the port of Cochin. Here Jews were again granted the protection of the Hindu Maharajah.

Jewish soldiers fought for Cochin royalty against the Portuguese, who had invaded in 1500.

Built in 1568, the Cochin Synagogue shares a wall with the Maharajah's own palace and temple – a wall that today could use some shoring up.

As we approach the old building, it presents an unprepossessing whitewashed exterior. Tropical shutters on the windows keep out the sun. Under the shaded front entrance, a young man sits at a table with a few items for sale: replicas of the famous copper plates, a short history of the Kerala Jews, some postcards.

Inside the Cochin Synagogue.

Nothing here prepares us for the riches of the interior. Most striking are the handpainted Chinese floor tiles, 1,100 willow-patterned tiles, no two exactly alike. A gift in 1762 from the merchant prince, Ezekial Rahabi, the tiles mark a flourishing period in the community's history. The Portuguese were gone, and the tolerant Dutch had taken their place as imperial rulers.

More than 20 crystal chandeliers hang from the ceiling.

Peaceful and quiet, the interior glows with the burnished warmth of the old tiles, brass pillars, and the light and airy chandeliers, some clear, some vividly coloured. The cooing of pigeons outside the walls can be heard. There is no other sound.

It is early, and only my husband and I, our guide and three Indian nuns are here. The nuns are Syrian Christians, followers of the "doubting" St. Thomas, and claim a long history in Kerala, where a quarter of the population is Christian.

After India achieved independence, the last ruler of Cochin visited the synagogue in 1949, in order to formally thank his Jewish neighbours for their centuries-long friendship and unflinching loyalty to the King and country that adopted and sheltered them.

When a group of American tourists arrives, my reverie ends. One man makes some announcements.

"Don't take my photograph," is the first. "I don't talk to journalists," is the second. Subdued giggling greets these pronouncements as the man soberly waits for silence. He then opens the doors to reveal the Torahs – after explaining what they are and what they contain.

The scrolls are between 100 and 200 years old and very beautiful, glowing brass against a red background.

Moving out of camera range, the man declares: "Now you may take photographs." And we do, noting the gold crown given for the Torah in 1805 by the Maharajah of Travancore.

Why, we wonder, has the Jewish community in Kerala shrunk so drastically?

After independence, the Jews of Kerala missed the special privileges granted them "so long as the world and moon exist." Jewish holidays were no longer recognized as exemptions from work or school examinations. In ancient days, whole battles would be rescheduled so that Jewish soldiers wouldn't have to fight on the Sabbath.

As India became an increasingly secular state, the majority of Cochin Jews opted for life in Israel, citing religion, not prejudice, as their reason for leaving. So their reputation as "honoured guests" from the day they arrived, in the words of the last king of Cochin, remains intact.

Leaving the synagogue, we pass a stream of Syrian Christian schoolgirls clad in blue uniforms, with bright pink bows in their hair. Smiling nuns shepherd them toward the synagogue.

As one of the oldest and most revered buildings in Cochin, the synagogue is a favourite destination with both locals and tourists.

Smiling back at the girls, I recall what an Indian psychiatrist told me about Indian attitudes to groups who had fled to found new communities here: "We respect the Jews and the Parsees [the followers of Zoroaster]," she said. "They never tried to convert us."

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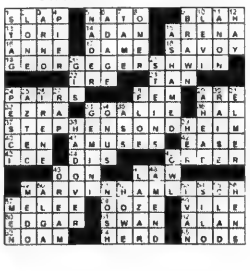

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

KIRSHENBLATT PAINTINGS HANG AT QUEEN'S PARK

Toronto octogenarian **Meyer Kirshenblatt** grew up in the Polish town of Opatow (also known as Apt) and immigrated with his family to Toronto in 1934. A retired paint and wallpaper merchant, he turned to painting more than a decade ago as a means of visually telling some of the stories he remembers from his childhood village.

The focus of a triumphant showing some years ago at the Koffler Gallery in North York, Kirshenblatt presently has an exhibition of 40 paintings at the Aird Gallery, in Queen's Park, until Jan. 8.

The exhibition originated two months ago, after the curator of the Koffler show, **Joan Tooke**, an administrator at the Art Gallery of Ontario, approached the 83-year-old artist to see if he would assemble another show in the provincial government's art space.

Kirshenblatt quickly agreed and enlisted his daughter, the internationally renowned folklorist **Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett**, to help mount the show.

The 40 pieces are a fine sampling of the artist's style. His canvases are strongly narrative, each telling a story from the shtetl; each is accompanied by a card explaining the scene it depicts.

Despite the rough, primitive and often unpolished quality of the compositions, they are powerful and magical in their ability to open a window onto the vivid and rich life in Apt that Kirshenblatt remembers in such fine detail.

There are scenes of the kitchen, the cheder, the town square, the cemetery, the synagogue and other beguiling views. There are also four paintings related to the Holocaust, showing the Germans evacuating the Jews from the town, and Kirshenblatt's depiction of how the Nazis murdered his own family in a field, tying his grandmother to a tree so she could witness the slaughter of the others before being killed herself. These pieces are raw and powerful.

Kirshenblatt says he was always reluctant to treat the Holocaust era in his work because he had not been an eyewitness to the atrocities. The Holocaust paintings are a recent addition to his oeuvre.

"The reason I never tried to paint these scenes of destruction is because I wasn't there," he says. "I knew the stories, but I never bothered painting them. Then I visited the Prado Museum in Madrid and I saw Goya's *The Slaughter of the Innocents*. That's what gave me the idea."

At the opening of the show earlier this month, Kirshenblatt-Gimblett gave this reviewer a brief guided tour of the paintings, pointing out exemplary features such as her father's extraordinary use of colour and his treatment of windows and other compositional elements.

An author and professor of performance studies and Jewish folklore at New York University, Kirshenblatt-Gimblett is an astute critic and curator. She purposely hung an earlier work of her father's to begin the show, to give visitors a sense of his progress.

Father and daughter are also putting the finishing touches on a coffee-table book of his art, which they expect will be published within the coming year.

Aird Gallery, 900 Bay St. at Wellesley, in the McDonald Block. Free admission.

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Waxman to direct Diary of Anne Frank

By JOSEPH SERGE
Arts Editor

TORONTO — Two plays of Jewish interest are part of the Stratford Festival's 2000 lineup.

Al Waxman will direct *The Diary of Anne Frank* by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett and newly adapted by Wendy Kesselman.

Waxman made his Stratford debut two years ago when he starred as Willy Loman in *Death of a Salesman*. He joked at a press conference recently that his acting didn't make much of an impression since this time they asked him to direct not act.

The role of Anne Frank will be played by Maggie Blake, 17.

The Diary of Anne Frank runs May 4 to Nov. 5 at the Avon Theatre.

The musical *Fiddler On The Roof* runs at the Festival Theatre between May 6 and Nov. 4.

Based on the book by Joseph Stein, with songs by Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harwick, this production is directed by Susan Schulman and stars Brent Carver as Tevye and Theresa Tova as Yente.

Other plays next year include Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, *As You Like It*, *Titus Andronicus*, Timothy Findley's *Elizabeth Rex*, *The Three Musketeers* by Peter Raby, Moliere's *Tartuffe*, Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *Patience* by Gilbert and Sullivan, Euripides' *Medea* and *Collected Stories* by Donald Margulies.

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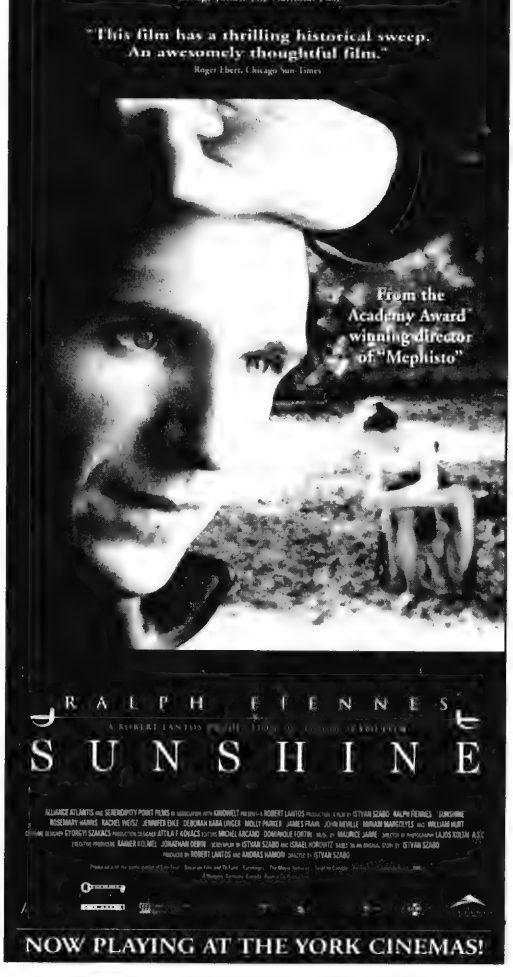
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Health

Group launched to raise funds for diabetes

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Barb Pasternak is not one to sit back and let someone else do it.

When first her younger son, Bobby, and later her older son Jesse, were diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, she decided that she had to do more than help her children adjust to the serious demands of a potentially life-threatening disease.

She created Flame of Hope, an organization that raises funds for research, for Camp Huronda (for diabetic children), and for special awards. The main methods of fundraising are an annual golf tournament and gala dinner, and a raffle.

In diabetes, part of the complicated process of converting food into energy, breaks down.

Insulin, the chemical produced in the pancreas, must be present in the bloodstream in order for the cells of the body to absorb glucose, the pure form of sugar created by the digestive system to act as fuel for the body.

There are two types of diabetes: Type I, also called juvenile or insulin-dependent diabetes; or Type II, sometimes called maturity-onset or non-insulin dependent.

Type I, which frequently starts in childhood, occurs when the body can produce little or no insulin of its own.

Type II occurs when the body either does not produce enough insulin or cannot adequately utilize what it does produce. Symptoms and complications tend to be less severe than in Type I.

Pasternak noted that recent studies have shown a marked rise in Type II diabetes in children, especially aboriginal children. It is not known why, although a sedentary lifestyle and poor diet have been suggested.

Symptoms can include increased and often severe thirst, greatly increased urination, weight loss, itching of the skin, fatigue, changes in vision, and slow healing of cuts and bruises.

Diabetes can be controlled by careful diet, exercise, frequent blood glucose monitoring, and carefully controlled medication.

And controlled it must be. Complications may include blindness, heart disease, nerve damage (especially in the legs and feet), stroke, amputations and kidney failure.

Pasternak admits that she knew very little about diabetes until her 10-year-old son, Bobby, a competitive hockey player, complained of being tired, loosing weight, and constant urination.

"Four days before we were scheduled to leave on a business trip, I took Bobby to the pediatrician. We were immediately sent to the Hospital for Sick Children. His blood glucose level was 40 (normal is from four to six).

"Our life changed. Our world changed."

The family, especially Bobby, had to get used to weighing food, poking fingers to check blood glucose, and having needle injections of insulin.

She noted that the development of the pen injector has made the process much easier and more comfortable.

About two years ago, her son Jesse, then 14, wasn't feeling well. Just for fun, he tested himself with his brother's blood glucose monitor. His glucose level was very high, and later tests confirmed that he too has Type I diabetes.

"We were devastated," Pasternak told *The CJN*. "It felt like we were being crucified."

Pasternak has nothing but praise for the diabetic program at Hospital for Sick Children, which provides regular check-ups, monitoring and an education program for both the patient and the parents.

The problem is that, like many HSC programs, youngsters are only serviced until they are 18. After that, they must switch to an adult care facility.

The change from the warm and supportive atmosphere of HSC to the more formal and distant adult care hospitals can be very difficult.

In fact, Pasternak said, at this time, 30 percent don't go for regular visits or take proper care of themselves, and they wind up in hospital.

"We want to motivate kids to get into better practices before they go to university, so we established a scholarship fund" to give them encouragement and boost their self esteem.

Applicants submit a blind application (one where no name or other identifying mark is on the form). Part of the information they must include is a statement of how they are dealing with their diabetes. Winners are chosen by a committee.

The first year, three youngsters won $1,500 and a plaque. The next year, six winners won $2,500 each.

Flame of Hope has also helped build a new infirmary at Camp Huronda, called the Insul Inn.

Two months ago, Pasternak established the Flame of Hope Foundation to put her activities on a more formal basis. She hopes to create a Web site shortly.

For more information, call Pasternak at 905-670-0955, or e-mail barb@fluidhose.com.

Weizmann scientists explore how the human brain works

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
CJN Staff

TORONTO — The potential to change and sculpt the brain is vast, according to a biologist at the Weizmann Institute of Science.

"We have endless potential to change the way the nervous system operates," said Prof. Henry Markram of Weizmann's department of neurobiology. "The brain is always rapidly changing."

Markram, whose area of research centres on mapping the brain and determining how it functions, was the keynote speaker at the recent annual meeting of the Canadian Society of the Weizmann Institute of Science.

The scientist has to find rules to predict how to redirect the brain, Markram said.

"The research is directed at finding the control button...We're trying to find the secrets to redirect the way the brain is developing."

Markram said basic research is the foundation of applied research, noting that at Weizmann "the merit of pure science is appreciated and independent research is encouraged."

According to Markram the principles and knowledge understood through brain research can lead to the development of exercises rather than pharmaceutical solutions for memory loss, and to treatment to improve the processing of information for people with learning difficulties.

Comparing the brain to a computer chip, Markram explained that the brain is made up of neurons that are connected to each other through a network of some 100 billion synapses.

The power of the brain comes from this network, which is why it is important to understand the architecture and structure of the network, he said.

"Each neuron broadcasts an extremely complicated message and the synapses have to extract information from the neurons."

Memory is based on the alignment of the synapses, he said. "Computer projection can predict memory lapses. New treatments can be designed to target alignment of the synapses. But there is no current treatment for memory loss based on this," Markram said.

A lot of learning problems can be attributed to problems of synapse alignment and timing in the firing on the synapse, he said. "We can train the brain to fix timing mistakes. The visual and auditory synapses can be out of alignment. We can improve the way information is processed."

Parts of the brain can be targeted by specific test to pinpoint learning deficits, and a computer program now in use treats people with dyselexia through a reprogramming of the brain, he said.

Through brain research we can tell how much the brain can change and when it can change, he said.

And environment has a profound impact on the brain, he added.

Referring to the use of video games by young children for example, Markram said video games may offer a way "to develop reflexes. However the images associated with the games may be devastating. We don't know the impact."

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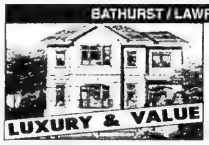

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LASTING RELATIONSHIP
Single male, 44, 5'8", brown hair and eyes, fairly fit, honest, sincere, open minded, loyal, humorous, compromising, enjoy wining and dining, movies, music, comedy shows, walks, dancing, travelling. Seeking a Jewish female, attractive, honest, down to earth. AD#1471

SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP
Single male, divorced, 45, one son age 12, university educated, non smoker, attractive. Seeking a lovely lady, late 30's - late 40's, who wants to settle down and enjoy life, not into head games. AD#1090

MY ROSE PETAL
Single Jewish male, 37, good sense of humour, enjoy dancing, dining, talking, having fun. Seeking a female to do various things together. AD#1384

SIMPLICITY
Single male, early 40's, slight disability, polite, kind, caring, enjoy quiet evenings, TV, listening to the stereo. Seeking a Jewish female who enjoys the simple things in life. AD#1694

REAL DEAL
Single male, attractive, honest, sincere, athletic, real soulmate, enjoy dancing, music, movies, long walks. Seeking a female, considerate, warm, caring, kind, enjoys outdoors, to enrich and fulfill life and to share dreams with. AD#1313

LET'S MEET
Single male, 32, cheerful, humorous, good communicator, nice, sincere, kind, friendly. Seeking a female, caring, warm, humorous, who enjoys dancing, dining, movies, outdoors and other activities. AD#1551

IT TAKES TWO
Single Jewish male, late 40's, 5'10", blue-gray eyes, gentle, warm, sincere, compassionate, good sense of humour, enjoy theater, long walks, bowling, tennis, cooking. Seeking a single or widowed female, 32-44, Orthodox preferred, similar personality and interests. AD#1350

LET'S CONNECT
Single male, 46, conservative looking, no children, non smoker, humorous, enjoy dancing, old movies, especially Alfred Hitchcock's, long walks, classical music. Seeking a female, sincere, kind, with children OK, prefer non smoker, but a smoker is OK. AD#1091

LET'S CONNECT
Single male, 44, 5'8", brown hair & eyes, honest, open minded, sincere, down to earth, good sense of humour, enjoy dining and dancing, movies, music, long walks. Seeking a Jewish female, honest, sincere, attractive. AD#1617

START AS FRIENDS
Single male, easy to talk to, interested in a romantic, attractive, quality, compassionate female, a friend to share love, understanding and caring. AD#1251

SOULMATE
Single male, 58, 6'1", 160lbs, Israeli origin, Canadian citizen, young looking and feeling, tolerant, compassionate, love nature, country side, animals, reading, dining, glass of wine, anxious for a real soulmate to enrich and fulfill my life. AD#1424

LET'S TALK
Single male, 5'8", 165lbs, dark hair, greenish-blue eyes, athletic build, look a bit like Paul Newman, Al Pachino and Dustin Hoffman, writer, currently working on a novel, real estate broker. Seeking a female for serious relationship. AD#1235

FRIENDS FIRST
Single Jewish male, 29, 5'8", black hair, blue eyes, medium build, attractive, affectionate, loving, good communicator, self secure, enjoy fine dining, dancing, friends, life in general. Seeking a female with similar qualities, good family values, for an amazing friendship, possibly more. AD#1383

ATTENTION LADIES
Single Jewish male, 39, honest, humorous, have a great deal of integrity. Seeking a Jewish female, 30ish, to share the pleasures in life. AD#1423

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
Single male, 69, cheerful, romantic, rich in friendship/humour, semi-retired. Seeking a lady to share life's pleasures. AD#1217

LET'S BE FRIENDS
Single Jewish male, 22, blond hair, blue eyes, slim, 6'4", employed as a Chef, work long hours, raised in Cleveland, enjoy Sunday outings, good conversation, tennis, swimming, movies. Seeking a Jewish female, for possible relationship. AD#1371

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The Canadian Jewish news

Will undergo chemotherapy and then a bone marrow transplant

Community responds to Roger Neilson illness

TORONTO — As the news of Roger Neilson's battle with bone marrow cancer was announced to a surprised Canadian public, Canadian Jewry responded with concern.

One of the most innovative and respected coaches in the hockey world, Roger Neilson is a popular figure in the Jewish community.

Since 1997, the legendary coach has donated his time and expertise to help run a two week hockey camp (Roger Neilson's Hockey Camp in Israel) for Israeli and Canadian teens in Israel.

The camp takes place at the Canada Centre in Metulla located on the northern tip of Israel.

He has also sponsored the attendance of Israeli teens at his hockey camp in Lindsay, Ontario.

Jeff Budd, one of the organizers of the camp, reported that "Roger's Israeli campers found out about his illness almost immediately, via ESPN. They have been calling Canada ever since, anxiously inquiring about Roger's status."

Neilson helping a youngster perfect his skating skills at the Canada Centre in Metulla.

After the recent Philadelphia Flyers and Toronto Maple Leafs match up (where the coach received a standing ovation from the generally partisan Toronto crowd), Jeff Budd relayed the Israeli youths' concerns to Roger Neilson.

Neilson replied. "Don't worry we'll be ready to go by this summer," (referring to next year's hockey camp in Israel).

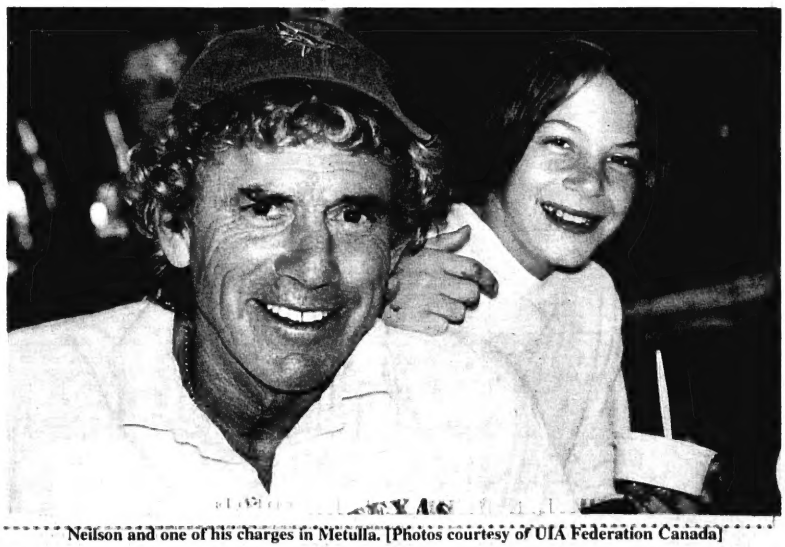
Neilson, who is optimistic he will overcome the disease, will undergo chemotherapy and then a bone marrow transplant.

Allan Cracower, chair of Friends of Canada Centre, said that: "Roger Neilson's compassion, kindness, generosity, love of children and admiration of Israel have had an impact on all who have come into contact with him.

"Through his speeches and interviews, Roger served as Israel's unofficial ambassador to sports-minded people in North America, always speaking laudably about Israel and its remarkable young people."

At the UIA Federations Canada winter board meeting in Ottawa, Dr. Gerald Halbert, a past president of UIA Federations Canada and president of Friends of Canada Centre, stated that "Roger has been a great friend of Israel over the years."

"We all wish him a speedy recovery," he noted on behalf of the board.



Neilson and one of his charges in Metulla. [Photos courtesy of UIA Federation Canada]

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The Inside Back

A Jewish guide to shovelling snow

By JORDAN MAX

Last year, we had a lot of snow. I spent many hours shovelling snow. Shovelling snow is boring work, and after a while, a mind tends to wander. So I resolved that this year I would be prepared with lots to think about.

Last Laugh

I did some research and sent letters to key Jewish figures, polling them for their keen insight on shovelling snow. Their responses:

Ariel Sharon – "The important thing is to shovel the entire width and breadth of the driveway, regardless of what anyone else thinks."

Ehud Barak – "You must shovel most of the driveway, but the exact dimensions of shovelling will be determined in discussions with our peace partners. No wait, you can shovel only in places where snow had previously fallen, but you cannot shovel in places where no snow had fallen. Wait, don't do any shovelling until you hear from me."

Yossi Sarid – "You should not shovel any part of the driveway, since you really do not have any valid historical or legal claim to the driveway, and it will soon be given back to its rightful owners."

Artscroll Hilchos Sheleg (Ashkenaz version, chapter 5) – "First approach the snow with the proper kavanah, meditating on the concept of snow removal. Recite the *al ligraf sheleg* brachah; then take three steps back and bend the knees slightly with feet together; then look at the snow, lift shovel and dig, turning right and then left. Bend knees fully, take three steps forward and deposit snow deliberately. Repeat until done, then recite the Shehecheyanu prayer, go indoors and have a hot drink, remembering to say the Shehakol brachah (see Artscroll Hilchos on Drinking Hot Liquids)."

Tikkun magazine – "What right do we have to violently take snow from its rightful resting place? Snow has rights. Each snowflake is a unique individual and we have absolutely no right to do anything with it. Let the snow decide for itself what it wishes to do, and then if it wishes to be shovelled, do it humanely."

Rashi – "Snow, this is a form of solid precipitation that clings to your beard if you remain outside too long in the winter season. Shovelling is a mitzvah d'rabbanan, based on the verse in Yeshayahu (1:18) – If your sins be like scarlet, they will be as white as snow."

Birthright Israel – "It does not matter how the shovelling is done, but the very act of Jewish teenagers shovelling snow for 10 consecutive days under proper supervision, will have a lifelong impact on Jewish identity."

Meir Ben-Meir (Israeli water commissioner) – "Just shovel the snow as fast as you can and ship it here. We are running out of water fast! Is anyone listening to me?"

Rabbi David Hartman – "Snow is a potent force in the world which unites all Jews. It falls on us all, regardless of religious denomination and belief, and is therefore instrumental in our understanding of Jewish unity and diversity. In fact, just this week, I was explaining the significance of snow to Prime Minister Ehud Barak, President Ezer Weizmann, President Bill Clinton, and His Holiness the Pope, who had asked my opinion."

The late Lubavitcher Rebbe (from a letter to a disciple) – "Shovelling snow is a distraction from our efforts to bring Mashiach, may He come soon, when in any case, there will be no snow to shovel. So leave it and let it melt. If Mashiach does not come by Shavuot, the snow will have miraculously disappeared anyway."

Now, if I could just find my boots!

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1/3 cup butter
1/3 cup brown sugar
1 cup flour
1/2 cup chopped nuts
1/2 tsp vanilla
1/4 cup white sugar
8 oz cream cheese
1 egg
2 tblsp milk
1 tblsp lemon juice

Preheat oven to 350°F. Cream butter and brown sugar. Add flour, chopped nuts and vanilla to butter and brown sugar mixture Set aside 1 cup of mixture. Press the rest into 9" square pan and bake for 12-15 minutes. Let cool.

Cream white sugar and cream cheese. Add egg, milk and lemon juice to sugar and cream cheese mixture. Pour over cooled crust.

Sprinkle crumbs you had initially set aside over the top. Bake at 350°F 20-25 minutes. Cut into squares and serve when cool.

About Teens

Dear Karilani,

It is so confusing to be a guy! Most of the time a guy is expected to ask a girl out, or to flirt a lot with the girl he likes.

However, I am getting mixed messages from girls, and especially from one girl, Anna, who I know because we go to the same camp, but she lives in the United States.

I sort of liked her at camp, but she had a serious boyfriend back home, so I didn't really show her I was interested. We exchanged e-mail addresses, and we write to each other every day.

I look forward to reading her e-mails and check them as soon as I get home from school. Lately, our e-mails have been really personal. She has written to me saying how important I am to her.

The confusing part is that she still has a boyfriend and I think I may like her. I think about her all the time, and I wait for her e-mails. Should I tell her that I have feelings for her or should I just stop writing and get over her?

E-mail my broken heart

Dear E.M.B.H.,

We know it's confusing to be a guy and it's hard to work out the mixed signals that girls often give.

It seems that you are important to each other, but you have to remember a few things about your relationship.

First, Anna lives far away, and you would only be able to communicate via telephone or e-mail for most of the year.

Also, your relationship has developed by e-mail, and sometimes people are less timid when there is no face-to-face pressure.

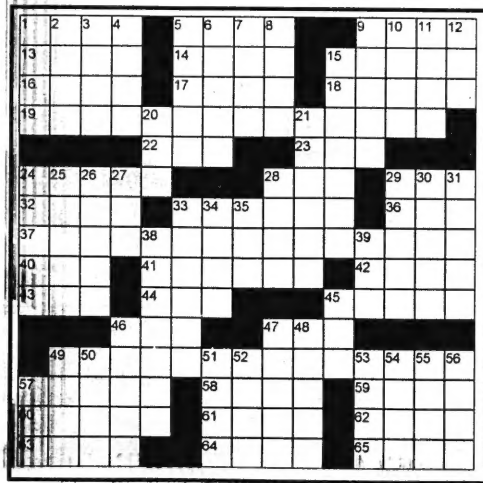
Furthermore, words can mean different things to different people, and what Anna means to say in her e-mails may be understood by you differently.

Finally, Anna has a serious boyfriend, and whether or not she still has feelings for him, he is her boyfriend now. All of these factors combined, create a very tricky situation.

It seems that you and Anna can be open and honest with each other. You should not be afraid to tell her how much you enjoy her e-mails, and how much your friendship means to you. If she responds positively, you may want to ask her how she feels about you, and tell her how you feel about her.

It is important to be honest, but your friendship is also important, and you would not want to jeopardize it because you are unsure of the meaning of her e-mails. Good luck and remember to be honest!

Karilani is a composite name for three girls, who are close friends and in Grade 12 in Toronto.



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They Write the Songs

By Matt Gaffney and David Bianco (QSyndicate@aol.com)

Across

1 Give a hand to?
5 Can., Fra., Ger., etc.
9 Uninteresting
13 Aaron Spelling's daughter
14 Comic Sandler
15 Madison Square Garden, e.g.
16 Klein of fashion
17 Knight's wife
18 Region of SE France
19 *Porgy and Bess* composer
22 Wrath
23 Lie out at Eilat
24 They go together
28 Not masc.
29 "You ___ There"
32 Chronicler of the return from Babylon
33 The puck stops here
36 Linden of TV
37 *Sweeney Todd* composer
40 Mid.
41 Tickles the funny bone of
42 Simple quality
43 With 28-down, ship danger
44 Talk bad about, slangily
45 What *seder* means
46 Funnyman Rickles
47 Melvin Belli's field
49 *A Chorus Line* co-composer
57 Free-for-all
58 Seep
59 Dreadful
60 Joan Rivers' late husband
61 Word with song or dive
62 King of "Casino"
63 Linguist Chomsky
64 Lots of cattle
65 Dozes off

Down

1 Liberal party?
2 Solo
3 Florence's river
4 Haifa sight
5 Social activist Ralph
6 Words of wisdom
7 Less than daring
8 Period of 49 days
9 Golem's asset
10 Big name in jeans
11 Novelist Joe Klein, for short
12 Letter after *dalet*
15 Red-faced
20 Soldiers: abbr.
21 Gertrude and others
24 Stern's "Home Alone" buddy
25 Empire conquered by Cortes
26 "Cimarron" actress Dunne
27 Beastie Boys' genre
28 See 43-across
29 Out in front
30 Rear
31 Sinclair Lewis's Gantry
33 "Colleague" of Leo
34 Burden
35 Schmuck
38 Hosted
39 Barbra's, for example
45 Athena's bird
46 Freud subject
47 ___ Wolf (*Fiddler* character)
48 Make some alterations
49 The Beatles' "Love ___"
50 Piece of pond scum
51 Snack
52 *World of Our Fathers* author
53 Stock trader Boesky
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